



Walter Riter

January 7, 1931 - July 18, 2023

Walter Venner Riter was born on January 7th, 1931 and he passed away, surrounded by loved ones, on July 18th, 2023. Walter was preceded in death by his parents; Christopher Columbus Riter and Nannie Riter, two siblings; James Taylor and Nancy Arber, and two children; Michael McDonald and Nita Jo Hopkins and a daughter-in-law, Juli McDonald.

Walter was born in Forney, Tx, where he resided his entire life. He graduated from Forney High

School in 1948, spent some time in the farming-ranching industry which he cherished, and

later joined the United States Navy, where he honorably served his country in the Korean War.

Walter was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge-Brooklyn #386 and the Order of the Eastern Star for many years, as well as being a member of Gideons International, through which he received great satisfaction in distributing Bibles. After retiring as an Accounting Manager at C & H Transportation, he enjoyed a very successful career in Real Estate for over 45 years. The last 30+ years of his career occurred in his beloved community of Forney, where he built a strong family Brokerage, that to his delight is still carried on today through his children and grandchildren. Later in life, one of his passions was nurturing his miniature donkeys from which he derived great pleasure.

Walter married his lifelong friend and the love of his life, Carry, on June 15th, 1962, where he instantly became a “Daddy” to Carry’s four children, filling his life with purpose and joy. One year later, Walter and Carry welcomed a blessing that was the light of his life, a little baby girl, Nan Marie Riter. Words do not do justice to the bond these two shared. Walter was a shining example of a father, husband, “Papa”, and Christian man. He quietly and intentionally lived his entire life according to Biblical principles, to which those blessed enough to know him can confidently attest. Heaven has gained an amazing soul.

Walter is survived by his beloved wife of over 61 years, Carry Riter; daughter, Nan Riter and husband, Pete Jones; son, Sam McDonald; daughter, Kaylene Salas; grandchildren: O’Brien McDonald and wife, Carrie, Deidra Ruchaber and husband, Mitch, Sean McDonald and wife, Shannon, Lesley Pennington and husband, Ryan, Walter Coffelt and wife, Jamie, Leonard Coffelt, Michael Hopkins and wife, Kristi, Amy Hopkins and Christina Davis and husband Chuck; great grandchildren: Ayden and Paige, Cooper and Lilly, Xander, Boyd and Samantha, Riley, Hunter C., and Austin, Jayden, Cody, Hunter H., Trinity, Seven and Isaiah, Katy and Ethan and Mason and Coy as well as other beloved extended family and countless friends.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Saturday, July 22, 2023 at First Methodist Church in Forney with interment to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. His family will be receiving friends beginning at 10:00am to service time at the church. For those wishing, memorials in honor of Walter can be made to First Methodist Church, Forney at <https://www.firstmethodistforney.org/serve/serve-through-gi>

ving/ or to the Brooklyn Masonic Lodge #386 AF & AM, 103 E Highway 80,
Forney, TX 75126.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church - Forney
414 W. Broad St.
Forney, TX 75126

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter Riter



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - July 22, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ Walter Riter

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ 112 files added to the album Memories Album



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - July 22, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Walter was such a kind gentleman. He and Carry are 2 of my favorite Forneyites. He will be missed.*

Billie Kasper - July 22, 2023 at 12:27 PM

KS

“ *Dear Carrie, Nan, Kaylene, Sam & family, I was so sorry to hear about Walter! Having had the privilege of knowing him & your family for over 50 years he was very special to me as all of you are. Even when we had not. Seen each other in awhile he always picked up like we had seen just each other. He was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers! Love you, Karo*



Karo Stewart - July 22, 2023 at 11:18 AM

TH

“ *Travis and Julie Hester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Riter.*

Travis and Julie Hester - July 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Riter.*



July 21, 2023 at 10:59 PM

BM

“ *Beth Wilder Maley lit a candle in memory of Walter Riter*



Beth Wilder Maley - July 21, 2023 at 07:47 PM

WC

“ *Walter Riter was a very special man and married a very special lady. Prayers and condolences, Patsy and Wesley Crenshaw*

Wes Crenshaw - July 21, 2023 at 06:31 PM

DW

“ *Dan & Sherry Wilson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Walter Riter.*



Dan & Sherry Wilson - July 21, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Riter.*



July 21, 2023 at 04:28 PM

KS

“ *Kaylene Salas lit a candle in memory of Walter Riter*



Kaylene Salas - July 20, 2023 at 10:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Riter.

July 20, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Riter.*



July 20, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Riter.

July 20, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Riter.*



July 20, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *I was so lucky to have Walter Riter as my father-in-law. After losing my husband to cancer in 2019, he was always there with a word of encouragement. Papa as we called him will really be missed by our family as we all looked up to him. Love ya Papa!!!*

Phylis McDonald - July 20, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Walter and I were first cousins and we grew up together in Forney. He was a true gentleman and I never met a person that did not like Walter Venner Riter.*
George Venner

George Venner - July 19, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Walter was a great person and friend to everyone he met. He will surely be missed by all.*

Ann Stewart - July 19, 2023 at 05:32 PM

RP

“ *Walter was one of the best men I knew! He loved unconditionally! He and Carry were like second parents to me growing up. I will always cherish the memories I have of spending time with them and Nan. Prayers for peace and comfort for Carry, Nan, Kaylene and Sam.*

Love, Rita

Rita Payne - July 19, 2023 at 05:18 PM

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Daddy you will be missed so much by everyone! I love you so much. Thank you for loving me unconditionally,

Love Kaylene (Sisto)

Kaylene Salas - July 20, 2023 at 02:12 PM