



Harold Eugene Walden Jr

October 6, 1952 - September 24, 2024

Harold (Rusty) Eugene Walden Jr., age 71, of Columbiana, AL, passed from this life on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 after a short but fierce battle with cancer. He was 12 days shy of his 72nd birthday.

Harold graduated from Shelby County High School in 1971, where he played football and gained the nickname "Rusty."

In 1972 Harold enlisted in the United States Army and served 32 years earning his commission and the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC). LTC Walden's service culminated by deploying to Camp Arifjan in Kuwait with the 377th Theater Support Command in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While deployed, LTC Walden supported coalition forces as a Theatre Communications Officer while serving within the U.S. Army Ordnance Corp.

Rusty also completed his B.S. in chemistry at the University of Montevallo, graduating in 1976. He was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity.

After college he went to work for Alabama Power, where he was employed as a chemist for 38 years before retiring in 2014.

He also completed a Masters in secondary education at Birmingham Southern in 2001.

Not one to stay idle, Rusty spent his retirement enjoying his family and many,

many hobbies which included history, thrifting, farming, gardening, and chickens. He was an enthusiastic member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Harold is preceded in death by his father Harold E. Walden Sr. He is survived by his beloved mother Joanne Walden, his children (twins!) Kelly Walden (Whitney) and Cindy Self (Fred), and grandchildren Andrew Walden, Abigail Walden, and Frances Self.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 1st from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM at Bolton Funeral Home in Columbiana, AL. A funeral service will follow at 1:15 PM at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL. Addresses listed below.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance at colorectalcaner.org. An illness that has deeply affected Harold's family, your support will help in the fight against this disease.

Thanks for fighting so hard Dad, we're still looking for that ice cream truck.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Hwy 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bolton Funeral Home
207 Hwy 47 South
PO Box 4
Columbiana, AL 35051
(205) 669-3179

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 1:15 PM (CT)

Alabama National Cemetery
3133 Hwy 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Harold we will never forget you!! You were such a kind and loving friend. Always blessed us with fresh eggs and gave with his heart to everyone* ❤️

Allen (Bo) and Charlene Barnes - October 01, 2024 at 08:05 AM

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“ *Allen (Bo) and Charlene Barnes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harold Eugene Walden Jr.*



Allen (Bo) and Charlene Barnes - October 01, 2024 at 07:54 AM

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“ *Allen (Bo) and Charlene Barnes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Eugene Walden Jr.*

Allen (Bo) and Charlene Barnes - October 01, 2024 at 07:54 AM

JG

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Harold, he was a patient, kind man.*

Jill Goldblatt - September 29, 2024 at 09:19 AM

JS

“ *Jim Sanders lit a candle in memory of Harold Walden*



Jim Sanders - September 27, 2024 at 06:17 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Morris lit a candle in memory of Harold Walden*



Kathy Morris - September 27, 2024 at 09:58 AM

FL

“ *Frenchell Lansford lit a candle in memory of Harold Walden*



Frenchell Lansford - September 26, 2024 at 07:47 PM