



Walter P. Kurkowski

January 12, 1930 - August 9, 2021

Walter P. Kurkowski, age 91 of North Wales and formerly of both Horsham and Conshohocken. Walter was born in Conshohocken on January 12, 1930 son of the late Peter and Pauline (Dolewa) Kurkowski. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary J. (Chlebovich) Kurkowski for 50 years.

Walt is survived by: 6 children, Maryann Monaghan (John), Walter Jr. (Cindy), Andrea Hunsinger (Tim), Robert (Patricia), Paula McGettigan (Mark), Joseph Kurkowski (David); 9 grandchildren, (Carly & Scott) (Derek, Danielle & Tracy) (Julie & Mike) (Kelly & Matt); 2 great-grandchildren, Marley & Carter.

Predeceased in life by 7 siblings, George, Jean, Loretta, Thelma, Madeline, Dorothy, Theresa.

He was a 1947 graduate of the former Conshohocken High School where he played varsity football for 2 years and 4 years of varsity baseball. During the summer of 1947, he participated in workouts at the old Connie Mack Stadium in Philadelphia as an infielder before the scouts of the Philadelphia Athletics. As a result of these workouts, he was invited to Moltrie, GA in the spring of 1948 and 1949 to try out for the Athletics farm team now known as the Oakland A's.

In 1951 during the Korean War, he entered the Army and received his basic training in the 3rd Armour Division at Fort Knox, KY. After his basic training, he

remained at Fort Knox as a tank gunnery instructor to train new recruits.

In 1950, he was employed by Alan Wood Steel and worked in the 30" Hot Strip Mill. In 1954, he became active in the United Steelworkers Union when he was elected chief shop steward for the Strip Mills Dept. In 1956, he was elected Chairman of the Grievance Committee for Local Union 1392. After being elected for this position four times, he was appointed Staff Representative for the United Steelworkers of America International Union for District Seven in 1966.

In 1976, he became a Key Staff Representative and was assigned to the District Office in Philadelphia and placed in charge of Arbitration, Pension and Insurance problems for the district. While assigned to the District Office, he was the coordinator of Local Issues Negotiations for U.S. Steel in District Seven. He was also negotiations Chairman for other Steel Companies in the Tri-State area.

In 1979, Walt was invited by British Steelworkers for assignment to England, Wales and Scotland. In 1982, he was promoted to Director's Assistant for District Seven. In 1983, he was given an opportunity to work in the Pension and Insurance Dept of the National Headquarters, but he decided to remain at the district office. He was also the sub-district director for the Philadelphia Sub District and the Malvern Sub-District. He was C.O.P.E. Chairman of Montgomery County A.F.L. & C.I.O. for many years. He was elected 2nd Vice President of the Democratic Party of Montgomery County. After being employed by the Steelworkers for 21 years, he retired in 1987 and enjoyed his retirement with his wife, Mary in Smithville, NJ.

He moved to Norristown in 1956 and became a member of St. Patrick Church. He was a member of the Holy Name Society, Ushers Committee, and the Chairman of the first Christmas Bazaar decorating committee. He was also

co-chairman of the raffle committee that was able to purchase the first automobile for the St. Patrick nuns. He was also a Catholic Charities volunteer for many years.

In 1967, he moved to the newly formed St. Paul Church area. He became an officer in the Holy Name Society, and member of the Ushers Committee. He was a member of the first Parish Council, Christmas Bazaar volunteer and helped in other projects at the school and church. He was also co-chairman of the Dedication Program Book for the new church. For many years, he was a Catholic Charities volunteer. He attended St. Joseph Retreat in Malvern for over twenty five years. He was also an usher during Pope John Paul II visit to Philadelphia.

In 1987 he moved to New Jersey and became a member of the Assumption Church in Ponomia. He was a member of the Parish Council, Ushers and Transportation Committees. He taught CCD and was a Eucharistic Minister for the church, and volunteered at Atlantic City Medical Center. He was a member of the committee for soliciting pledges for the new Church of the Assumption. He participated in a Pro-Life march in Washington, D.C. and in other Pro-Life demonstrations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

After the passing of his beloved wife, Mary, he moved back to Pennsylvania in 2000 and rejoined St. Mary's Church in Conshohocken. He lived with his daughter, Andrea and son-in-law, Timothy and their children, Derek, Danielle and Tracy in Horsham. For many years, he attended Mass on a daily basis and participated in weekly adorations at St. Catherine of Siena in Horsham. He was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Father Joseph Keaney Council 8530.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects on Thursday morning,

August 12th from 9 to 10:20AM in St. Matthew RC Church, 3rd Ave & Fayette St., Conshohocken. Mass will commence in the church at 10:30AM. Internment, St. Benedict Cemetery in Conshohocken.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Missionary Sisters of Charity, 630 Dekalb St., Norristown, PA 19401. Professional arrangements are by the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken.

Cemetery Details

St. Benedict Cemetery

Colwell Lane
Conshohocken, PA 19428

Previous Events

Morning Visitation

AUG 12. 9:00 AM - 10:20 AM (ET)

St Matthews Roman Catholic Church
219 Fayette St
Conshohocken, pa 19428

Funeral Mass

AUG 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Wally,
So sorry to hear of your Dad’s passing. It’s never easy, but sounds like he had a hell of a good life! GOD’S SPEED!

Joe CRothers - August 12, 2021 at 10:25 AM

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“ Walter was the first person to greet me when I came to Park Creek Place. His kindness to me made my scary transition so much easier. I’ll never forget his generosity when he offered a drop of holy water from Lords for me to bless myself. He was loved by everyone and will be much missed. What a wonderful family he has.
Irene Smith-Schneider

Irdne Smith-Schneider - August 11, 2021 at 04:51 PM

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“ Irene Smith-Schneider purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Walter P. Kurkowski.



Irene Smith-Schneider - August 11, 2021 at 04:43 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter P. Kurkowski.



August 11, 2021 at 11:03 AM

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“ Steve&Carol purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of *Walter P. Kurkowski*.



Steve&Carol - August 11, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Walter P. Kurkowski*.



August 11, 2021 at 09:04 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of *Walter P. Kurkowski*.



August 11, 2021 at 07:59 AM