



Walter C. Pratt Jr.

November 18, 1939 - October 26, 2012

Walter C. Pratt Jr., 72, of Rockford went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 26, 2012 at 6:35 a.m. after a long and courageous battle with prostate cancer. Born on November 18, 1939 in Chicago, son of Walter C. Sr. and Lucyle (Bender) Pratt. Graduated from Downers Grove H.S., class of 1957, and took college classes too numerous to mention but never pursued a degree. Wally began flying at age 15, soloed at 16, and had all his flight ratings by age 21. He developed and taught the aviation ground school curriculum at Rock Valley College and founded Greater Rockford Aviation Flight School and Charter Service in the 70's. Employed as Chief Pilot for Clarcor, retiring in 2002. Active at Maywood Evangelical Free Church, he served in Men's Ministries and the Deacon Board for many years. Besides flying, one of the joys of his life was sailing. Was certified on some of the big boats on Lake Michigan and enjoyed taking groups of people on the water to experience a day of adventure, teamwork, and recreation. United in marriage to Carol Koutnik on October 1, 1960. Survived by his wife, Carol; children, Marshall Pratt, Eric (Michelle) Pratt; grandchildren, Matthew Dashiell and Bronté Ananda, and step-grandchildren, Marissa and Joshua Lester all of Rockford; and half-sister, Nancy Hill of Elgin. Preceded in death by his parents and son, Evan Pratt. Visitation Sun., Nov. 4, from 5-7 p.m. at Maywood Evangelical Free Church, 3621 Samuelson Road Rockford. Funeral service will be on Mon., Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. at Maywood Evangelical Free Church, with an additional visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service, Dr. John Strubhar

officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Andrew Patten Center For Leadership Development, c/o MEFC. Interment in Arlington Memorial Park. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence online, visit www.graceFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery

6202 Charles Street
Rockford, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maywood Free Church
3621 Samuelson Rd.
Rockford, IL

Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maywood Free Church
3621 Samuelson Rd.
Rockford, IL

Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Rockford, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter C. Pratt Jr.



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - November 04, 2014 at 11:04 AM

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I'm greatly saddened by the loss of Mr Pratt. He was and Carol were close friends of myself and my family. Mr. & Mrs. Jack and Gloria Smith. Survivors include Eric and Aaron. May God bless the Pratt legacy.

Aaron (Smith) Griffith - August 22, 2021 at 04:05 PM

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“ Dear Mrs. Pratt, Marshall and Eric, I always will remember your Dads sweet smile, the sparkle in his eye, and his kind heart. I'm so sorry for your loss. - Noelle (Bagley) LaLiberty

Noelle LaLiberty - November 11, 2012 at 08:38 PM



“ Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beatin g... was purchased for the family of Walter C. Pratt Jr..



November 10, 2012 at 05:06 PM



“ Kelly Joe Thompson's Daughter lit a candle in memory of Walter C. Pratt Jr.



Kelly Joe Thompson's Daughter - November 04, 2012 at 07:06 PM



Mr. Wally was very special to my dad (Joe). He always spoke highly of Wally about what a great person he was. I can truly say that my dad is gonna really miss him a great deal. I pray and ask God to wrap his arms around each of you during this difficult time.

*Kelly Thompson' Cook
Waverly, Tennessee*

Kelly Joe Thompson's Daughter - November 04, 2012 at 07:17 PM



“ Wally was an inspiration and example to all who knew him. A man of God! He will be dearly missed, but we also look forward to the day when we will all be together again with our Lord and Savior. We greave with Carol and the family as you will surely miss him and see him in everything you do. God Bless you and thank you for sharing Wally with us.

Joe & Dorothy Clinton

Joe Clinton, Jr. - October 30, 2012 at 08:07 AM