



## Walter A. Miles

November 28, 2019

Walter A. Miles, 94, of Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA., formerly of St. Mary's County, Maryland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at The Glen at Willow Valley. Born in Princess Anne, Maryland, he was the husband of the late Elizabeth Woollen Miles who died in 1999. He was the son of the late Alfred S. Miles and Louise Powell Miles Henderson.

Mr. Miles was a graduate of Salisbury State Teacher's College. He was employed as a Sanitarian for the Maryland State Department of Health for thirty years, retiring in 1977.

He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during WWII aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid. He was a former member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Leonardtown, MD. Among his hobbies and interests were playing bridge and golfing.

Surviving are a son, Walter A., Jr., husband of Dr. Sholey Argani, Tacoma Park, MD, a daughter, Eleanor Miles, Ormond Beach, FL, two grandchildren, Zahra and Hanan Miles, a brother, Carroll, husband of Mary Henderson, Hanover, PA, a sister, Margaret Cullins, Silver Spring, MD, and a sister-in-law, June Miles, Salisbury, MD. He was preceded in death by a brother, George Miles.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Walter's Gathering of Friends reception at The Manor Club, 211 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 6:00-7:00 P.M. Interment will be held in the St. James Episcopal Church Memorial Garden in Lothian, MD on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. with The Rev. John Keydel officiating.

Kindly omit flowers. If desired memorial contributions may be sent to St. James Episcopal Church, 5757 Solomon's Island Road, Lothian, Maryland 20711.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church Memorial Garden  
Lothian, MD

## Remembrance Gathering

DEC 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manor at Willow Valley Communities  
211 Willow Valley Square  
Lancaster, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter A. Miles*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - December 13, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *Walter A. Miles*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

RB

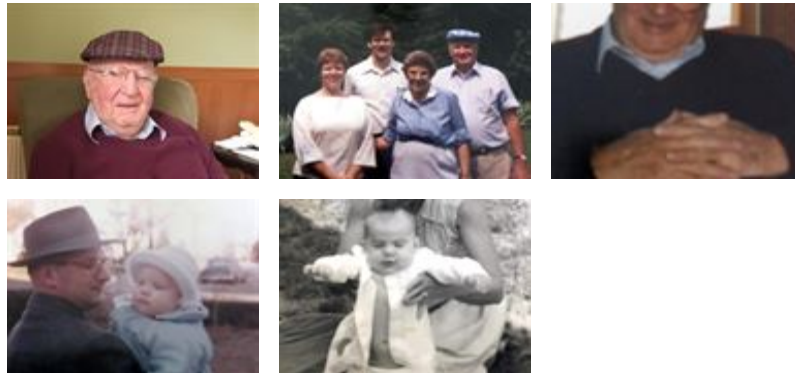
“ I met Walter when I went with my friend, Eleanor, to see her dad while he was golfing in Georgia. I still remember how uplifted I felt by Walter. He was so jovial and kind. I felt enveloped in a big, warm hug of caring and generosity by his energy and personality. I got to see Walter again 3 years ago when I traveled with Eleanor to see him in Lancaster. I watched him greet everyone and everything with gratitude. I witnessed how gracious he was to staff where he lived and could see they highly regarded and appreciated him. I saw the love he had for Eleanor in his eyes when he looked at her - and the love he had for all his family in his face when he looked at pictures of them. The goodness of who he was radiated out of him.  
My heartfelt sympathy to Walter's family and friends.  
May your memories and love bring you comfort and peace.  
Rose van der Berg

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**Rose van der Berg** - December 14, 2019 at 06:27 PM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - December 13, 2019 at 01:12 PM



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - December 09, 2019 at 04:35 PM

SW

“ *Walter, Dibby & Aggie Wee would regularly visit with my grandmother, Elizabeth Anne (Parran) Wilson in Calvert County, MD. My sister Janie and I were only children at the time, but each visit we felt as though they all were truly interested in us and our activities. They would say how much we had grown and ask which one is Janie & which one is Sally. We would playfully say we were the other sister and they would always laugh and let us think we fooled them!*

*Many years later, Walter introduced my mother Mary Jane (Wilson) Martin and her husband Hugh Martin to the Willow Valley Retirement Community. Walter's recommendation was all they needed. They joined the community and had many wonderful visits with Walter throughout the years.*

*I would visit annually, starting in 2009. Walter helped me navigate the community's transportation system and several times he drove me to the local hotel in a snow storm (I was not allowed to stay overnight with Mom in Assisted Living or the Memory Unit).*

*Walter was a very kind and very generous man. I always enjoyed our visits, from early childhood through adulthood. He was truly an angel on earth, and now an angel in heaven ! I will miss him !!*

*Sally (Sara) Wilson*

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**Sara Wilson** - December 03, 2019 at 03:55 PM

LM

“ Dear Family and Friends of Walter,  
My deepest sympathies. May you find comfort  
in the love you share.



*I didn't have the joy of a lot of time with Walter, however I've heard many stories from Eleanor about his gratitude, kindness, and generosity. Eleanor and I traveled to see Walter at one of his golfing vacation spots in GA. While entering the island, mesmerized by beauty and chatting away, I got a ticket for speeding. After a delicious lunch and delightful visit, I became the recipient of Walter's gratitude, kindness and generosity. He couldn't thank me enough for traveling with his daughter to see him. Before pulling away to head back to FL, Walter reached into his pocket and handed me \$100 bill to pay for my speeding ticket. I was totally taken aback by his generosity and deeply touched. He was insistent upon me accepting his gift and Eleanor gave me the signal to simply accept it and then as we drove away shared with me, "My father is and always has been a very generous man." I am quite sure the gratitude, kindness and generosity you've shown will live on in those of us you have deeply touched. Rest in Peace.*

*Laurie Moran*

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**Laurie Moran** - December 03, 2019 at 07:36 AM

JH

“ My life has been made better because of Walter. What a gift I've received by being able to hang out with my hero, teacher, and friend. He will be greatly missed. We had many talks about The Old H P, love and tolerance. It won't be like coming from Walter, but I'll do my best to pass on the wisdom and messages that he passed on to us. "Those who live in the Lord will never meet for the last time". See you later Walter. Love and Prayers Always . joe halpin

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**joe halpin** - November 30, 2019 at 01:32 PM

GB

“ Lost a good friend this Thanksgiving...a greatful [sic] man who stayed right-sized in his 48 years of living a life of love & service...I will miss him greatly...and so very glad I had the privilege to know & love him...love that picture! xxxooo

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**Gwendolyn Bowers** - November 30, 2019 at 10:33 AM

CW

“ Walter was such a big personality and his presence in my world will be missed. I knew him at least 30 years...first as a a jovial greeter. Wonderful handshake that evolved into a big hug. Even when he didn't know my name...he was quick with a sweetheart....and a....bless your heart. I was also blessed to be his nurse a few years. What a patient, considerate and easy going person. In tears today... but, I believe he'll be there to greet me again one day. I pray comfort and blessings over your family. Please know how many people loved your Dad.

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**Cathy Weaver** - November 30, 2019 at 07:16 AM