



## Walter Frederick Dowell III

December 8, 1955 - January 21, 2024

Walter Frederick Dowell, III, 68, passed away on January 21, 2024, surrounded by his family. Fred was passionately devoted to his family, and enjoyed sharing in their life experiences and accomplishments, and will be remembered for his kindness, gentle demeanor, an always positive attitude, and his quirky and humorous wit.

Fred was born on December 8, 1955 in Washington, DC to Walter Frederick Dowell, Jr. and Sue Rebecca Holland Dowell. He grew up in Manassas where he graduated from Osbourn High School, and was employed by IBM, and later Micron. Fred was a longtime volunteer, serving as firefighter and EMT with the Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to his parents, Fred was predeceased by his sister Mary Beth Lynch. Surviving is wife Theresa; daughters Melissa Bankert (Chris) and Rebecca Kent and grandsons Andrew and Jacob Kent; sisters Leigh Anne Rhoads (David and children Holland and Cecelia), and Susan Ewing (Charles). He is also survived by Stacy (Tim) Wrye and Steven (Regina) Wehrle and grandchildren Jordan (Joe) Pingley, Taylor, Cloee, and Jackson Wrye, and Timothy, Kaylee, Emilia, Zoey and Jaclyn Wehrle, and great grandchildren Brantley and Oaklee Pingley.

A graveside service will be held at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas,

Virginia, on Saturday 27 January 2024 at noon.

Suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire Department or the National Kidney Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stonewall Memory Gardens  
12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Leigh Anne, my condolences to you and your families. Fred will be missed greatly.

*I knew Fred starting at Robnel Kindergarten through most of school and later at Micron as a co-worker. Our families lived across the street from each other. He was full of comebacks and always had a smile and joke. He will be deeply missed.*



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**Cecelia Becker** - March 02, 2024 at 07:44 AM

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“ In a much earlier Manassas, Fred and I shared kindergarten, Sunday School, toddler birthday parties, adventures in the woods behind his parents' house, and raucous football games in Sinclair's Field. After college, career choices caused our paths to diverge and we fell out of touch. But what I remember most was his unexpected but genuine laughter at life's small events, his ironclad loyalty to family, friends and community, and the fact that he was afraid of nothing, May God grant us all such memories that make us smile when we hear his name and now give peace to all that grieve.

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**Brion Smith** - January 27, 2024 at 07:14 AM

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“ Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Walter Frederick Dowell III



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**Anonymous** - January 26, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Frederick Dowell III.*



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January 25, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. Wishing God's strength through this very difficult time.*

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**Pam Belch** - January 24, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *Terry & family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Fred was a great guy and a great family man. Prayers that you savor the good times & that you seek peace & comfort in the Lord, your family & friends. Love you. God bless. Robin & Burnard*

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**Robin Clemen** - January 24, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Patti Johnston lit a candle in memory of Walter Frederick Dowell III*



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**Patti Johnston** - January 24, 2024 at 10:24 AM

DJ

“ Leigh Anne,

*I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers during this very sad time.*

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**Dale (Potts) Jepson** - January 24, 2024 at 06:57 AM

RL

*I am very sorry for your loss. I have great memories of Fred when we worked together at IBM/Lockheed Martin. Fred shared his extensive firefighting knowledge with me as part of the company's fire brigade.*

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**Richard Lyon** - January 27, 2024 at 08:04 AM