



Walter William Worthington

July 30, 1932 - September 29, 2017

Walter William Worthington, known as Walt to his friends, passed away on September 29, 2017, from complications of a stroke at St. James Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born on July 30, 1932, in Islip, New York, Walt moved from New York to Cape Canaveral with his wife and young family. Later he relocated his family to Carrabelle, where he was a resident for over thirty years.

Walt fell in love with the sea at an early age. He was a kind and generous person who loved being on the water. He was a commercial fisherman most of his life. Walt also earned his 100-ton commercial captain's license and captained vessels in the oil fields from Texas and Mexico to South America. His life reflected his passion for the sea both professionally and recreationally. Walt always had time for teaching friends and family to sail, to navigate and handle boats around docks and offshore.

When not on the water, he was often under the water. He was a self-taught scuba diver and dove commercially making underwater repairs on vessels around the docks. He excelled at retrieving valuable items lost overboard.

When not working, his favorite pastime was to head into town early in the morning, catching up with friends and checking in at the local marinas. People

sought Walt for his counsel because of his expertise on the water, his knowledge of boats and often for his wisdom on the various issues life itself. Walt will be greatly missed.

Walt is survived by his daughter, Sheila Overlin, and sons, Gene and Wayne Worthington, 11 grandchildren as well as 13 great-grandchildren; siblings: Raymond Worthington, Betty Schipf and Florence Reynolds.

Walt was predeceased by his parents, Harold and Hattie Worthington, his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Shirley Worthington, his daughter, Linda Messer, and his brothers, Edward Klecan, Joseph Klecan and Robert Munsell.

Memorial services will be held at the United Methodist Church of Carrabelle at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2017.

David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel, in Crawfordville is assisting the family. (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com)

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Thanks to this family for sharing Pop and Dot with us at St James. They were both incredible. Sending prayers for comfort for your loss

Lori Barrentine - October 05, 2017 at 05:05 PM

TK

“ The Petrillo Kids purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Walter William Worthington.



The Petrillo Kids - October 05, 2017 at 04:51 PM

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“ I will always remember uncle Walt as a very kind, sweet, and gentle person, who was a friend to everyone. How he loved the water and how he always had a smile for everyone.

Sandy myall (Petrillo) - October 04, 2017 at 02:01 AM

SO

Thank you for your kind words Sandy. He did love the water!

SHEILA M OVERLIN - October 04, 2017 at 08:59 AM

BJ

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Uncle Walt. His love for the sea will be forever enjoyed in heaven. Imagine how happy he is sailing along side all of heaven sailors all the while arm and arm with Aunt Dot. God bless.

Bobby and Laura Johnson - October 03, 2017 at 09:17 PM

SO

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. I know he is at peace now with my mom and Linda by his side.

SHEILA M OVERLIN - October 04, 2017 at 09:03 AM

MW

“ *I'm sure Uncle Walter help nurture my Love of the sea. I remember fondly shrimping off Cape Canaveral as a teen. Love, Mike & Marita Worthington. Fair winds and Following Seas Uncle Walter.*

Mike Worthington - October 03, 2017 at 07:22 PM

SO

Thanks for sharing your memory of my dad Mike. I also have memories of going shrimping with him as a kid. Great memories.

SHEILA M OVERLIN - October 04, 2017 at 08:57 AM

PG

“ *Sheila, first off I'm so sorry for all you have been through, but know this. You are more like your dad than anyone. He was always so kind and giving and loving. I remember all the times we were on the boats. And sometimes when he was under the boats. He truly was a Captain of the waters. A gentle Giant. You are so kind and giving just like your dad. Loved him and love you. Pam*



pam Graham - October 03, 2017 at 11:39 AM

SO

Thank you for the kind words Pam. It is such a compliment to be like my dad! Love you! Sheila

SHEILA M OVERLIN - October 04, 2017 at 08:56 AM