



James Walter Stoneham

April 6, 1932 - December 5, 2016

James Walter Stoneham passed away at age 84, surrounded by family, on December 5th in San Antonio.

Born April 6, 1932 in Dallas Texas to William Walter and Iva Stoneham. He met Dorothy Jean Daniel in 1951 and they were married in 1955. He earned a B.A. at North Texas State College in Denton and an M.A. at S.M.U.

Walter gained notoriety in San Antonio during the 1970's for his Research & Planning Council studies exposing inequity in residential property taxation – studies employed by Representative Wayne Peveto to enact his bill reforming the Texas property tax system.

From 1988 to 1997 Walter was Chief Appraiser at Bexar Appraisal District. Active in TAAD and TAAO, Walter received TAAD's Earl Luna award in 1995; TAAO established a scholarship program in Walter's name, which he enthusiastically supported.

Walter achieved the highest designation Toastmasters International offered, was active in Torch International. His passion was running with the San Antonio Roadrunners; Walter completed 33 marathons and 1 triathlon. He loved breakfast gatherings with his running buddies and the extended family members who attended even after a spinal cord injury left him handicapped

during his final years.

Special thanks go to Rev. Msgr. Michael O'Gorman, Sr. Finbarr O'Driscoll, Sr. Cabrini Foley and the late Sr. Carmel O'Callaghan of the Union of Sisters of the Presentation of Blessed Mary Virgin for all the visits with prayers, love and support throughout the years.

Walter is survived by his dearly beloved wife of 61 years, Dorothy, his children and their spouses, Liz & Douglas Keitz, Walter Jr., Daniel, and Carolyn & Archer Lawrence. Surviving grandchildren are Cory & Heather, Jamey, and Alex Keitz, and Hunter and Hope Lawrence.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, December 13th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge San Antonio TX 78230

A Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, December 14th at 10:00 am at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 700 Dewhurst Rd, San Antonio Texas 78213 with a reception to follow at Mary's House.

Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery 17501 Nacogdoches Rd, San Antonio, TX 78266 at 2 pm.

The family is asking for donations in lieu of flowers to the Union of Sisters of the Presentation of Blessed Mary Virgin Callahan Rd. Community <http://www.pbvunion.org/callaghanroad-TX.php>

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78266
(210) 651-6011

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

DEC 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
700 Dewhurst
San Antonio, TX 78213
(210) 342-0281

Graveside Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Cemetery
17501 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78266
(210) 651-6011

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I met Walter after his accident when I worked at the Texas Association of Assessing Officers 10+ years ago. I still have a thank you card that he made me on his computer hanging in my office. Knowing how hard he had to work on that card and how long it must have taken him, that card is still one of my most treasured possessions/memories. Walter was a real prince among men. My condolences to the family.

Donna Harbers - December 22, 2016 at 02:09 PM

GH

“ Walter and I met at Llano Park in Dallas, playing sandlot football. We lived within blocks of each other. Both of us had '48 Fords and had such fun driving our cars to Arlington State College. Over the years our jobs separated us 800 miles, Walter enjoyed sending and receiving jokes via email, our lifetime friendship continued. Walter had a wonderful photographic and brilliant mind. What a beautiful witness for a human involving hardship, courage and success. My God Bless, Walter rest in peace my friend.

Glenn E. Hutchison

Glenn Hutchison - December 17, 2016 at 02:22 PM

DS

You and Sue have always been special friends. I have many memories from our days in Dallas.

Dorothy Stoneham - December 22, 2016 at 12:37 PM

FF

“ From your Lifetouch Friends purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Walter Stoneham.



From your Lifetouch Friends - December 12, 2016 at 04:50 PM

FB

“ *Unknowing, I shared Walter's last long run (Saturday prior to his accident) and the stories of retirement, upcoming position at UTSA, and the excitement of working on completing his book. More importantly, I have had the everlasting example of how a caring, sharing, and a true gentleman should live their life. Thanks for the model, Walter.*

Frank Bush

Frank Bush - December 09, 2016 at 12:09 PM

JG

“ *Joseph Guider purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Walter Stoneham.*



Joseph Guider - December 08, 2016 at 05:50 PM

TO

“ *Texas Association of Assessing Officers purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James Walter Stoneham.*



Texas Association of Assessing Officers - December 08,
2016 at 04:34 PM