



Walter E. Masters

January 7, 1925 - November 13, 2013

Masters, Walter E., age 88, Our Hero, father, & friend of Moundsville, WV died Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at home.

He was born January 7, 1925 in Wheeling, WV the son of the late Walter E. Masters and Doris M. Stewart Masters Brunsgaard.

He grew up in Hundred, WV and in 1943 answered the call of duty to serve his country in WWII. He enlisted in the Marines and served as the Captain's bodyguard on the battleship New Jersey in the South Pacific.

On April 10, 1945, he married his high school sweetheart, and love of his life, Madge Louise Oliver.

He was employed and retired after 30 years, as a foreman with Allied Chemical; was a dedicated member of Hillview Terrace Church of Christ, where he served as Elder for 35 years; and was a volunteer at Reynolds Memorial Hospital, as well as, Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, where he was chosen as Big Brother of the Year in 2011.

Walter had many passions in life; his church, his family and friends, and "Big Blue", his antique GMC truck. He loved all things aviation, as well as, trains, boats, and cars. He loved to laugh, to help others less fortunate and embraced life with joy! He loved nature and saw beauty in the everyday. He was grateful to God for all his many blessings.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Masters; and a brother, Donald Masters.

Including his loving wife of 68 years, Madgie; surviving are three sons, Dan

(Linda) Masters, and Mitchell Masters, all of Moundsville, and Jeffery Masters of Portland, OR; a daughter, Laura (Peter) Price of Dayton, OH; a sister, Eileen McMahon of Shadyside, OH; grandchildren, Matthew (Jodi), Michelle, Molly, Amanda, and Dana; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Michael, Gwen, and Henry; several loving nieces and nephews; and Little Brother, Robert Dobkin of Wheeling.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville where funeral services will be Friday at 11am with Evangelist D. Gene West officiating.

Interment in Riverview Cemetery, Moundsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to WV School of Preaching, PO Box 785, Moundsville, WV 26041.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

Round Bottom Hill Rd.
Moundsville, WV

Tribute Wall

A.

“Walt was a gentleman's gentleman. He was a proud member of the greatest generation, and the world is poorer for his passing. I can almost see the smile on his face as he enters those pearly gates. RIP, Walt.

A.J. - November 21, 2013 at 01:53 AM

BL

“Always enjoyed talking with Walt, my favorites were the "Ol Blue" GMC Truck stories! I was fortunate enough to enjoy the truck, too! When he stored "Ol Blue" at the Masters garage I purchased from his family. You were a great example to many! RIP, MY FRIEND!
Brian Long
Glen Dale, WV

Brian Long - November 16, 2013 at 05:03 AM

TJ

“Walt was one of my all-time heroes, role models, and just a wonderful person to be around. He had an infectious great smile and his genuine love for people was obvious to all. This is a man who should be the example for all of us to follow, and I always believed he daily walked in the footsteps of Jesus. What a wonderful and kind man, with such a wonderful family. I truly miss them all greatly.

I pray for Madge, Danny, Mitch, Laura, Jeff and their families. They were all a great influence in my life.

With our Love and wonderful memories of Walt,

Tony Johnson and my loving wife Cathy who also grew up in Moundsville

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Tony Johnson - November 14, 2013 at 07:04 PM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter E. Masters.



November 14, 2013 at 03:42 PM

SH

“ I worked with Walt at Allied for several years. I am now retired and living in North Carolina. It is with sadness and a sense of poignancy that I read about Walt's passing on line. I remember that Walt made me a couple of inspirational plaques for my keeping (he probably thought that I needed them!). There were a lot of fine people at the old Allied plant and I think about them from time to time with great affection, but none more than Walt. Everybody liked Walt because he was a man's man in the best sense of that expression! I can only imagine how much he will be missed by you, his family and friends. Please know that you and Walt are in my thoughts and prayers. Heaven is getting a good one and I am sure that they are rejoicing!

Steve J. Holly
Clayton, NC

Steve J Holly - November 14, 2013 at 08:35 AM

JO

“ I grew up next door to the Master's family and they treated all us kids as their own. I am so sorry for your loss Madge and boys.
Jody Richards Gouldsberry

Jody - November 14, 2013 at 07:25 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time May you come to know that the love of God is with you always, may your memories of Walter E. Masters, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is done. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

Walter E. Masters, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - November 14, 2013 at 06:38 AM

AL

“ *To my adopted family, I'm at a loss of what to say. I already miss seeing Pappaw. He was such a special person. I was fortunate enough to have relaunched my life here in this wonderful place blessed with the best neighbors ever. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mom, Gary and I will never forget him.*

Alicia - November 13, 2013 at 11:47 PM

MK

“ I worked at Allied for over 20 years and Walt was my foreman for 6+ years. We formed a friendship and have kept in touch through phone calls, lunch meetings and my yearly phone call from Walt on my birthday. I can still hear him, "HELLO Michael, this is old Walt Masters calling to say Happy Birthday". I am more than 20 years younger than him, but our common interests were stronger than our age difference. He was my kindred spirit. My first day on his shift he introduced himself, and we began talking about cars. I told him I keep seeing this great old blue truck parked around Moundsville and I would love to meet the owner and hear the story about that truck. He smiled and said, "hello, I'm the owner and it's called Old Blue". Walt was an influence in my life, and my wife and I will never forget him. He was someone who always remembered what you did for him but never kept track of what he did for you.

Michael & Marilyn Kovach - November 13, 2013 at 04:57 PM

AF

I remember Walt with very fond memories. Always had a smile and something good to say. Bumping into him was a real "gift". My prayers are with him and the family.

Al Ferrie

Al Ferrie - November 15, 2013 at 10:01 AM