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Walter Weldon Brittingham, Jr. Former City Commissioner

Walter Weldon Brittingham, Jr., 82, of Rehoboth Beach, passed away on January 27th, 2026 at AccentCare Hospice - Newark.

Walter was born in Brooklyn, NY on January 6th, 1944, to Weldon and Betty Brittingham. His childhood started in Lewes, later moving to Rehoboth Beach. He graduated from Rehoboth High School in 1962, and attended college at Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Ga. He later entered the U.S. Army, serving in Germany. Upon discharge, he returned to Delaware and worked in several family businesses, including Lewes Dairy Markets.

Walter was part of Mid-Atlantic Industrial and AVC, Inc. with friends Joe Wastler and Leonard Tylecki. Walter served the City of Rehoboth Beach as a City Commissioner, and was a proud life member of the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company, holding many positions throughout the years.

Walter was preceded in death by his mother Elizabeth "Betty" Brittingham, father Walter Weldon Brittingham, Sr., brother Henry "Hank" Brittingham, and spouse Joan B. Walker-Brittingham.

He is survived by his son, Andrew Brittingham (Ryan) of Rehoboth Beach and Wilmington; sister Suzanne Cowdery (John) of Iowa City, IA and Rehoboth Beach; and close friend Susan W. Smith of Rehoboth Beach.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life and Final Alarm on Saturday, February 21st at 12:00pm at Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company Station 1, 219 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach.



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Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, Walt's family suggests donations to Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company, 219 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971; and the AccentCare Hospice Foundation, 220 Continental Drive, Suite 407, Newark DE 19713.

Please sign the tribute wall at this site.



Tribute Wall

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AP

Amy J. Reed Parker lit a candle in honor of Walter.

I can remember as a little kid going in the Lewes Dairy in Rehoboth Beach & seeing Walter working there in his family's business. He was a young man & me a kid- I was intrigued by his size, he seemed huge (tall) to me. He was always nice, polite, & helpful. Over the years Walter had his hand on the pulse of all things Rehoboth Beach. And wrote many a Letter to the Editor. Sometimes you agreed, sometimes you didn't. He was a charmer to the older women around town, they all loved him. He always took time to talk to them, & others. A lost art in today's busy world. Our family & their family were friends- I can see his parents Weldon, Betty, & siblings Hank, & Suzie now. Later in life he married a friend of mine Joan Walker, Andrew's mother. They shared an unorthodox love, but it worked for them, & gave us Andrew!! I can remember Joan praising Walter to me, & his special care & concern for her when she was terminal. Even as a kid & later in life Walter still looked the same, & had that boyish grin of his & ornery gleam in his eye. Like with most obituaries, I learned some things about him in his. I respected Walter's uniqueness & genuine love of Rehoboth Beach & its people. Folks like him matter, giving in many unselfish ways to the community. RIP Walter. Rehoboth Beachers will remember you!



February 14 at 11:32 AM

TS

Terri Sullivan posted:

In my 8 years as the Chief Building Inspector for Rehoboth Beach I had many conversations with Walter about the changes that were happening and the effects they would have. He was very passionate about his community. His perspective helped guide the process to make sure we were preserving the past while moving to the future. Walter definitely made a difference. I'm so sorry for your loss. God speed Walter.

February 7 at 7:29 AM

BC

Bunni Casey posted:

Walter was an exceptional guy without doubt. I got my very first job with him at The Lewes Dairy in Lewes Beach and there worked with a special lady...Ethel. He was at my Dad's house often and always to be helpful to him and my mother. One time my Dad was working way too hard outside in the heat and humidity and I called Walter to see if he could talk him into taking a break. He was there within moments and convinced my Dad to get cooled down. I will always believe he saved my Dad's life that day. My heart feels so sad to read he is gone. Praying for all those who love him. 🥺👤

February 5 at 1:36 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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