



Walter B Freas

July 4, 1934 - March 26, 2015

Walter B. Freas, Jr. of Voorhees, formerly of Medford Lakes, passed away on Thursday, March 26, 2015 in Moorestown at the age of 80.

Walter was born in Camden, NJ and grew up in Northeast Philadelphia. He was a member of the first graduating class of Lincoln High School. Walter earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Temple University and then served his country in the Army. Afterwards, he taught English, history and broadcasting in Baltimore, MD and Willingboro, NJ. Walter later became the Director of Educational Services at NJ Network in Trenton, NJ.

Walter was a member of The Literacy Volunteers of America, a board member of the Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge and a former member of both the Pinelands Commission & Medford Lakes Board of Education. He and his wife were members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society.

In his spare time, Walter enjoyed drawing, painting and doing woodwork. In addition, he was an avid reader and historian, who enjoyed traveling with his wife and spending summers at their home in Barnegat Light. Above all, he treasured time with his family.

Walter is survived by his wife of 52 years, Virginia (nee Bowman), his children Walter, III (Sandy) of Medford, Betsy (Scott Charnoff) of Mohnton, PA, Tracey

Miller of Chesterfield and his grandchildren, Samantha & James, Collin & Evan, and Sydney & Emily. He was the father-in-law of the late Darin Miller and brother of the late Judie Baldwin.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday at 1:00 PM at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly, NJ. Family and friends may visit with the family on Friday from 11 AM – 1 PM at the Funeral Home. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Walter's memory may be made to the Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, 4 Sawmill Rd., Medford, NJ 08055.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter B Freas*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Walter B Freas*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dear, Freas family:*

On behalf of the NJ Pinelands Commission and the Pinelands Educational Advisory Council I would like to express our sincere condolences.

I'm truly sorry for your loss, I had the pleasure of getting to know and work with Walter while he was Chairman of the Pinelands Educational Advisory Council. Under Walter's leadership the council was able to help the Commission greatly in its efforts to raise awareness and the appreciation of the New Jersey Pinelands.

Walter was a true champion of education; through the years he was able to educate many people not just about the Pinelands but also about many things including how to be a good person. He was a very kind and giving person and will be missed by many.

Sincerely,

Joel M. Mott

Joel Mott - April 03, 2015 at 11:45 AM

RL

“ *Walter Freas was one of the most genuine and kind hearted men I've ever met. His easy going nature and witticisms are highlights of a man that I will never forget, he was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He would speak often of his family, always with great pride and love. Seeing the relationship between Walter and his wife Virginia showed me what devoted truly means. I miss him. My condolences to the family.*

Ryan Lindsey - April 03, 2015 at 06:59 AM

EW

“ *To the family of Walter B. Freas Jr., I am very sorry for your loss. Walter was one of the nicest people I've known (he hired me at NJN). I know the Lord will guide you through this difficult time and give your hearts peace. Rest in Peace, Walter. Much sincere respect, Elaine M. Welles*

Elaine M. Welles - April 02, 2015 at 12:50 PM

AW

“ *Dear Walt, Sandy, Samantha and Jimmy, We are so very sorry to have just learned of your father and grandfather's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Fondly, Andrea, Kip and Shawn*

Andrea C Walker - April 01, 2015 at 09:31 PM

PC

“ *Ginny, Walt & Family; Betsy & Family; Tracey & Family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you at the loss of your wonderful, loving husband, father and grandfather. Lance & I (and granddaughter Alyssa) will always cherish our wonderful times at Barnet Light Memorial Day weekends with Walter, Ginny, Betsy, Scott, Collin & Evan. Also Walter's warm, friendly smile*
Pat & Lance Charnoff

Pat & Lance Charnoff - April 01, 2015 at 06:16 PM

CS

“ *My name is Carol Shaw and I worked for Walter at NJN for many years. He was a wonderful boss, a very kind and gentle man. I know you all will miss him dearly. My prayers and thoughts r with you. RIP Walter B Freas, Jr.*

Carol Shaw - April 01, 2015 at 05:24 PM

JJ

“ *My Deepest Condolences;*
I wished to say, may God comfort the family and all your friends. In God's word the Bible, we can look forward to the time when death will be no more, and instead of tears of sorrow there will be tears of happiness. (Rev 21:3,4) May your memories continue to provide you a measure of comfort at this time of great sorrow.

JG, New Jersey

JG, new Jersey - March 31, 2015 at 05:24 PM

RC

“ Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Freas, I have had the distinct pleasure of working with and counting among my friends his son Walt Freas III and through that friendship, I have had the opportunity to meet Walt's wife Sandy and their children Samantha and Jimmy both of whom are a great source of pride for their parents. I read with great interest about Walt's father and his exceptional and accomplished life. He certainly appears to have been a man of substance, intellect and a loving nature. All attributes that have been passed on to his son. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Freas family.

Rick Coster

Rick Coster - March 31, 2015 at 08:49 AM

CS

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Carol & Phil Swanson - March 30, 2015 at 08:50 PM

CS

“ Dear Ginny, Walt III, Sandy, Samantha, Jimmy, Betsy, Scott, Collin, Evan, Tracey, Sydney & Emily:

Please accept our most sincere condolences on the passing of Walter, Jr. your loving husband, father and grandfather. We have so many memorable moments with Walt and Ginny and other family members to cherish forever.

Among Walt's many passions was also genealogy and he was instrumental in sparking Carol's interest in this subject. She found relatives in England she never knew existed because of Walt. We also have many fond memories of Ginny and Walt's visits to our home at Christmas.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time.

*Love,
Carol & Phil Swanson*



Carol & Phil Swanson - March 30, 2015 at 08:42 PM

CS

“ *Carol & Phil Swanson lit a candle in memory of Walter B Freas*



Carol & Phil Swanson - March 30, 2015 at 08:14 PM

JF

“ I don't remember your Dad without a smile or a twinkle in his eye...always thought it was so neat he worked for public television and how us neighborhood kids were part of that occasionally. Wonderful Walter, Beautiful Betsy, Terrific Tracey-he enjoyed you guys. Always thought your Dad and Mom were a pretty creative couple-ya'll were a special family-and your kindness to mine will be remembered.. loving thoughts for you from Janet(in spirit) Judy(my big sister-your babysitter!) and Jill Ford-"kid around the corner" from you in Medford Lakes.

Jill Ford - March 30, 2015 at 07:29 PM

MG

“ Mr. Freas was my teacher in 7th grade and I carry great memories of his classes and unique personality to this day. I had the good fortune of connecting with him a few years ago. Thank you Mr. Freas.



Mike Gorman - March 30, 2015 at 05:59 PM

SJ

“ Dear family of Walter Freas Jr.:

I am sorry to hear that you lost your dear husband and father. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. We have a great hope for the future because God promises to bring those we lost to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief Bible message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

s. johnson - March 30, 2015 at 06:53 AM

BC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Bob Cooney - March 29, 2015 at 11:01 PM

WA

Great shots, Mr. Cooney!

Walt - March 30, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ We just heard of Walter's passing and we so saddened by this news... Walter was indeed an honorary member of the quilting ladies group! We had so many laughs and good times but also some serious discussions over the years.



Ginny was the very first person I met in 1983 when we moved to Medford from Washington State.. Who would have ever known what good friends we would become and I would have the pleasure of meeting Walter too! Of course, they let me know that I lived in Medford not Medford Lakes...

Walter was such a wonderful husband to his Virginia and a wonderful father to his children and grandchildren... He loved them all so much..

Rest in peace, Walter, you will be missed.

*Micheal and Bonnie McLain
Douglasville GA*

Bonnie McLain - March 29, 2015 at 07:36 PM

WA

“ We'll miss you, Dad!



Walt - March 29, 2015 at 06:57 PM

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Walt - March 29, 2015 at 05:58 PM

JS

“ Our memory of WaltSr is of a devoted husband, father and a kind, considerate friend who. could also be resolute tn defense of his rights. We must recall one visit at their shore house when the neighbor took issue with our kids usingpart of her dock...he strongy let her know how unneighborly her concern was. Also at the same visit while he professed how unskilled he was at the grill served up the best burger I had all that summer. Our sincere condolences to Virginia, young walt and the Freas family for their loss Irene and joe strempek.

joe & irene stremprk - March 29, 2015 at 11:15 AM

JE

“ Walter was a wonderful, gentle and intelligent man. He served on the board of Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge for more than 10 years, only stepping down to help care for his wife and be closer to his family. We are so appreciative of the time he spent with us. Our thoughts go out to his family, we are so sorry for your loss. We loved him too, but you carry his heart.



Jeanne - March 29, 2015 at 08:46 AM