



Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski

September 29, 1927 - February 6, 2017

Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski died peacefully at his home on the Nanjemoy Creek in Welcome, Maryland on February 6, 2017.

He was born in Niagara Falls, New York in 1927 and joined the United States Marine Corps after graduation from high school. After being honorably discharged, he attended Georgetown University where he graduated from the School of Foreign Service in 1949. He worked for the Washington, DC Evening Star newspaper before joining the United States Central Intelligence Agency where he served as an analyst and later as head of the Eastern European Desk. Upon his retirement, he was awarded the Career Intelligence Medal in recognition of his exceptional achievements in his 28 years of service.

He lived briefly in Washington, DC and then moved to Charles County, Maryland, residing in Waldorf and La Plata. He enjoyed country life, having purchased a tobacco farm in Dentsville, where he lived for several years. Later, he and his wife, Mary Ellen Williams Karwasinski, fulfilled a lifetime dream by purchasing a farm on the Nanjemoy Creek.

His passion for golf started when he caddied as a young boy. He was an avid golfer at Hawthorne Country Club, where he made three holes-in-one. A past member of the Board of Directors, he was also an Honorary Lifetime Member.

In addition to his wife of 66 years, he is survived by loving daughters Katherine (Mrs. George H.) Miles, Ann (Mrs. Terry) Page, Elizabeth (Mrs. William) van Etten, and Joan (Mrs. William) Zantzinger, son-in-law Steven Fuchs, and 12 grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his beloved daughter, Gwynn Karwasinski Fuchs.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Smile Train and Doctors Without Borders.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2920
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Visitation

FEB 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Bryantown Catholic Church
13715 Notre Dame Place
Bryantown, MD 20617

Tribute Wall



“ *Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *"Thoughts and prays with Mr. Karwasinski's family during this time. We were blessed to have know him during our time at Hawthrone Country Club"*

-Emma Hart ,Salome Savoy and families



Emma Hart - February 11, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear the sad news. I used to babysit for the Karwasinski family way back in the 50's and I thought he was the best looking man around. His girls thought I was Arlene on American Bandstand. What memories! I only wish I had known about this sooner because I sure would have gone to the service. Sending prayers and hugs!*



Mary Pruitt - February 11, 2017 at 01:22 PM

KG

“ Lots of special memories of a beautiful, fun family. Families with that much love and fun don't happen by accident. To have those wonderful memories from my childhood playing "boogie-woogie" and all the other out door games with Karwasinski's is a blessing. Always have an extra special place in my heart for Mr. & Mrs Karwasinski, they are my God-Parents, I was always very proud of them. Thank you for all the prayers provided to me throughout the years. I always felt you in my life. My prayers are with the entire family in hopes you find peace and comfort.



Kevin Gardiner - February 10, 2017 at 04:09 PM

CE

“ Chris & Donna (Mortel) Evans purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.



Chris & Donna (Mortel) Evans - February 10, 2017 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.



February 10, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.*



February 10, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.*



February 10, 2017 at 12:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.*



February 09, 2017 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.*



February 09, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ *Whitey and Marian Lilly purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.*



Whitey and Marian Lilly - February 09, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.*



February 09, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.*



February 09, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.*



February 09, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.



February 09, 2017 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sue and Vic Montalbo and Karen and Rich Costanzo* purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.



Sue and Vic Montalbo and Karen and Rich Costanzo -
February 09, 2017 at 08:30 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.



February 09, 2017 at 08:25 AM

CV

“ I have so many fond memories of being with the Karwasinski family with my family growing up. The adult playing cards upstairs while their 5 girls and our 4 girls and two boys playing in the basement or in the dark. We were like blended families during those times. He really loved his family, friends and Mrs. Karwasinski and I was blessed to be a witness to it growing up. He will be missed because we are so lucky to have known him.
RIP Mr. Karwasinski.

Cindy Vance - February 08, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Theo Walter (Ted) Karwasinski.



February 08, 2017 at 06:58 PM

AV

“ I will always treasure the memories of the great get-togethers our families had. One of the more memorable was when I sunk into a giant hole at the farm in Dentsville. My one leg was so tangled in tree roots the girls and I could not get me out. My Dad and Mr. Karwasinski came roaring up in the car after someone had run for help. Together they pulled me up and out. It was quite an adventure... just one of many we shared.
RIP Mr. Karwasinski, I know you will be missed by many. Love and prayers to all of his "girls". I am thinking of you.

*Anne Brooke Bowling Vachalek
Hollywood, Maryland*

Anne Brooke Bowling Vachalek - February 08, 2017 at 10:35 AM

AN

“ For the better part of six decades Ted and Mary Ellen were our (Carol) friends, neighbors, and customers. Golf at Hawthorne and Hilton Head. Chauffeuring their five daughters at their weddings. Up the hill to their house for a glass of wine, or down to our house. That's what memories are made of! Till we meet again, old friend.

Allen Jay (AJ) Neave

Allen Neave - February 08, 2017 at 09:12 AM

RH

“ Prayers are with your family Ted and you were always a kind person, you will be missed.

Russell & Pat Hall

russell Hall - February 08, 2017 at 08:58 AM