



Warren Waltrip

September 30, 1934 - July 21, 2018

Warren Waltrip, age 83, of Bryon, Illinois, formerly of Thomson, Illinois, died on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at home surrounded by his loving family. A visitation will be held from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Thomson. A funeral service will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Thomson. Cremation Rites will be accorded following the service. Burial of his cremated remains will take place in Lower York Cemetery, Thomson, at a later date. Memorials may be given to Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon Illinois, or the York Community Church, Thomson in Warren's memory.

Warren was born on September 30, 1934, the son of Paul and Anna Belle (Rives) Waltrip in Wrights, Illinois. He attended high school at Effingham Community High School. He later earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Drafting from the American Institute of Drafting. He married Clara Belle Minor on April 17, 1952. Clara died during childbirth in 1953. He later married Mary Lou Cate on June 23, 1956 in Thomson. Mary died on June 18, 2004.

As a young man, Warren began working at the Savanna Army Depot, where he met his first wife, Clara. He later owned and operated café's and restaurants in Fulton and Rock Falls, Illinois. Warren was a Draftsman for several companies throughout his life. He was instrumental in designing and supervising construction at local hospitals, churches, schools, and restaurants. Warren began his drafting career with Curtis Brothers & Co. in Clinton, Iowa and later worked for Clinton Corn Processing for nearly 30 years. After Clinton Corn, Warren worked for Schmeling Construction Company in Rockford and then as a construction supervisor for Richard L. Johnson Associates in Rockford, Illinois. He also worked for Ollmann Ernest Architects in Belvidere, Illinois and later for Kraft Foods on a building project in Miami, Florida before fully retiring in 2008. Warren was a longtime member of the York Community Church, Thomson. Warren also served as past President of the American Institute of Design Drafting and was an honorary member of the Institute of Draftsmen, Australia. Warren was an amazing artist, but mostly he loved painting with oil, acrylic, and watercolor paints. He designed and built many sets for Thomson theater

and musical productions, including Showboat, Oklahoma, Fiddler on the Roof, Grease, and Guys and Dolls. Warren loved to travel and enjoyed spending time outdoors golfing, gardening and growing flowers. Most of all, Warren cherished spending time with his family and friends.

Warren will be dearly missed by two children, Laurie Waltrip Ryznyk of Millersville, Missouri and Rodney (Rebecca) Waltrip of Stillman Valley, Illinois; a dear friend and companion, Dorothy Jackson; two grandchildren, Lindsey (Evan) Burgstahler of Chicago, Illinois, and Erin (Tyler) Micenheimer of South Lyon, Michigan; two great grandchildren, Lily Grace and Charles Grant; one brother, Richard "Joe" (Sue) Waltrip of Columbia, Tennessee; and one sister, Mary Ann (Larry) Stout of Monkey Island, Oklahoma.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Clara Belle, and their daughter, Karen Elaine; his second wife, Mary, and their son, Steven Christopher; and one sister, Elizabeth Waltrip.

Cemetery

Law-Jones Crematory

309 Chicago Ave

Savanna, IL, 61074

Events

JUL **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:30PM

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Law Jones Funeral Home - Thomson

1854 Illinois 84, Thomson, IL, US, 61285

JUL **Service** 06:30PM

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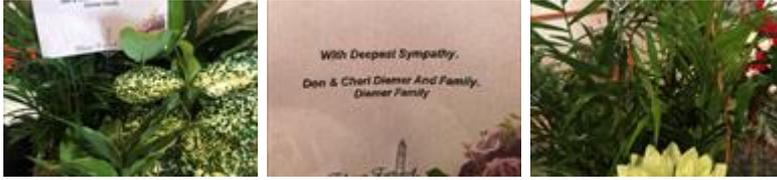
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Comments



“ 31 files added to the album Service Flowers



Law-Jones Funeral Home - August 17, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ Cathie Jackson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Warren Waltrip.



Cathie Jackson - July 25, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Warren Waltrip.



July 25, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Warren Waltrip.



July 24, 2018 at 04:26 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Warren Waltrip.



July 24, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ Rodney and Family: I'm so sorry to hear you have lost your dad. I remember both your parents well as very pleasant people. I'm sure you will feel the loss. Kathleen (Hodge) Harrison



Kathleen Harrison - July 24, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ 107 files added to the album Family Photos



Law-Jones Funeral Home - July 24, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ Such memories. Warren truly loved his family and what an artist.

Judy Beck - July 24, 2018 at 11:32 AM



“ Brought tears, that's for sure.

Judy Beck - July 24, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Laurie & Rod, Sorry about the loss of your dad. He was a very kind & thoughtful man. True for both your parents. They were such good neighbors to my Mom. Pamalee

Pamalee Creighton Eninger - July 28, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Warren Waltrip.



July 24, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was one of the lucky ones to be raised in Thomson and be blessed with the friendship of Warren and Mary and then also to live in Byron and run in to Them quite often and he was always so happy and loved to talk. Hugs full of love and prayers to all of you.

connie Rieck - July 24, 2018 at 07:11 AM



“ Laurie and family, my sincerest condolences on your papas passing.

randi hoy - July 23, 2018 at 08:10 PM



“ Dorothy, Laurie and family, Rod and Becky. Thinking of all of you. Our family is dwindling. Mom and Norma and then our generation. We all had great times and family picnics. Great memories. See you Wednesday. Love Judy and Merrill



Judy Beck - July 23, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ Dear Laurie, Rod, Dorothy and family: I was so sad to receive the call on Saturday of Warren's passing. I couldn't help but think of almost 5 years ago, when we found out that mom had passed. It's hard enough when you lose one parent, but when you lose the other one, it means that you're on your own.

I know that right now you're overcome with grief and sorrow. I pray that God will turn your scars into stars. Warren was a star in his own right. He was good at everything he did because he was a perfectionist. And both he and Mary were so full of fun. You know how mom loved to play cards. It got to be a running joke that when Warren would let mom know they were coming, they'd say the code words: "Deal the F----- cards." Life is indeed fleeting. I would give anything to have a redo and be able to go back to happier times for all of us, but I think we can all say that we have so many wonderful memories of our extended family -- especially the family get togethers!!!! I am rich with all those happy memories!

I wish we could be there for the service -- How ironic that it is on dad's birthday. But, we will be there in spirit. You picked a great picture. It truly captures his essence.

Love you so much, Char

Char Cate - July 23, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ Laurie & Rod:

I will always remember your father's artistic talent. I have fond memories of him & your mother from the years I grew up in Thomson. May God's peace be yours as you celebrate your father's life.

Patricia Dimmick Benson - July 23, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Warren Waltrip.



July 23, 2018 at 11:45 AM