



Walter V. Pype

January 6, 2025

Walter Pype, age 81, passed away at home surrounded by his family on January 6, 2025, following a prolonged illness.

Born in the Spring of 1943, in Beselare, Belgium, Walter was the son of Anna Dussesoy and Gerard Pype. He graduated in 1965 from the Vrij Technische Instituut in Leuven, earning a degree in mechanical engineering.

Walter dedicated 44 years of his career to Sperry New Holland, which later became CNH Industrial. Throughout his tenure, he took on many different roles, primarily focusing on the research and development of harvesters. His professional journey, shared with Willianne Vandevivere, his wife of 56 years, took them around the globe. They lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Curitiba, Brazil, before returning to Lancaster to raise their two sons, Mikel and Steve.

Even after officially retiring from CNH, Walter continued to share his knowledge as an industry consultant, frequently traveling to Harbin, China, to lend his expertise.

Known for his captivating storytelling, Walter often shared tales of his adventures from around the world. He would frequently lend his quick wit and humor to any conversation. Walter cherished time spent with family, friends,

and his beloved dog, Frietje. A passionate sports enthusiast, Walter enjoyed watching cycling, F-1 racing, and soccer. He also loved gardening, opera music, and fine spirits.

Walter is preceded in death by his parents, Anna Dussesoy and Gerard Pype; his sister, Esther (Ghislain Blancke); and his two brothers-in-law, Walter Verhelle (Georgette) and Robert Barra (Maria).

He is survived by his loving spouse, Willianne; two sons, Mikel (Lucinda) and Steve (Lauren); five grandchildren, Katrina, Lily, Autumn, Mackenzie, and Cameron; two sisters, Georgette (Walter Verhelle) and Maria (Robert Barra); two brothers-in-law, Ghislain Blancke (Esther) and Willy Vandevivere (Agnes Vanwildemeersch); and sister-in-law, Marleen Vandevivere, and partner, Patrick Gerardi.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Hospice & Community Care for their compassionate support during this difficult time.

Tribute Wall

PG

“ Dear family,
my sincere condolences on the passing of Walter.
I have many good memories of Walter. Both in NA, Curitiba and
Harbin. His passing is a great loss, both professionally and
humanly.

Walter, thank you for your trust and your collegiality! I'm glad to
have known you!

Paul Gheeraert

Paul Gheeraert - February 17, 2025 at 05:10 PM

SP

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Steve Pype - January 30, 2025 at 09:55 PM

LD

“ Dear Willianne, family and friends

Dear Walter,

We will always remember and thank you for the countless special moments we've shared:

For making us feel at home in Lancaster, with your warmth and hospitality. For your support during David's shared travels from Lancaster to Mt. Joy in Iowa. For the unforgettable trip to New York City, complete with dinner at the Manhattan rooftop restaurant "The View" and the magical experience of watching Mamma Mia! on Broadway. We'll cherish those memories and the pictures we'll email to you. For hosting me, Leen, and Ella during our US Friends trip in 2015. We thoroughly enjoyed Walter's BBQ dinner with Black Angus, Belgian endive and fries—it was such a treat! For proudly showing off your mancave and sharing your love of Grand Slam tennis with us. For the wonderful time we had together at our home in Belgium. For the lovely breakfast we shared with your complete family at the Crowne Plaza in Bruges with our three girls. And for all the other special events and moments—too numerous to list but equally cherished.

We will miss you dearly. Thank you for everything, and know that you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

With love,

Ella, Anna, Nora, Leen and David

D'hondt- Strubbe

Leen & David - January 21, 2025 at 03:24 PM

AN

“ William and children, my sincere condolences on the passing of Walter.
I have always experienced working with Walter as a privilege. His collegiality, drive, but especially his perspective, combined with a nice dose of humor, made work even more fun. Many good memories. Now, unfortunately, they have truly become memories. Thanks Walter.

AD Naaktgeboren

AD Naaktgeboren - January 21, 2025 at 01:00 PM

JV

“ I have had the opportunity to work together with Walter for many years. It was always a joy. Walter was always a friend. Sincere condolences from me and my wife who also had the opportunity to work with him. We will for sure miss him.

Jean-Pierre Vandendriessche & Liesbeth Longueville

Jean-Pierre Vandendriessche - January 21, 2025 at 04:45 AM

MA

“ Sincere condolences to the Pype family on this great loss.
My brother-in-law, Walter was an intelligent and hard-working man.
We will always remember him as someone who enjoyed life
We will miss you

Marleen, Patrick, Giulio, Silvio

Marleen - January 20, 2025 at 01:58 PM

TC

“ My heartfelt condolences to Walter’s family. Walter and I worked together for many years in New Holland PA. I considered him a close friend and a very credible business colleague. He was a people person who was a bridge for various teams and cultures to find ways to work together for mutual success. He always maintained a positive attitude and had an infectious laugh. I’m sure all who knew him will miss him as will I. God bless you Walter.
Toni Collick

Toni Collick - January 20, 2025 at 11:10 AM

RV

“ Uncle Walter was a wonderful man and we will really miss him. Lots of great memories with him for hours he could tell about his work and the traveling around. It was always very fascinating to listen to. One word I will never forget is when he said "Excellent!" He could enjoy life so much. He was one of a kind.
Rust zacht nonkeltje.

Renee Vanhessche - January 20, 2025 at 03:48 AM

MB

“ I had the privilege of working alongside Walter for several decades. Throughout his career, he was not only a respected leader and an excellent colleague, but also a cherished friend. Walter was a loyal employee who dedicated himself to our company, demonstrating remarkable generosity in his efforts, combined with smart problem-solving.

Though he spoke modestly of his achievements, he took justifiable pride in his accomplishments. Walter consistently fostered a positive environment for his team, always concealing his concerns and showing respect for every employee.

More than just a leader and colleague, we remember him as a true friend. We deeply appreciated his company, his warm hospitality, and his wonderful sense of humor. Walter will always hold a special place in our hearts and memories.

Marc Bomberna

Marc Bomberna - January 20, 2025 at 01:50 AM

FD

“ I have had the opportunity to work with and for Walter. I learnt a lot from him especially how to combine making fun and enjoying while working hard. Even when he was retired and living far away from my home, I was regularly in touch with him. I will miss the conversations we have had when I was in New Holland for a business trip.

Walter was more than a colleague and friend for me. We will miss you.

FRANK DUQUESNE - January 20, 2025 at 12:57 AM

SS

“ I have fond memories of our shared time in Curitiba back in the 1970's. My sympathy to you Willianne and your sons and their families.

Suzanne Schaudel - January 19, 2025 at 06:08 PM

MJ

“ William,
Mijn medeleven bij het verlies van Walter.
Walter heeft zeer veel betekend in mijn leven.
Hij leerde me mijn weg te vinden in een
complexe firma, hij heeft mij hogerop
gelanceerd .
Maar bovenal heeft hij me veel bijgebracht op menselijk vlak.
Dankbaar ook het bezoek aan de Foz de Iguazu in 2005, samen
met jullie en mijn vrouw Sonja.
Walter verdient voor mij de hemel !
Een dankbare Marc Jonckheere



Marc Jonckheere - January 19, 2025 at 04:42 PM

SL

“ My condolences to the Pype family. It was a pleasure to know and work with Walter.

Steve Lee

Steve Lee - January 19, 2025 at 12:52 PM

JS

“Walter is one of the best neighbors anyone could ask for. Always a willing hand to help and offer one of his perfect tools for the situation at hand. Mary and I were so fortunate to live next to Walter and Williane for 32 years. His stories were so fascinating and always a sharing of friendly spirits when the occasions called for celebration. Our hugging and dancing with one of his big Oak trees in his front yard during one of these over-the-top encounters remains at the top of our memory bank. A life well lived; you will be missed! Jim & Mary Shreiner

James Shreiner - January 19, 2025 at 11:55 AM

GN

“Williane, so sorry to hear about Walter. I always enjoyed our visits and conversations. I'm sure he will be missed.

Greg Nauman

Greg Nauman - January 14, 2025 at 09:05 AM