



Walter Klingman

March 1, 1938 - February 25, 2021

Walter Klingman passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on February 25, 2021 at the age of 82. Walter was born on March 1, 1938 to Walter O. and Anne Minor Klingman in New York City, NY., and was raised in Charlottesville, VA. After graduating from Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA in 1956, he went on to study History at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, graduating in 1961. While at UVA, he was a member of the UVA soccer team (holding the record for the most assists for some time), the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and Eli Banana.

After graduation, Walter enlisted in the US Army in October 1961. After basic training in Fort Jackson, SC., he was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and then served a tour in Korea as a medic. While in San Antonio, Walter reunited with Skip Rutherford, a friend from EHS, to play in the local soccer league. Skip invited Walter home for dinner one evening where Walter met Skip's sister, Mary "Austin" Rutherford. He married Austin on September 5, 1964 in San Antonio, Texas. The rest is history!

Walter enjoyed a long career in oil & gas refinery management, beginning in Ponca City, OK., with Conoco and ending when he retired from Valero Corporation in the late 90's. He made many wonderful friends over his long career.

After living in Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi, Austin & Walter chose to retire in Boerne, Texas in 1995, building a lovely home on a property they called Creekside. They raised miniature horses, had chickens and a beautiful big vegetable garden. Many lovely family memories were made here, including many Christmases, fishing, as well as Camp Creekside.

Walter was the kindest, most caring Christian man. He would help anyone who needed it, and offered grace and love to everyone. He touched many lives with his generosity. He was a passionate volunteer for Constructores Para Cristo through St. Helena's Episcopal Church and participated in the Praise & Worship Band. He had a special calling to mentor middle school youth individually and at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, where he also served as an amazing ski trip chaperone. They are current members of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Boerne.

Walter's most loved hobby was fly fishing, especially around Crested Butte, CO. As a child, he spent many summer days fishing there. He learned to be stealthy while fishing and his fish tales were tall. He shared his biggest secret to fly fishing with everyone... dynamite and a dip net. Walter, along with several close friends and family members (mostly the boys of the family) have enjoyed numerous yearly trips to Quarter Circle Circle Ranch, near Gunnison, CO. Time at the ranch included roughing it with no power or running water, outdoor showers and outhouses. The ranch visits also featured wonderful music, fishing, food and fellowship, including enjoying a concert there by Michael Martin Murphy. In addition, Walter taught all of us to love the fly fishing sport and along with our favorite fishing guide, Travis, showed us all the good fishing holes around Crested Butte. We adore these memories and our times together.

Walter loved music (old country and praise music were his favorites) and he played many instruments, including the guitar, mandolin, and harmonica. He

played in several bands over the years and loved to attend the annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, Texas.

Walter loved to garden, and took care of many yards. He loved his daily red wine in his Biltmore Estate glass and enjoyed the art of making it as well. He won best peach wine one year! Walter enjoyed attending the Terlingua Chili Cookoff in Big Bend annually with a group of dear friends where he was the designated chef and “judge” in the chili contest. He was a master griller, famous for his Sunday fajita nights in the 80’s, when his daughter’s friends would conveniently show up right before dinner, knowing they would be welcomed to stay. He also cooked a mean burger and steak.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Walter O. Klingman, Anne Minor Klingman and his sister, Natalie Klingman Allen.

Walter is survived by his wife of 56 years, Austin; his favorite daughter, Mary Austin and son-in-law, John Cox, grandchildren Rachel Austin and Stephen Robert Harlow; his favorite daughter, Perry Anne and son-in-law, Harold Bone, grandchildren William Austin, Joshua Bryan, Charles Thomas, and James Perry Bone; and his favorite daughter, Stacey Minor and son-in-law Robert Browning, grandchildren Macie Elizabeth, Holley Paige, Walter Scott, Allison Brooke, and Brandon Beau Browning. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jackie Beretta and her husband, Ben Rodriguez, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

The entire family extends our heartfelt thanks to Embrace Hospice, especially Stacy, Rebecca and Becky, for covering Walter and our family in the arms of your care, guidance and love. Finally, we are so very thankful for Precious from Family Tree in Home Care who cared for and loved Walter daily along with our family.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life service on Friday, March 19th at 10:00 am at Trinity Presbyterian Church located at 31 Ammann Rd, Boerne, TX 78015 followed by interment services at Mission Park North located at 20900 IH-10 West, San Antonio, TX 78257..

We welcome you to join us with the appropriate Covid 19 precautions: we ask that masks be worn and safe distance be maintained to protect each other. If you are uncomfortable joining in person, the service will be live streamed through the church website at www.trinityboerne.org.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of San Antonio, Texas, 7400 Louis Pasteur Dr., #200, SA, TX 78229; Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center, 439 Fabra Street, Boerne, TX 78006; or Trinity Presbyterian Church, 31 Ammann Rd, Boerne, TX 78015.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Presbyterian Church
31 Ammann Rd
Boerne, TX 78015

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter was one of those rare people who professed to be a Christian and actually walked the talk. He made St Marks a truly Godly place*

David Correll - January 22, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter Klingman.*



March 19, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Klingman.*



March 18, 2021 at 10:46 AM

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“ *I miss you Daddy. Two weeks without you ... I love you BIG*



Stacey Browning - March 12, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Klingman.*



March 09, 2021 at 05:04 PM

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perry bone - March 06, 2021 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Probably the one time I caught a bigger fish than Dad!*



perry bone - March 05, 2021 at 08:56 PM

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Perry Bone - March 05, 2021 at 08:47 PM

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