



Louis William Walter Jr.

November 25, 1952 - October 20, 2022

Louis William Walter, Jr., 69, of South Boardman, a loving husband, father, and grandpa, found his way home to Heaven on October 20, 2022. He was born on November 25, 1952.

Louis and Linda (Bugai) were married on October 4, 1974, married 48 years. Together, they had two daughters, Sheelah (Chad) and Michelle (ex-spouse, Nick). Among Louie's pride and joys were his five grandchildren, each with their own special nicknames: Austin (Louie), Noah (Leroy), Tyler (Rocky), Logan (Happy), and Izabellah (Crystal). His "doggy dog", Red, was his sidekick and best friend. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Louis Walter, Sr. and Bessie Walter (Campbell). Louie was the strength and provider of his family; he will be dearly missed.

In 1973, Louie became a member of the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen (Local 40), where he worked on various projects in the region. Approximately 10 years later, Louie became the business manager of the union in Northern Lower Michigan. He attended Ferris State College, graduating in 1974, with an Associate in Applied Science in Building Construction. He also began Maple Ridge Construction/Maple Ridge Farms. He had a passion for the outdoors, for farming on the land he grew up on, his cattle, and farm equipment. He could fix anything. He spent many days and evenings with his grandchildren in "papa's shop" teaching them about tools, equipment, and life. His sense of humor and quick wit were traits for which he will forever be remembered. He loved home cooking, and he enjoyed cooking;

especially baking pies. He began Louie's Farm Jam with Sheelah and Chad, located on the back acreage of the family farm, hoping to bring together the community and music lovers, and created the motto for the venue: "Come for the music... leave with the memories."

He enjoyed classic cars, including restoring his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z28, 1978 Chevrolet Cheyenne pick-up truck, his 1964 Chevrolet Impala, and numerous other classics over the years. He also enjoyed drag racing. He spent many days riding his motorcycle. He enjoyed watching westerns, concerts, and listening to classic rock through his Klipsch corner horn speakers. He especially loved the songs "Free Bird" and "Simple Man" by Lynyrd Skynyrd that he would play on his guitar. He attended Calvary Baptist Church of Kalkaska. He enjoyed helping his neighbors and staying active on the family farm.

He was a man involved in various community projects and boards, including the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office, as a Reserve Officer, Forest Area Community Schools Board of Education, Kalkaska County Commissioner, Kalkaska County Zoning Commission, Kalkaska Public Transit Authority, District Health Department #10, Kalkaska County Road Commission, and Michigan Heritage & Research Foundation. He heavily participated in POW/MIA events, as well as the Vietnam Memorial moving wall. He was a lifetime member of the NRA.

Louie will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the family farm that Louie loved, which may be directed to his wife, Linda Walter.

Visitation for Louie will be on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 5-8pm at Kalkaska Funeral Home. The service will be at 11am with final visitation beginning at 10am on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Garfield Township Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Garfield Township Cemetery

0466 W Sharon Rd SE
Fife Lake, MI 49633

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Final Visitation

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

RO

“ Linda, Sheelah, Michelle and all of the Walter Family, I am so sorry for you loss and extend my deepest sympathy to each of you. Louis was a man of many positions. I met Louie when he became a county commissioner, and I was county clerk. Louie was one who served his district with consciousness. He spoke fondly and often of Linda, Sheelah and Michelle, all of whom he was proud of. Upon my retirement, Louie gifted me with a beautiful crystal clock, all engraved. It was a very thoughtful gift and one to which I enjoy to this day. Rest in peace Louie.

Patty Rodgers

rodgers - November 01, 2022 at 11:31 AM

RM

“ So very sorry to hear of Louie’s passing he will be missed 🙏

Ralph Merchant - October 28, 2022 at 07:53 AM

LR

“ Enjoyed working veterans issues with Louie for the county. Wishing condolences, peace and rest to your family . Richard and Linda Radtke



Linda Radtke - October 26, 2022 at 06:15 PM

RW

“ Even after I left Yankee Boy, Louie continued to be one of my favorite faces to see there. His hard love certainly helped prepare me for a life on the ships and the constant "Old-Salt" like talk.

Robert Watrous - October 26, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Louis William Walter Jr..



October 25, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Louis William Walter Jr..



October 24, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Louis William Walter Jr..



October 23, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Louis William Walter Jr..



October 23, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louis William Walter Jr..*



October 23, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Louie was a great guy and will be missed by all who knew him. RIP Louie. Sending prayers for the family.*

Georgette Green - October 23, 2022 at 04:54 AM



“ *John Elder and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Louis William Walter Jr..*



John Elder and Family - October 22, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Peg Hagan lit a candle in memory of Louis Walter*



Peg Hagan - October 22, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of *Louis William Walter Jr.*



October 22, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ Love, from the Lautner & Miles families purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of *Louis William Walter Jr.*



Love, from the Lautner & Miles families - October 22, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ A long, long, long time ago when my twin sister *Linda*, and I were young and wild we would go to *The Tanz House* where we would listen to live music bands and dance and have fun times! I remember the night that *Linda* met *Louie* and after that day they dated until *Linda* became engaged to *Louie*. So, after the years, the good and bad times, they remained together as husband and wife.

Miles - October 22, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Louis William Walter Jr..*



October 21, 2022 at 11:43 PM



“ *We spent many days together at the yankee boy and running to different events. We had a great time together. He will be Sadly missed. RIP my friend*

Randy Betts - October 21, 2022 at 10:27 PM