

Roy “Walt” Walter Potter

October 3, 1943 (Rockford, IL)

March 19, 2020 (Rockford, IL)

At age 78, **Walter "Walt" Ray Potter**, age 78, passed from this life to his heavenly home on Sunday, March 29, 2020. He was born in Rockford on July 11, 1941, to Russell K. and Marguerite O. (Williams) Potter.

Ron attended Rockford public schools and graduated from West High School (WHS) with the Class of 1961. In high school he participated in Intramural Sports.

He loved dogs, fishing with his Brother Ron, reading, and playing cards with friends at the coffee shop. Here's an excerpt from an October 30, 2018, letter to Roy from Eleanor S. Towns, member of the WHS 1961 Reunion Committee:

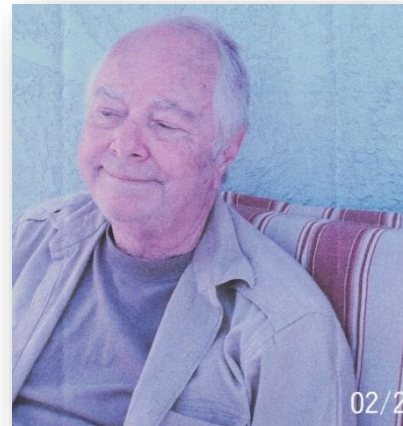
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Walt is survived by Wife, Helen (Wiedeman) Potter; Brother, Ron Potter; Daughter, Sue (Tom) Chaney; Grandson, Allen Chaney; Granddaughter, Jessica Mitchell; and Great-Grandchildren, McKenna and McKayla. He was predeceased by his Parents.

Due to the current pandemic, there will be no Memorial Service; instead, there will be a walk-through Visitation on Friday, April 3rd from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Home, 8800 N. Alpine Rd, Machesney Park. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Reference:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/209118596/walter-ray-potter?>



October 30, 2018

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Roy,

The Reunion Committee is glad we finally found you. I imagine you didn't know you were "lost."

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So, I sent emails with your address and phone number to Jim Wright, Suellen Spencer Halbrader, Garrell "Roe" Dilley, Jerry Draheim, and Doug Johnson. Told em all you didn't "do" computers, but you like to receive and write letters. Just in case they hate to write letters, I'm including their address' so you can write them if you're so inclined. After we talked, I found my copy of what I think is the last Lincoln Park Directory, and made a copy for you.

Hope you'll identify enough of your old friends who may be coming to the Reunion in August of next year that you may change your mind and come. Nobody's bragging anymore about who they are, what they did, and what they have. We're a bunch of mature folks who've figured out what's important, who've learned to appreciate who we are, and talk about family and children; we're just glad to still be on this side of the daisies.

Now, here's your job for me: ask somebody to take your picture with a phone camera and ask them to email it to me, Eleanor Saunders Towns at grannygeek@comcast.net. I'll put it on the website in what is sort of a yearbook section; maybe others know you will see it and want to contact you. That's the easiest. Otherwise, find a camera, take a picture, take it to Walgreens or Target or Walmart to get it developed, and mail it to me.

Take care of yourself.

Eleanor Saunders Towns
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