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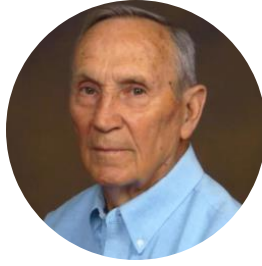
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Walter "Turk" J. Godwin age 91 of Georgetown, DE passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2023. He was born in Pottstown, PA on September 21, 1932, son of the late Horace and Margaret (Quinter) Godwin.

Turk graduated from Georgetown High School, class of 1950. He was a firm believer of education. With little money in the family, he hitchhiked to Tennessee, where he heard Milligan College was offering football scholarships. However, upon arrival he found out they had all been given so he hitchhiked back home.

Turk was met by a member of the faculty and was given a scholarship to cover his first semester at the University of DE. By working part time and getting another scholarship, he was able to complete 2 years of college on December 21st. Turk then applied for aviation cadet school and was accepted, graduating in 1954 as a 1st Lt. While home on leave, he met his future wife, Joan, and they married in 1957. While in the Air Force, he was sent to Mississippi Southern College where he finally received his college degree. Turk then went to complete 21 years with the Air Force, retiring as Lt. Col. with over 500 hours of flying time.

After retirement, he returned to Delaware, where he worked as a real estate broker until he was appointed a judge in the district court.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Karyn, and nine siblings: Earl, Edwin, James, Robert, Albert, Anna, William, Betty, and Kate. Turk is survived by his loving wife Joan Godwin; his son, David (Sandy); his grandchildren: Dana (Jose), and Daniel; his great grandchildren: Elizabeth, Collin, Alaina, and Chloe; and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Dodd-Carey Chapel, Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 307 N. Bedford Street, Georgetown, D, where friends and family may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.



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Interment with military honors will follow at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 16669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966..

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024, TO OUR GEORGETOWN LOCATION.



Events

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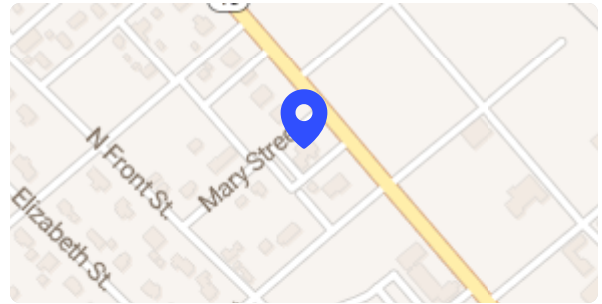
Visitation

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Dodd-Carey Chapel

307 North Bedford Street, Georgetown DE



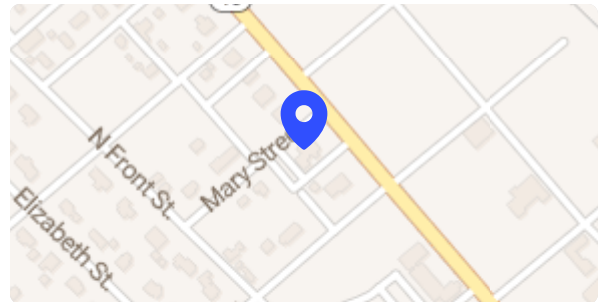
Memorial Service

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium

307 N Bedford St, Georgetown DE 19947-1151



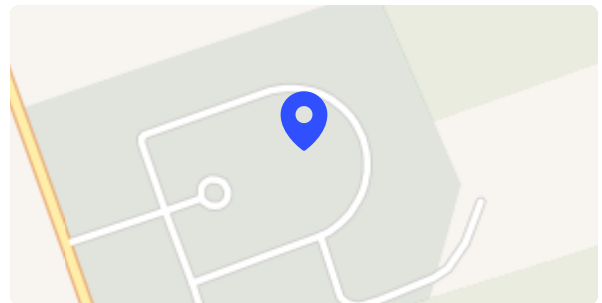
Interment

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery

26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





Tribute Wall

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EM

Emilie posted:

Sorry for just seeing this now- I was next door neighbors to this wonderful family back in the late 60's and early 70's in Camp Springs MD- fond memories of them all! Keep the memories alive and close to your hearts for comfort Emilie (Baglin) Crosser

January 9 at 10:39 AM

KH

Ken H posted:

I looked forward to seeing Turk every Wednesday when he would come to the Legion to play bridge. He'd have a cup of black coffee and enjoy the bridge club. He was always pleasant and had an air about him that just let you know he was someone very special. In reading the thoughts below I've come to understand just a bit of how special. The world is clearly a better place because of him and his legacy that lives on. I am honored to have served him.

January 9 at 6:54 AM

PH

Pamela Hughes lit a candle in honor of Walter.

Uncle Turk is the best man to have ever lived. He was always happy. Always making you laugh. We would play board games together, and he was so smart. He knew so much about so many things. He had the patience of a saint. I love him so much. I am going to miss him. The world is worse with out him in it. My love and prayers are with his family. I am so truly sorry for your loss.



January 8 at 11:04 AM

DG

Dana Godwin lit a candle in honor of Walter.



January 7 at 8:45 AM

DG

Dana Godwin posted:

Turk's grand daughter is and always will be the best title I will ever carry. To know him was to love him is an understatement. I don't even think you had to know him personally to realize the man he was. Life without him will be difficult but as long as he is in my memory and in my heart I know I can accomplish anything life has in store for me. I have too many memories to share. I love you Poppop. Always and forever.

January 5 at 5:15 PM



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JS

John Sosnoski posted:

Condolences to Joan and Turk's family. I didn't know Turk long, but he left a lasting impression with me. He taught me the "suicide bid" in bridge. Rest in Peace.

January 5 at 3:58 PM

WG

Warren Golde sent an Enduring Grace to the Godwin family.



January 5 at 5:37 AM

WG

Warren Golde planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Walter.



January 5 at 5:37 AM

MH

Margot Helferd posted:

Turk and Joan made our living in Maryland a happier time. They included us in their family as we did with them. May Turk be reunited with Karyn in the heaven they will share. We are planting a tree in Israel in Turk's memory. Lynn and Maggie Helferd

January 4 at 5:51 PM

LL

Lynn Lester posted:

Joan — our sincerest condolences on the loss of Turk. We remember him fondly along with many wonderful memories.

January 4 at 4:58 PM



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Debra Cahall posted:

So enjoyed working with (as I knew and called him) Judge Godwin. Worked with him from his day of hiring until he retired He was always willing to lend a hand whenever needed. He initiated a luncheon we held in month of September to honor the clerks at JP Court #3. His birthday was September 21st so I think that was another reason to have the luncheon. I always felt appreciated by him. He held his age so well until recently. We all marveled at what he accomplished at his "age". He so loved Joanie and family. Hugs to all.

January 4 at 12:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Godwin family.



January 4 at 8:00 AM



The Blackburn Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Walter.



January 4 at 8:00 AM



Patti Abbott posted:

Extra big hugs and extra love to Mrs. G. and my second family! No one could tell a joke or a story like Mr. G.! I will miss hearing the "horseshoe crab story" that he told about me whenever we got together...but I know they will be laughing a more in heaven, playing more bridge and cribbage. I find comfort in knowing that Mr. G. and Karyn are together. RIP ---Patti A.

January 4 at 6:29 AM



Rich posted:

My sincerest condolences 🌻 to the family. May god look over you all during this difficult time. 😞

Rich & Ayanna Rivera Wilmington, DE

January 4 at 3:15 AM



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GD

George Dellinger posted:

Humble, friendly, and oh so proud of his military career, his post-military achievements, his uncanny passion for bidding and playing No Trump, and his joy in sharing each day with Joan. What an honor it has been to be at your table. / George

January 3 at 8:15 PM

JC

Judith C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Walter.



January 3 at 4:53 PM

JC

Judith Carpenter posted:

"Turk" was an invaluable member of our bridge group.....always willing to help set up tables and anything else that was needed. When he assumed responsibility for moving the boards after each game, they were, for the first time, moved properly. And for a short spell, I had him as a partner, and he was wonderful. Good bridge player, non judgmental, fun to be with. Judy C.

January 3 at 4:36 PM

MC

Mollie C. sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Godwin family.



January 3 at 2:17 PM

MC

Mollie C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Walter.



January 3 at 2:17 PM



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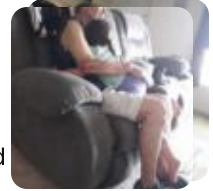
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Elizabeth Godwin shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Now he told a story for three years straight. Poppop came to babysit myself and Alaina. He went in the kitchen to heat up his coffee. Alaina being the monkey she is climbing onto the counter then the stove. Trying to help her poppop. She ended up tripping and falling. Luckily poppop caught her before she fully fell. He told this story for three years- and these pictures were taken on that day



January 3 at 11:22 AM



Elizabeth Godwin lit a candle in honor of Walter.

I will always remember the 50¢ tables at our yard sales, spending time with him at his and nannys house and hearing a train and rushing out of the house and driving to watch it, and him always promising to take me to Disney with all the money i made at yardsales....I love you poppop



January 3 at 10:53 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Walter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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