



Walter E. Reeves

July 30, 1925 - December 4, 2018

Walter “Wally” Reeves, 93, of West Palm Beach, FL, went to be with Jesus on December 4, 2018. He was born in 1925 in Harvey, Illinois, the second son, but the third of six children, to Harry and Hazel Reeves. Walter is survived by his four children: Walter, Jr., David, Joyce (husband Christopher), and Judy; his grand-daughter Rebecca Condyles (husband Curtis); his great-grand-children Luke and Rhiannon; and his younger sisters Mildred Szczurak and Shirley Vorrath.

Although Walter grew up on the South Side of Chicago, early radio broadcasts of the Cubs baseball team birthed a life-long love of Cubs Baseball. Walter credited hearing Kiki Cuyler’s (pronounced ky-ky kyler) name on the radio as the reason for it. He could quote stats of every “almost” year the Cubs had over the decades and even said it would be two years AFTER he died that they would win the World Series. Luckily, events didn’t happen that way and Walter got to see his beloved Cubs win in 2016, two years BEFORE he left us.

Walter was also proud of his military service during WWII, or “The Big Shootout,” as he called it. He was in the Navy and the closest he got to actual combat was driving for the nurses on Guam. He was slated to go as support should the US invade Tokyo (he was a motor mechanic), but says the dropping of the A-bomb made that possibility an impossibility.

Walter got out of the Navy after the war and followed in his dad’s footsteps to become an electrician. In the summer of 1970, Walter packed up his family and the dog and moved to S. Florida. He wanted to be closer to his mom and to avoid the recurrence of living through anything close to the famous ’67 Blizzard that hit the Chicago area!

After Walter retired as an electrician from the Miami Herald, he started working for various ushering/security firms in the South Florida area. Walter got to experience the Marlins World-Series winning seasons, Superbowls, concerts, and other sporting and cultural events through these jobs. Although age slowed him down a bit and prevented him from

working the more physically taxing jobs in his later years, Walter was still working up to the time of his passing. He always looked forward to going to work and seeing his buddies!

Walter will be remembered as a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. Most often seen with his Cubs hat, Walter will also be remembered for his “beautiful hair.” He was, as he called himself, “The Grand Poobah of the Reeves Clan” and was known as “Uncle Wally” or “Grandpa Wally” to family and friends.

Viewing will be on Wednesday, Dec. 12th from 4-6 PM, followed by a service. Walter will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife Sophie on Thursday, Dec. 13th at 1 PM at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Walter’s name to the American Heart Association or to the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

Cemetery

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL, 33513

Events

DEC **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory
110 Business Park Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL, US,
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DEC **Service** 06:00PM

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DEC **Graveside Services** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Thank you Judy for sharing memories of your dad with me tonight. He lived an amazing life and accomplished so much. His stories have inspired me. I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family will remain in my prayers.

Kristy Stewart - December 11, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ It was a pleasure working with Walter at the BB&T Center for the past few years. Loved hearing about his upcoming trips, family visitors and other stories he shared when I rode his elevator. Walter will definitely be missed by all here at the BB&T Center.

Allison Click - December 11, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ Thank you for the memory!

Judy Reeves - December 12, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ Yvonne Trumpler lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Reeves



Yvonne Trumpler - December 10, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ So many memories with my Uncle Wally. Here are just a few.

When I was a little girl, he would take me to George Brown's Restaurant so he could see Aunt Sophie who was a waitress there. Not long after, I was their flower girl!

Aunt Sophie had surgery and was in the hospital for a week. I stayed at their house in Hazel Crest and took care of the kids so he could visit her after work. It was late summer and the kids needed new uniforms for school. Uncle Wally took us to Gately's Peoples Store in Roseland, Illinois to shop. It was my first and only trip to the famous department store. What a great adventure that was for me.

A couple of years ago, Uncle Wally was up north and he wanted to visit the Chicago Heights Ford Plant where he had worked so long ago. We drove to the plant but couldn't get in for a tour. They said to wait and they'd get back to us. We waited a half hour or so then decided to leave. We couldn't have driven 2 miles away when the phone call came in saying we could come in for a tour. I drove him back, expecting to wait outside and they took me in too. We were each placed in a 'golf cart' type transport and taken throughout the whole plant. Uncle Wally was able to visit in the department where he had worked. Then we went to the executive office but so many people had been replaced since he left. One executive came out to visit but . . . Uncle Wally wasn't able to convince them to increase his pension!

During the last few years, Uncle Wally has stayed with Ramon & I in Indiana several times. At the breakfast table he would open his smart phone and read me his Bible verse of the day. Since he had accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, he found joy in reading his Bible and coming to know Him more.



Nancy McGathey - December 09, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ Rest in Peace, Walter.

Charles Martinez.

Charles Martinez - December 07, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ Charmaine Banks lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Reeves



Charmaine Banks - December 07, 2018 at 04:45 PM



“ Yvonne Trumpler lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Reeves



Yvonne Trumpler - December 07, 2018 at 03:11 PM



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Judy Reeves - December 06, 2018 at 05:31 PM



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Judy Reeves - December 06, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ It is with a heavy heart to hear the passing of a sometime funnyman. I was his supervisor at BBT

Yvonne Trumpler - December 07, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ I regret spending so much time talking about our next trip to Disney together instead of planning it. "Grandpa Wally" was a wonderful man and our kids have fond memories of riding in his wheelchair and getting into some rides/shows because of his status. My "sister" Judy had such a close relationship with her Dad and I am praying for her. You have such a strong faith and are at peace knowing your Dad is now reunited with your Mom. We are here if you need anything. We are so sorry for this wonderful family's great loss and will continue to keep all of you in our prayers!! With much love, Ed, Maria, Austin & Sarah



Maria Wolfe - December 06, 2018 at 07:57 AM



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Maria Wolfe - December 06, 2018 at 06:52 AM