



Walter T. Downing Sr

May 14, 1933 - December 11, 2024

Walter T. Downing Sr., 91 of Hazlet, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2024. He was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, and US Navy Veteran.

Walter built a career in Advertising and built his family with his beloved wife, Margaret, in New York City before moving to Hazlet in 1972. Together, they shared more than 66 years of love and partnership. Their union was a testament to steadfast devotion and enduring affection.

Walter was the proud father of three children: Lisa, Terrence, and Daniel. He took immense pride in their achievements and supported them always. As a grandfather, he was a constant source of joy and wisdom to Tyler, Brianna, Vienne, and Eline. His presence at family gatherings, with his hearty laugh and sense of humor, will be deeply missed.

Walter will be remembered for his generosity, and the way he always placed family and community above himself. Whether through his service in the Navy, his over 70 years of service with the Boy Scouts, his friendships, or the love he poured into his family, he has left a legacy.

Fair winds and following seas. You will remain forever in our hearts.

Private Cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boy Scouts of America in honor of Walter's memory.

Previous Events

Private Cremation

DEC 12 (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home
201 Laurel Ave
Hazlet Township, NJ 07734
(732) 787-0258

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Downing’s mission was to support, teach, and help so many succeed. I would have never attained Eagle Scout without him. One day when I was on the fence to quit Boy Scouts, I get a call from Mr. Downing pushing me forward. From all the years on camping trips, performing cross over and other ceremonies, attending summer camp, Mr. Downing was an uplifting presence in Troop 137. Twenty-five years later in 2021, I reconnected with Mr. Downing on LinkedIn. He immediately said, congratulations again Eagle #27. (As I was the 27th Eagle Scout of Troop 137). Coincidentally the night before he left us, I registered both of my sons in Cub Scouts. It’s time to continue his mission. He will be greatly missed.*

Frank Rotella - December 18, 2024 at 08:13 PM

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“ *WOW! So saddened. I had not seen my Uncle in many years, I chose a path in Life that took me in a bad direction. But as I got things back together and on the right path it was the work ethic and skills he showed me through the years of living with them. He helped in a very low time in life and got me into boy scouts and helped put me on a better path. One of my hugest regrets was never finishing my EAGLE SCOUT project that he fully helped start and give me the idea. I always felt like I let him down because of that. He was an amazing man and I carry lessons he taught me to this day. May he rest in peace. Much love.*

Robert Olszewski - December 17, 2024 at 12:35 PM

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“ *Walter was a legend. He taught me life and survival skills that I still use today.*
Rest in peace, Walter and thank you for sharing your knowledge and wisdom.

Robbie Nelson - December 16, 2024 at 08:48 PM