



Walter H. Watton

October 19, 1940 - October 15, 2018

Walter H. Watton passed away on October 15, 2018 at his home in Yreka. He was 77 years old.

Walt was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin to Richard and Esther Watton. He was one of seven children, survived by his only sister, Ramona Doran. Walt joined the U.S. Navy, which landed him in San Diego. While there, he met the love of his life, Judith Stark, whom he married in 1965. He is the beloved father of three, Ramona, Richard and Rhonda. He also has seven treasured grandchildren and two adored great grandchildren.

Walt was a hard working man that put in and retired after 25 years with the California Department of Forestry, where they nicknamed him as "Pappy". He put in 42 years with the Elks Lodge, where he joined in El Cajon Lodge #1812 in 1976, demitted and transferred to Yreka Lodge #1980 in 1983. In 1999, Walt became an Honorary Life Member.

Walt enjoyed traveling, chili cook-offs and devoted his time to helping others. He loved his family above all else. He was understanding, unjudgemental, and enjoyed life to the fullest.

Walt lost his battle to cancer, and will be missed by many. There will be a memorial held at the Yreka Elks Lodge #1980 on Monday, October 29, 2018

at 2:00 PM...bar opens at 1:00 PM.

“When those we love become a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.”

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Yreka Elks Lodge
332 W. Miner Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I worked as a firefighter with Walt at the Ramona CDF station 1968 & '69. He drove our fire engine, #6363. I was just days out of high school and trying to navigate the uncertainties of living at the fire station 5 days a week as well as doing a good job. Walt had a sense of humor, of course, one had to in order to get along. He was only in his twenties then, I now realize. But, Walt also had a bit more maturity and compassion, certainly beyond his years. The rigors of the job were made easier and the hazing of the new guy far more tolerable thanks to Wally Watton. Fifty years later I still remember him as a friend, role model, and trusted leader. So saddened by his passing.

“Kenny” Cater (cuz that’s what he always called me)

Ken Cater - December 02, 2018 at 07:34 PM

DL

“Walt was such a nice, kind, and caring man; we are fortunate to have him as our friend in our life. We remember one night, Walt joined us for our after hour dinner, at that time the restaurant still has a few tables of customer there. One of the customers came in the banquet room where we were sitting, it seemed like he was trying to look for trouble. Walt stood up and said, " Can I help you?" That man looked at Walt and said, " I am looking for the manager." " I am the manager, what can I do for you." Walt replied. That man saw Walt spoke with a serious face, he then immediately turned around, mumbling to himself, and walked out the room. We then all laughed and applauded how he had handled the situation.



Judith, sorry that we will be missed Walt's funeral. It is because we are currently out of town, and readily heading out of the country. Walt, you and all our brothers and sisters at Elks Lodge will be in our memories forever. Please take care, we will be in touch soon.

Love,
Wah Lee & Diana

Diana Lee - October 29, 2018 at 03:36 PM

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“The Robinson's. Ron, Sharon, Jody, Ron & Russell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Walter H. Watton.



The Robinson's. Ron, Sharon, Jody, Ron & Russell - October 28, 2018 at 07:09 PM

JS

“ *Judith Somerset lit a candle in memory of Walter H. Watton*



Judith Somerset - October 24, 2018 at 11:41 AM

JS

I will remember what a loving family man Walt was. He was dedicated to his loved ones, and was an honorable man.

Judith Somerset - October 24, 2018 at 11:45 AM

SU

“ *The Staff at Madrone Hospice would like to send our sincere condolences to the Family, Friends and local Lodge members. You all lost a good man.*

Susan - October 24, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ *Trista Beers lit a candle in memory of Walter H. Watton*



Trista Beers - October 23, 2018 at 09:48 PM



“ *I love you papa, you'll always hold a special place in my heart forever and always, give papa beers love for me when you see him.... May your soul rest peacefully.*

Trista Beers - October 23, 2018 at 09:48 PM



“ *My dad was one of the best men I've ever known. We had a balanced life growing up. He always was willing to help anyone in need. He never raised a hand to us.he was there when we needed to talk.. Through break ups and make ups. He was kind and understanding yet firm when needed.. Dad you Are and will always be loved and missed.. I love you with all my heart.. RIP you deserve it*

Mona Beers - October 23, 2018 at 11:50 AM