



Walter French

November 27, 1931 - May 27, 2020

Walter W. French, 88, of Ocoee, FL, formerly of Cheboygan, MI and Flint, MI, peacefully slipped the surly bonds of Earth on May 27, 2020 in Orlando, FL of natural causes.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie J. Hartwick Gellis French, his son Ty Gellis, his sister Barbara Gerholz, his stepdaughter Ava Gellis Wilson MacFarland, and stepson Robert Gellis.

He is survived by his sons Rodney W. French and Todd W. French, and his sisters Marty Cook and Jane Jacus, and stepson Randy Gellis, as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Walter was born November 27, 1931 in Flint, MI to Raymond and Elizabeth French. Walter served with distinction in the Air Force during the Korean War and will be laid to rest at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in North Mims, FL on Friday, June 5, 2020.

After leaving the service, Walter enjoyed a successful career as a construction accountant, working on many prestigious projects including the EPCOT Center and the Broadway Crown Plaza in Times Square, NYC.

In lieu of flowers, his family has asked for donations to be made to the

American Bird Conservancy at abcbirds.org.

The Family of Walter W. French invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Previous Events

Burial

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1 North

Mims, FL 32754

(321) 383-2638

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/capecanaveral.asp>

Tribute Wall

“Dad was a great provider and made sure we had a taste of everything growing up. Vacations, pets, snowmobiles, mini bikes, boats, go-karts, birthday and holiday presents, and he shared whatever he had whenever you needed it. He taught us how to fix cars and stuff around the house, skills that served all of us well throughout all of our lives, and when I was 14 he bought the family a home computer, the TRS-80 Color Computer that got me interested in computers and other electronics that now pay my bills so thank you dad! I love you and miss you! You're such a good boy!

Rodney

Rodney French - June 04, 2020 at 07:44 PM

BG

I am blessed to have called Walter my Grandfather. He was always full of life and had a great sense of humor. He always lit up the room when he saw us. He always tried to embarrass me in front of girlfriends when I was younger asking if my mustache tickled them when we kiss. And now with his great grandson it does tickle. He was always active and if we as kids wanted to do a project he jumped right up and tried his best to complete it for us. I love you and miss you! Thank you for being a big part of my life! I'll see you later Grandpa!

Brandon Gellis - June 05, 2020 at 09:53 AM

DW

To the family of Mr. Walt,

I want to express my sincerest sympathy to you. Your dad and grandfather was a Mr. Fix It. I would often see him in Tildenville, working on his latest project. My dad, Willie, would usually have his head near Mr. Walt's as they tried to "make a better mousetrap." May the fond memories you have of him bring you comfort. He will be missed.

Donetta M. Woodard - June 06, 2020 at 06:57 AM