



Walter Edmon Birchfield

October 9, 1927 - October 24, 2021

Rockwall, Texas — Walter Edmon Birchfield, 94, of Heath, Texas, passed away in the home of his daughter in Rowlett, Texas on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Walter was born on October 9, 1927 in Farris, Oklahoma, to Grills Harney (Pony) Birchfield and Francis (Fannie) Waugh Birchfield. Walter married Wilma Jean (Jeanie) Powell on October 17, 1952, in Dallas, Texas. They were married 59 years prior to Jeanie's death in 2011. Walt worked most of his life as a master plumber.

After losing his father at the age of 12, Walt supported his mom and numerous siblings on the family farm. Walt joined the U.S. Army on October 16, 1950, and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. Walt reached the rank of Corporal in the Army Infantry. He traveled throughout Europe playing softball while stationed in Germany and was the starting pitcher for the Army's championship Fast Pitch Softball Team in 1952. Walt was very proud of his 110 Infantry service to his country and continued to support Veteran's groups and other organizations honoring the U.S. military throughout his life.

Walt was known as "PawPaw" by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. PawPaw thought the world of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, talked about them often, and always looked forward to their visits. One of the great memories that they will have of PawPaw was walking to the tank together, in his plaid shirts, to feed the fish.

Walt is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Carpenter and husband, Bill, of Rowlett, Texas; son, Michael Birchfield and wife, Patsy, of Boerne, Texas; grandchildren, Lauren Burns and husband, Michael, of Dallas, Texas, Clinton Carpenter and wife, Kelci, of Spokane, Washington, Meghan Calva and husband, Brandon, of Houston, Texas, and Ashley Leavell and husband, Chris, of Houston, Texas, nine great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Walt is preceded in death by his wife, Jeanie, father and mother, and ten brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at Rest Haven Funeral

Home in Rockwall, Texas, immediately followed by a graveside service to celebrate Walt's life at 1:00 PM. Pastor Greg Bradford of Lakepointe Church, Rockwall, Texas will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Walt's name to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at: <https://dogood.t2t.org/give/320847/#!/donation/checkout>
Or call: 718-987-1931 to make a donation in memoriam by phone.

Cemetery

Rest Haven Memorial Park

2500 State Highway 66 East
Rockwall, TX, 75087

Events

NOV 2	Gathering	12:00PM - 01:00PM
	Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location 2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087	
NOV 2	Graveside Service	01:00PM
	Rest Haven Memorial Park 2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087	

Comments



“ I will always remember Walter at his home and on the 5 acre property that gave him so much pleasure and purpose for so many years. He was a kind, soft-spoken, and gentle man. I have many happy memories of time spent in Walter’s company. My favorite was the day I took Henry (age 12) to meet him for the first time. Walter made Henry feel like his own grandchild. It touched my heart! He showed him all around the 5 acre property telling him about the trees, the fish, the equipment in the shed, the house, and even talked about the planning of roads, property developments, and changes to the Rockwall community. When we left at the end of the day, Henry told me how comfortable he felt with Walter and how much he loved the coziness of Walter’s home. Walter’s quiet way probably made a lot of folks feel the same over his 94 years. Rest In Peace, dear Walter.

Angie Batt - October 31, 2021 at 09:35 AM