



## SMSgt. Walter Wilfred Werland (USAF, Ret.)

January 12, 1935 - August 23, 2025

Walter W. Werland passed away on August 23, 2025 at his residence in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on January 12, 1935 in San Antonio, to Walter H. Werland and Elizabeth Keller Werland. Mr. Werland was preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife, Clara Werland; sister, Barbara Coen; brother, Francis James Werland; step children, Rosalie Dean and Martin Puente. He is survived by his daughters, Debra Puente and Evelyn Garcia (husband James); son, Wendel Werland (wife Monica); sister, Mary Elizabeth Pearson; grandchildren, Brittany Welch (husband Blake), Lauren Dean, Tyler Werland (wife Ryan), Madison Werland, Christian and Nicholas Garcia; great-grandchildren, Baylen and Sawyer Welch and numerous nieces and nephews.

Walter graduated from Central Catholic HS in 1951. He attended SAC and St. Mary's University. He enlisted in the US Air Force Reserves in 1953. He was a flight engineer for the 433rd Tactical Airlift Wing. He flew C-130's until they were phased out in 1985, then became part of the first squadron to train and fly the C-5M. He retired in 1991 as a Senior Master Sergeant. He married Clara, the love of his life in 1965. They were happily married until her death in 2016. Walter was very active in St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, where he served as a Eucharist Minister and usher. He was an active member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys, even in the hard years! He had a passion for fishing. He

enjoyed taking an annual fishing trip to the coast with his brother James and son Wendel. Walter spent his final years in the loving care of his daughter Evelyn and family.

## SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 5:00pm-8:00pm, with a Rosary at 6:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A procession will depart the funeral home chapel on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 9:30am, with a 10:00am Funeral Mass celebrated at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **Holy Cross Cemetery**

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Adrian Brown. I have known Walter for over 50 years. We were aircrew members together in the 433rd Airlift Wing. He was also my hunting buddy. I will miss my old buddy, but I know he is in heaven now with his lovely wife Clara. He was one of the best friends and best men I have ever known. God bless you Walt.

Adrian - September 16, 2025 at 07:14 PM

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“ Your KDO Sisters purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of SMSgt. Walter Wilfred Werland (USAF, Ret.).



Your KDO Sisters - September 15, 2025 at 08:38 PM

AM

“ Abel and Amy Martinez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of SMSgt. Walter Wilfred Werland (USAF, Ret.).



Abel and Amy Martinez - August 29, 2025 at 02:09 PM