



## Walter William Johnson

July 24, 1938 - June 16, 2024

Walter William Johnson, passed peacefully on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th, 2024, at 85 years of age. Born on July 24, 1938, to Eveline Doone and Richard Johnson, of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Walter was a long time resident of Manassas/Haymarket and a pillar of the community he so dearly loved.

Walter was a graduate of Merrimack College and went on to serve his country in the Army. He continued his government service with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for 34 years. During which time he received his master's in public administration at the University of Southern California. In retirement, he enjoyed working for Home Depot, he loved helping people as a tax preparer and worked as a claims estimator which he thoroughly enjoyed, in addition to being a doting grandfather.

Walter lost his beloved wife, Christine, in December 2018. They were married for 56 loving years and raised three children together. Andrew Joseph Johnson (Beth) of Tacoma, Washington. Colleen Sexton (Sean) of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Maryhelen Hotz (Sam) of Leonardtown, Maryland.

Walter was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was the quiet, reliable, steadfast rock of the family and always there to support or provide a joke or pun when needed. He was an incredible grandfather and would relish

in spending time supporting all the grandkid's activities, taking them to the pool and on nature walks.

Walter's hobbies were as rich and varied as his professional life. He was a history buff, loved aviation, fishing, antique vehicles, bird watching, stamp and coin collecting, and enjoyed delving into his Irish heritage and ancestry.

His memory will be forever held in the hearts of his surviving family: his brother Father Arthur Johnson and many cousins, nieces, and nephews; his children, Andrew, Colleen and Maryhelen; and his seven grandchildren, Sarah, MaryRose, Andrew William, Rachel, Ryan, Grady and Samantha.

The family will receive friends between 6-8pm on Monday, June 24th, 2024, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas VA. A Mass will be held the following day, Tuesday, June 25th at 10am at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA. A reception will be held at the City Tavern, 9550 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia, immediately after Mass.

If you would like to make a donation in Walter's honor, please do so to the All Saints Catholic Church. He was a long-time member and was actively involved in supporting the All Saints community.

<https://allsaintsva.org/giving/financial-giving/online-parish-giving/>

Walter William Johnson will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was a kind, gentle soul and a true inspiration to all. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110-2566  
(703) 368-4500

## Reception

JUN **25**. 11:30 AM (ET)

City Tavern  
9550 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I'll never forget catching lightening bugs with my PopPop or collecting coins together ❤️ Miss you PopPop, I love you!

Sarah Johnson - June 27, 2024 at 04:11 PM

WG

“ We Love You-Diana, Jo, Cathy And Greta purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Walter William Johnson.



We Love You-Diana, Jo, Cathy And Greta - June 24, 2024 at 03:13 PM

WK

“ Will and Diane Keen purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Walter William Johnson.



Will and Diane Keen - June 24, 2024 at 01:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Walter William Johnson.



June 24, 2024 at 11:52 AM

DK

“ We met Walter when we moved to Virginia in 2018. Will and he became great friends almost immediately. They enjoyed their walks on the Nature Trail, around the neighborhood, and walking to Giant to have coffee at Starbucks with other men in our building. Will and Walter went on short day trips together and also joined other men in our building on several local trips or to have lunch. Some of the best memories are when Walter would come over and sit on our balcony and simply chat. We always made sure we had snacks, Guinness and ice cream. Walter was a sweet and gentle soul, and we miss him.

- Will and Diane Keen

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**Diane Keen** - June 23, 2024 at 11:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Walter William Johnson.



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June 23, 2024 at 03:06 PM

JB

“ Joanne and Mike Bean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter William Johnson.

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**Joanne and Mike Bean** - June 23, 2024 at 03:06 PM

KA

“ Andrew, Colleen and Maryhelen, it has been a pleasure getting to know your father over the years. He was always genuinely interested in getting to know others and was a pleasure to be around. While we cannot be at the service in person, please know we are all with you in spirit.

A donation was made in Walter's honor to All Saints Catholic Church.

Lovingly,  
The Nilsen Family.

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**Karen** - June 22, 2024 at 02:19 PM

WS

“ Willard & Diane Shiflett purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Walter William Johnson.



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**Willard & Diane Shiflett** - June 22, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter William Johnson.



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June 21, 2024 at 05:29 PM

DT

“ Deepest Sympathies from the APO NX Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Walter William Johnson.



Deepest Sympathies from the APO NX Team - June 21, 2024  
at 03:10 PM

DT

“ Deepest Sympathies from the APO NX Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter William Johnson.

Deepest Sympathies from the APO NX Team - June 21, 2024 at 03:10 PM

MS

“ To the Johnson family,  
I fondly remember Walter making quite an impression on me as a young boy dressed in his military uniform at my grandmother's house on Cornish Street in Lawrence. He was the perfect balance to his wife Christine, my dear cousin. They made quite a team. His kind and positive spirit will most definitely continue to live on thru his children and grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mark Stahley - June 21, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Walter William Johnson.



June 20, 2024 at 06:56 PM

BF

“ *Walter and Christine were wonderful neighbors in Tudor Hall for many years. We send our sincere sympathy the all the family.*

**Bob and Beth Fini** - June 20, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter William Johnson.*



June 20, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LF

“ *Love from Laura and the Kazanjian family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Walter William Johnson.*



**Love from Laura and the Kazanjian family** - June 20, 2024 at 11:17 AM

LF

“ *Love from Laura and the Kazanjian family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter William Johnson.*

**Love from Laura and the Kazanjian family** - June 20, 2024 at 11:17 AM

BD

“ *Bill, Barb, & Chesney Darden purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Walter William Johnson.*



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**Bill, Barb, & Chesney Darden** - June 19, 2024 at 09:57 PM

BA

“ *Being Christine’s cousin, who spent a lot of time at her house, I remember when she met Walter, started dating him, the prom, and their wedding. Christine and Walter came to visit us for a weekend in PA, a time we spent with my parents sharing memories, laughter and Irish music. When I hear the song 4 Greenfields it always brings memories of Walter. Walter was one of the most gentle, patient and nicest persons I have ever met. He and Christine always spoke of and shared their love and pride of Andrew, Colleen, Mary Helen, their spouses and their grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with all who loved Walter and he loved*

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**Barbara Ann** - June 19, 2024 at 08:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter William Johnson.*



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June 19, 2024 at 03:25 PM

DF

“ Donna, Wally Bowles and Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Walter William Johnson.



Donna, Wally Bowles and Family - June 19, 2024 at 11:14 AM

HF

“ Hotz Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Walter William Johnson.



Hotz Family - June 18, 2024 at 10:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Family



Melanie Holloway - June 18, 2024 at 09:14 PM

AJ

“ I will never forget catching my first fish with my Poppop Walter, Love you Poppop! ❤️

Andrew Johnson - June 18, 2024 at 05:24 PM

SF

“ Walter was always there for me, helping to getting a new car, taking and picking up me to the airport, with moral and physical support, I am honor to know Walter and his beautiful family.

susan feller - June 18, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter William Johnson.



June 18, 2024 at 04:14 PM

PE

“ What can I say about my dear friend Walter that is not readily apparent when you first meet him? He was the most humble, caring and gentle man I think I may have ever known. Even then, you only had to spend 5 minutes with him and you came away knowing he was the real deal. It was obvious his love for his wife Christine, his soulmate was still never far from his thoughts. He adored his three children and grandkids. His ears would perk up anytime you mention the words Boston, Irish, Tom Brady, ice cream or strawberries. I was happy to know him as my friend and thankful that I did get to tell him I loved him everytime I said goodbye to him. He will be truly missed.

Pamela Edwards - June 17, 2024 at 08:51 PM

JM

They broke the mold when Walter was born. He was an exceptional man that led an exceptional life. He was a true and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. The very best, what a fabulous pair he and Christine were. Equally loving and protective of each other. Truly unforgettable. Janice MacDonald

Janice MacDonald - June 19, 2024 at 09:55 AM

TO

*Our memory of Walter goes back to August of 2018 when moving into the Oakmont. When he told us his name, I asked him how was his arm, he smiled at us, he knew I was talking about the "Big Train", major league pitcher Walter Johnson. Walter was the engineer of the train and Christine the conductor. They worked together to produce and guide their three children. He was a brother, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Our memories of Walter for the last few years was going to church on Sunday and then out for lunch and stopping for ice cream, his favorite part of the day. We enjoyed his smile as we sat and watched the children play around him. Walter will be greatly missed and the Oakmont will never be the same. We loved him dearly and our only regret was not knowing him longer. R.I.P.*

*Tom and Catherine Nevin*

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**Tom** - June 19, 2024 at 08:17 PM