



Walter Flynn Buell

April 15, 1940 - October 11, 2021

Walter Flynn Buell, MD, 81, passed away peacefully to life eternal with his Lord, surrounded by his family, on Monday, October 11, 2021, after a lengthy illness. He was the 3rd known Neurologist to start a practice in San Antonio. Born in Austin, Texas to Ruth Flynn and Ralph Lewin Buell, Walter graduated from Austin High School in 1957, UT Austin, and UTMB Galveston, MD, MA. In high school, he started dating his devoted wife, Elizabeth Rude.

As a young teen, he learned the value of working hard at the Ragsdale Airport. Learning to fly was a nice bonus. Walter also studied at the National University of Mexico, University of Washington, Massachusetts General Hospital, and as a Medical Intern at the University of Pittsburgh. He served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer, Lt., USPHS, CDC Illinois. As a Neurology resident at Washington University in St. Louis, he worked tirelessly at Barnes Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Hospital.

Dr. Buell, with his partner, started The Neurology Clinic of San Antonio. In addition, Dr. Buell taught as a Clinical Professor of Neurology at the UT Health Science Center SA. During this time, he studied at Queen Square, London, considered the birthplace of Neurology. After 26 years in practice, he retired to Austin and worked for TXDARS in the Disabilities area.

Walter was a member of Nu Sigma Nu Medical Fraternity; a medical staff

officer and served as President of Santa Rosa Hospital SA; a founding member and President of the Texas Neurological Society, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. He attended House of Prayer SA, Concordia Lutheran Church SA, and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Austin and served on the Health Committee.

Preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Sydney Buell, and Ralph Lewin Buell, Jr., he is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Elizabeth; his children, Jeffrey E. Buell (Melinda), Robert J. Buell (Veenu); his grandchildren, Reagan Buell, Rhett Buell, Isabella Buell. Also, relatives Franklin Rude (Phillis), Eleanor Kreneck (Lynwood), Joe Rude (Carolyn) and their families, Buell nieces and nephews, and many good friends. Special thanks to his aides Jessica, Anita, Corey, and hospice nurse, April for exceptional care.

Walter valued his family and enjoyed traveling with them. Favorite adventures took them to Europe, Chile, Colorado, and Alaska. He enjoyed watching his sons play water polo, and always looked forward to his grandchildren's activities. He loved the Texas Longhorns, attending UT football games, and raising his Hook 'Em Horns. The family will cherish these special times with him. His dry sense of humor and quick intelligent wit will be missed. Live long and prosper.

Visitation is on Monday, October 25, 2021, and a memorial service following at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Bill Tucker officiating. Private burial will precede visitation. Live streaming at Concordia.cc

Memorials in Walter's honor may be made to: the Buell Endowed Scholarship UTRGV for Pharr/San Juan students, Give.UTRGV.edu (other), UTMB Galveston, any Alzheimer's research organizations.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Concordia Lutheran Church
16801 Huebner Road
San Antonio, TX 78258

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

EK

“ *Walter has been a much loved part of our family gatherings for so many years. All of us will miss his presence.*
Ellie and Lynwood Kreneck

Eleanor Rude Kreneck - October 25, 2021 at 11:28 AM

MF

“ *Mac and Liz have fond memories of playing "very competitive" tennis doubles with Walter and Liz. Also remember the delightful visits on the lake.*
Mac and Liz Faulkner

Mac and Liz Faulkner - October 23, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Flynn Buell.*



October 22, 2021 at 05:50 PM

RC

“ *Although Walter and I were not the closest of friends I always liked him. I always made it a point to look him up at our many class reunions. Rest is peace, Walter. Job well done.*

Rankin Chapman - October 22, 2021 at 12:22 PM

BM

“ Elizabeth and family:
I was sorry to see Walters passing, but sure it was a blessing if he had been suffering. I fondly remember of the two of us being childhood friends and then seeing each other as adults and fellow professionals.
Hopefully I will get to talk to you at one of our reunion/lunches in the future.
Billy McCaleb.

Billy McCaleb - October 22, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RR

“ My father had Parkinson’s Disease. Dr. Buell cared for him in his last years. Dr. Buell was instrumental in helping my father obtain a cutting edge drug at an affordable price from Canada. That drug had not yet been approved in the United States. It was a godsend for my father. Dr. Buell is not forgotten. And I know his dearest family and friends will always keep him in their hearts. May good memories comfort each of you in this great loss. Ronnie Ruth Retzloff

Ronnie Ruth Retzloff - October 20, 2021 at 08:28 PM

JM

“ Jeff, with a heavy heart I want to send a hug. Your Father was a wonderful man and gone too soon. Your parents were married the same 58 years as mine. Thank God for everyone your father touched in his accomplished life...
We needed them when my first responder Dad passed from brain cancer.
Your family had a wonderful father.
best, Jo Mowdy

jo mowdy - October 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM