



Walter J Kawecki

July 28, 1943 - October 19, 2025

Walter "Wally" Kawecki, of Fairmont passed away peacefully on October 19th, 2025, at the age of 82. He was the oldest Son of the late Walter and Jean, beloved Husband to the late Marcia, nee Porkkonen, dearest Father of Jason (Julie), Brian (Britney), Joseph, and Steven (Britta). Proud Grandfather of Mathilda, Henry, Olive, Amelia, Alice, Hugo, Hazel and James; loving Uncle of Sue Ann and Jim; dear Brother of the late James Richard and Corinne (Maureen).

Walt spent his first few years in Chicago with his parents Walter and Jean. They moved to Lisle, Illinois when he was in elementary school. He was in the first graduation class at Lisle Community High School. His brother Jim and he were inseparable.

Walt was shaped by parents whose resilience, courage, determination, and adaptability, taught him lifelong lessons of reliability, self-discipline and hard work. He carried these values throughout life, and it brought challenges, none weighed heavier than the loss of his younger brother and best friend who passed suddenly in 1988. It was a loss that left a deep and lifelong void.

In his 20s, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps and proudly served in Vietnam as an aircraft mechanic at the Chu Lai air base. Walt met his future wife Marcia through a fellow Marine Corps friend, Mike, who had grown up in the

same town as Marcia. They married in 1969 in Sauk Centre.

He graduated from The Dunwoody College of Technology with a degree in machine tool technology. He worked for Mate Precision Tooling in Ramsey until his retirement. The job offered him a chance to challenge himself with the precision it required and had a very strong work ethic. He couldn't wait to retire. He could...not...wait...

They chose to raise their family and bought their home in Ramsey, MN in 1977. They made many friends that turned into lifelong friendships in their neighborhood. All his boys attended Anoka High School and participated in multiple sports and activities that kept them busy and always kept them very proud. They volunteered numerous hours with boosters, helped fundraise and never missed an event.

When retirement came along, they also bought their piece of heaven in Cotton, MN. It was his sanctuary of peace; it was the place he went to with his dear 4-legged friend Jameson and later Guinness. They had numerous guests, numerous parties and numerous fires where many of the world's problems would be solved. Aliens are real, that was made for certain at that fire. He would sit and he would listen with a glow in his eye enjoying whatever nonsense we were speaking at the time. When he spoke, we listened, and we would learn. The night always finished with Philadelphia Story or The African Queen and his recliner.

Dad was the strong silent type; he was a father to those who weren't blessed to have one. His friends were few, but the ones he did have were ones he valued and treasured. He was "shy Walt" in high school, and he carried that reputation all through his life. Occasionally he would let a shimmer of something we all knew was there out and we would watch in amazement. His quiet warmth, gentle kindness, and subtle humor will live on in all of us. The

Leader of the Band.

We will be having a celebration of Life at Washburn McRreavy Seman Chapel 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd Coon Rapids MN 55433 on Sunday, November 30, 2025 from 2pm-4pm with a dinner to follow from 4pm-7pm at the Anoka Legion 400 W Main St. Anoka, MN 55303 He will be laid to rest at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery on Monday Dec 1st 2025 at 1030am. We welcome anyone who would like to attend to attend. Please be at Ft. Snelling 15 minutes prior and meet at Assembly Area #3.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Tribute Wall

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“ Love, The Markley's purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Walter J Kawecki.



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