



Walter Eugene Opaka

September 24, 1921 - April 26, 2013

Walter Eugene Opaka, 91, of Charlotte, died Friday, April 26, 2013, at the Hospice of Union County in Monroe, NC.

Walter was born in Menallen, Pennsylvania, on September 24, 1921, the son of Joseph and Mary (Setlock) Opaka. On February 5, 1942, Walter answered his country's call to service and enlisted in the United States Navy. There he learned the skills of electrical engineering, which he took on to his civilian work after an honorable discharge January 31, 1946. He married Mary Ann Coveleski and they lived in the Cleveland, Ohio, area where Walter owned the "Hollywood Bar" for a couple of years. He spent most of his career as an electrician for Carling's Black Label Brewery and most recently, for Gould Ocean Systems. Walter loved music and played in a polka band. As Mary developed Alzheimers, Walter moved them to Charlotte in 2006 to be closer to their family. On July 23, 2008, Mary preceded him in death. Walter enjoyed many things in life, including travelling and going to Las Vegas. Most of all, he counted his faith and his family amongst his most important blessings, and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Walter is survived by his daughter, Patti Giles and her husband Jim of Mint Hill, North Carolina; a grandson, Scott Giles of Mint Hill, NC; a brother, Bob Opoka and his wife Rosemary of Painesville, Ohio; and a sister, Julie Fabish of Parma Heights, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife and a son,

Robert.

Mass of Christian Burial for Walter will be held at 11 AM on Friday, May 3, 2013, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 8451 Idlewild Road, Charlotte, NC, 28227. The family will receive friends at the church for an hour before the Mass. Following the Mass, Walter will be taken in formal process to Sunset Memory Gardens, 8901 Lawyers Road, Mint Hill, NC 28227, where his earthly remains will be laid to rest next to his wife.

The family respectfully requests any donations in Walter's name be made to the Hospice of Union County, 700 West Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110.

Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home of Matthews, 4715 Margaret Wallace Rd, Matthews, NC 28105, has been given the privilege of serving Walter's family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint John Neumann Catholic Church
8451 Idlewild Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
office@4sjnc.org
<http://4sjnc.org/>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Eugene Opaka*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Walter Eugene Opaka*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *The memory I hold in my heart is from a recent visit with Uncle Walter and daughter Patti at our home in OH. My mom (his younger sister), another cousin Diane and Aunt Wanda, his sister-in-law were all sitting around the dining room table....my husband remembered how much Uncle Walter loved to play the saxophone, so he asked him if he wanted to try! Uncle said, "Sure....not sure I can, but I'll give it a try!!" And he was amazing....we all stood there in awe and with tears in our eyes as he played. He will always and forever be a special part of our family....in thought and prayers. XOXOCousin Donna*

Donna Homenko - May 03, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ *I did not personally know Mr. Opaka, but while I worked with Patti I had the pleasure of hearing his sweet voice every morning around 10:00 when he would call to check in :) Patti spoke very highly of her father, he was and always will be truly loved! My condolences go out to the family for their loss. The Heavens welcomed another angel on April 26th :) RIP Mr. Opaka
Kara*

kara - May 02, 2013 at 08:48 PM

PA

“ Dear Patti Ann , I know your heart is heavy but you believe!!! Heaven gained a sax player... Can you imagine heaven and the polka party !!! The angels are with you forever!! I love you very much. Love Patti Kay



Patti Amado - May 02, 2013 at 01:35 PM

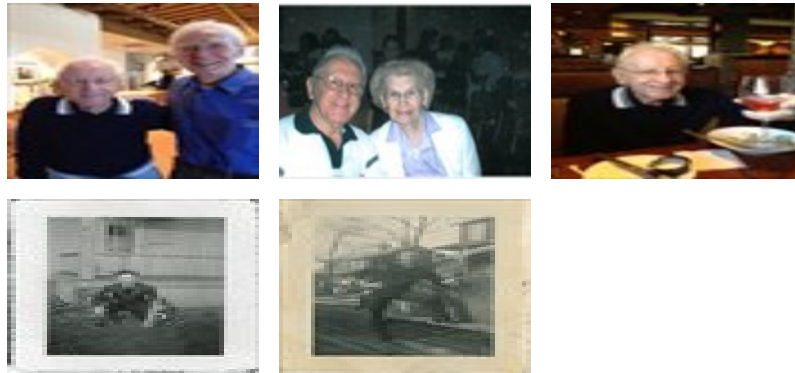
PA

I will miss you uncle Wally... I will always remember when I was a little girl and holiday times!! Waiting for the "Cleveland gang"... My uncle would play the sax and we would all polka!!! You will be the sax player in the angel band!!! Love Patti Kay

Patti Amado - May 03, 2013 at 11:47 AM



“ 41 files added to the album Video Photos



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - May 02, 2013 at 11:37 AM

SH

We are thinking about you today, and hope that you have found peace. I greatly enjoyed the picture album, and see the resemblance with Walter and Scott. Blessings to you all.

Sandi Hudson - May 03, 2013 at 05:38 AM

LG

Patti and Dad, So sorry for your loss. Hope you all are doing well. You must believe that your Dad is no longer suffering and in a better place. He is at peace. Our deepest sympathy.
Linda and Darwin

Linda Giles - May 03, 2013 at 07:35 PM