



Walter Horst Augustin

June 9, 1958 - April 16, 2012

Walter Horst Augustin, age 53, of Altamonte Springs, passed away suddenly on Monday, April 16, at his home.

Wally was born June 9, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois, to Sophia (Hedrich) and Horst Walter Augustin. His siblings include Hilda and Joe.

His childhood summers were spent at Wrigley Field, and his education at Lane Technical High School lead him to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology. A first generation college graduate, he embraced lifelong learning including three Master's Degrees, from the Naval Postgraduate School, the Marine Corps War College, and the National Defense University, plus a graduate certificate from San Diego State University. He attended and taught courses at the University of Central Florida.

Walt's undergraduate years at IIT provided lifetime friends in the brotherhood of Pi Kappa Phi, and a wife: Maria Elena (Melvin) Augustin. Married in Chicago, IL, on October 27, 1980, he was a devoted husband. They spent joint Marine Corps careers together, but their crowning achievements were their beautiful, intelligent, children: Caitlin Marina and Aidan Liam. Walt passed on his love of running and passion for math and science to his children who are both engineers and lifetime athletes. He inspired his daughter, Caitlin, to run her first full marathon last year. Walt loved "kickin' things up a couple of notches" and going toe-to-toe with his son, Aidan, at the Tijuana Flats hot sauce bar.

As a Marine Corps officer, Walt visited 26 countries and served as an aviation supply officer and acquisition professional. He retired in August 2007 at the rank of Colonel. A lifelong public servant, he served in the Senior Executive Service as the Technical Director of Naval Air Warfare Systems Command, Training Systems Department from 2007-2012.

He is survived by his spouse Maria Elena Augustin of Altamonte Springs, FL, daughter Caitlin Marina Augustin of Miami, FL, son Aidan Liam Augustin of Gainesville, FL, mother Sophia Jankovics and stepfather Simon Jankovics of Schaumburg, IL, sister Hilda Carey of Schaumburg, IL and brother Joseph Orawczyk of Yermo, CA. Many in-laws, nephews, and nieces loved and will miss Walt.

A faithful parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Walt will be celebrated at a Funeral Mass there on Saturday, April 21, 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 4001 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL. A reception will follow immediately in Bishop Grady Hall. The visitation will be on Friday, April 20, 6-8 p.m. at DeGusipe Funeral Home at 9001 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL. For more information call (407)695-2273. Walter Horst Augustin will be interred at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Walter Augustin can be made to the UCF First Generation Scholarship in the College of Health and Public Affairs. Donations can be sent in care of the UCF Foundation, Inc., 12424 Research Parkway, Suite 250, Orlando, FL 32826 or by calling 407-882-1220. Please request that they add the account number to their checks or include a note with this info: MCAA000190 First Generation Scholarship – College of Health and Public Affairs. This will ensure it gets to the proper fund. Donations can also be made online via credit card (AMEX, Visa, MC) at: <https://giving.ucffoundation.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=551> They will need to select the First Gen – Co. of Health and Public Affairs fund from the drop-down menu on that page.

Walter Horst Augustin, you were an officer and a gentleman. May you rest in

peace.

Arrangements have been entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory;
9001 N. Orlando Ave. Maitland, Florida 32751 (407) 695-CARE (2773)

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Celebratory Mass

APR **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
4001 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, FL 32804

Tribute Wall

BT

“ *It is with great shock and sadness that I have just found out about the passing of my old friend from Chicago. As we always closed out our correspondence, "Wally, I'll see you when I see you." Godspeed my friend.*

Bob Tatosian - August 11, 2013 at 03:45 PM

AB

“ *Walt,*

Thanks for your friendship and sharing the heart warming stories of your children. We knew how much you loved them and how proud you were of their accomplishments. Bill and I know we'll catch a glimpse of you every now and then. We know heaven has gained a truly decent man.

Amy Baumgardner-Miller - April 22, 2012 at 09:13 AM



“ I knew Walter as Wally O. I am a fraternity brother of his and it is with great sorry I learned of his passing earlier this week.

Wally always exemplified a positive and 'can do' spirit while at IIT and his contributions while at Pi Kappa Phi were many. Most important to me was his willingness to participate in making the fraternity a better place to be. His big smile was a trademark for everyone and will always be how I remember him.

I feel blessed that I was able to know him, though so many years ago he added a positive spirit to my life. God truly blessed his life, his family and the people he touched. May God continue to bless his family. Maria, know that you and your family are in our prayers.

Dave Desilets, PKP 510

Dave Desilets - April 21, 2012 at 02:28 PM

PW

“ *Patty Wisnauski lit a candle in memory of Walter Horst Augustin*



Patty Wisnauski - April 21, 2012 at 11:08 AM

AB

“ *My husband and I knew Walt while assigned to the Orlando area. He was a kind and decent man who spoke lovingly and proudly of his children. We are thankful for his friendship. We are the better for having known him.*

Amy Baumgardner-Miller - April 20, 2012 at 05:44 PM

KA

“ 2 files added to the album @NAWCTSD



Karrie Anderson - April 20, 2012 at 04:15 PM

SK

“ *Maria Elena and family,*

We at the Hope Community Center in Apopka extend to you are deepest sympathy at the untimely and sudden death of your husband. We are so sorry for your loss. Please be assured of our prayers and good wishes for you and your family.

With sympathy,

*Sister Ann Kendrick
Hope Community Center*

Sister Ann Kendrick - April 20, 2012 at 03:22 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of
Walter Horst Augustin.*



April 20, 2012 at 12:30 PM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolence and sympathy to the Augustin family during this difficult time. We will have a mass said at the Malate Catholic Church in the Philippines, for the peaceful rest of Wally's soul. May Almighty God look kindly upon his soul, now freed from the bonds of mortality, and count him among his children in heaven.*

*John and Aurora Melvin
Manila, Philippines*

John Melvin - April 20, 2012 at 12:03 PM

JV

“ *Julio V. purchased the Sympathy Sentiments™ Bouquet for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.*



Julio V. - April 20, 2012 at 10:23 AM

“ A Consoling Poem About Death: *Death Is Nothing At All*

*Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
That, we still are.*

*Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.*

*Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?*

*I am but waiting for you.
For an interval.
Somewhere. Very near.
Just around the corner.*

*All is well.
Henry Scott Holland ~ 1847-1918
Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral ~ London. UK*

Amy Baumgardner-Miller - April 20, 2012 at 09:46 AM

JW

“ *Joe Wasiak purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.*



Joe Wasiak - April 20, 2012 at 08:36 AM

CS

“ *In serving with Walt I came to know him as a very capable leader and a man of integrity. More importantly, over time I found him to be an exceptional person who deeply loved his family and truly cared for other people. His contributions to the defense of this nation were many and are lasting. He will be missed by many, but his fond memory will live on.*

~ CAPT John Schmidt & Ms Mary Fruhwirth Monterey, California

CAPT John K Schmidt - April 19, 2012 at 07:36 PM

CR

“ I wish to extend to you and to members of your family my deepest sympathy on your loss. May the Lord’s loving promises comfort you and give you strength as you walk through this difficult time. On behalf of a grateful nation as an expression of appreciation for the honorable and faithful service rendered by your loved one. “Honoring Those Who Served-Ministry” –Chaplain Richard Reuer, 1206 6th St SW, Minot, ND 58701. (If you wish a personalized memorial card mailed to you with history of playing of taps, 21 gun salute, meaning of each fold of the flag as a keepsake, please email me home address to where the card be mailed. This is a free service to fallen veteran families.) "Semper Fi"



Chaplain Richard Reuer - April 19, 2012 at 04:35 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.



April 19, 2012 at 02:38 PM

NP

“ One of the most impressive people I have had the privilege to work with during more than two decades as an adult Boy Scout leader in Central Florida. Maria, Aidan and Caitlin are in my prayers, as well as in Duncan's and Marianne's.

Ned Popkins - April 19, 2012 at 02:00 PM

WK

“ I met Wally when Nene brough him to the house and My dad and I drove him and Nene to Quantico when he was going to OBC. I then traveled to Quantico with a friens after I graduated high school to see how he was doing. May God Keep you and your family well Fellow 26 year veteran. Semper Fi. Sergeant Major William Kiefer, US Army Retired

William J. Kiefer - April 19, 2012 at 01:17 PM

TM

“ Tonja M. purchased the Red, White & Blue Symp athy Standing Spray for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.



Tonja M. - April 19, 2012 at 12:58 PM



“ *Wally Maria Caitlin Edan*

Dear fellow Brother in Pi Kappa Phi you will be greatly missed. I believe God has a plan for you.

We all will say a prayer for your family that you have found peace and they can find peace that you are now in a peaceful place.

Wally was always one to find peace where there was conflict, he could always find a happy place, solice my son. We will all hope to emulate Wally O's ways.

I never saw Wally O in a bad light, I always saw him in a good light, he would always be the one to be the positive influence in my life.

Thank You Wally O for all that you have done in my life to show me there is a good light, even through the hard times.

God Bless Him for he is with you now.

Brother in Pi Kappa Phi Wayne Zediker 532

Architect

Wayne Zediker - April 19, 2012 at 10:48 AM

PM

“ *Pete and Debbie Morowski purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.*



Pete and Debbie Morowski - April 19, 2012 at 10:27 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.*



April 19, 2012 at 10:24 AM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.*



April 19, 2012 at 09:09 AM



“ *Fellow Marines purchased the Red, White & Blue Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.*



Fellow Marines - April 19, 2012 at 08:23 AM



“ *Godspeed my friend. Semper Fi! mort*

Joe Mortensen, Colonel, USMC (ret) - April 19, 2012 at 05:30 AM

BC

“ Cait, Aidan and Mrs. Augustin, you now have a loving guardian angel watching over you all. He was a great person, and always knew just how to motivate us as athletes. All my love and prayers for your family. I'm sorry I can't be there for you.

Love, Brittani

Brittani Carr - April 18, 2012 at 11:18 PM

PU

“ Pat M. Curd, CWO-3, USMC(Ret) lit a candle in memory of Walter Horst Augustin



Pat M. Curd, CWO-3, USMC(Ret) - April 18, 2012 at 05:11 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Horst Augustin.



April 18, 2012 at 04:51 PM

PS

“ Words cannot express the impact that Walt has made or the thousands of lives he has touched. Even those of us who have only known him for a short period of time recognized immediately his life long passion for people and doing the right thing. A wonderful person who will be sorely missed but forever remembered.

Phyllis Spano - April 18, 2012 at 01:19 PM