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Huntersville, NC - Walter Harvey Ballard, Sr. was born January 12, 1933, in Summerdale, Alabama—the second of six boys. Walter is preceded in death by his mother and father, Bernice Louise Ballard and Victor Ballard, Sr.; his first wife, Rose Ballard; his second wife, Katy Ballard; and his daughter, Anna Marie Lorenzo. Walter left behind his six children: Wayne and Catherine Henton, Walter Harvey Ballard, Jr., Clinton and Christine Ballard, Stony and Jerry Ann Ballard, Danny and Kim Ballard, and Lee-sa Krapish. Also, he has left behind his five brothers and their wives, Carlos and Martha, Donald and Merry, Victor and Linda, Harold and Rita and Ernest and Beverly, as well his fifteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Equipped with but a ninth-grade education, Walter left home at an early age to pursue his dreams. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a Sergeant in France, he went on to make a successful life built on self-education that included numerous businesses, all surrounded by automobiles. Walter's biggest accomplishment was being the first winner of the NASCAR Winston Cup Series Rookie of the Year in 1971. He went on to race until having a heart attack, but remained a part of racing as a racecar owner, having such drivers as drive for him. His wife Katy was just as involved in the industry, being one of the first to start the NASCAR ladies organization.

In lieu of flowers, since Walter was an avid supporter of St. Jude's and Wounded Warriors, it would be preferred that a gift be given to one of these organizations in his honor.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 Monday, November 4 at James Funeral Home with burial to follow at Northlake Memorial Gardens. A visitation/reception will be held 12-2:00 prior to the service at the James Funeral Home.



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James Funeral Home is assisting the family, online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com.



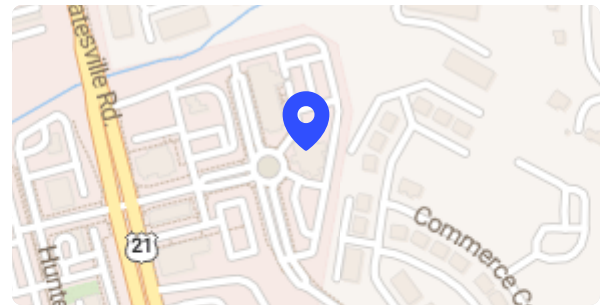
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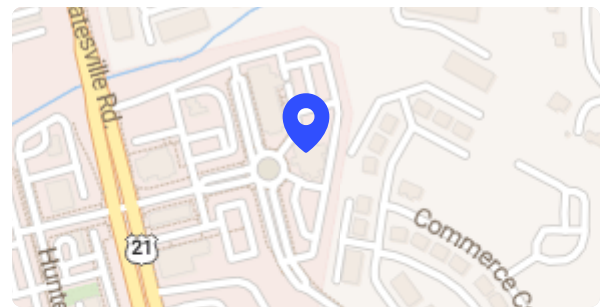
Reception/Visitation

- Monday**, November 4, 2024
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
- James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



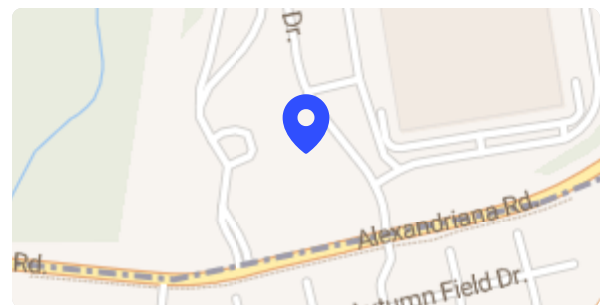
Funeral Service

- Monday**, November 4, 2024
- 2:00 PM ET
- James Funeral Home**
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Cemetery Details

- NorthLake Memorial Gardens**
11001 Alexandriana Road, Huntersville NC 28078
- (704) 584-9004**





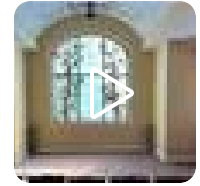
Tribute Wall

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James Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



October 30 at 3:39 PM



Lisa Ballard Crossley posted:

I have some really great memories of Uncle Walter and our family. All of us going to watch him race at Meyer Speedway on Saturday nights when I was a little girl. Watching him race and hanging out with my cousins in the pits at TX Motor Speedway. But probably the Best memories of Uncle Walter was getting to spend time with him at family gatherings. He was always so sweet and kind to me. And I will always remember watching how he and his brothers loved, cared and supported each other. We will all miss him so much ❤️👤

November 4 at 9:55 AM



Nora Morehouse posted:

I only knew Walter for a few short years and they were a blessing. He was and still is a wonderful God loving man. The first time I met him, he made me feel like family. My heart breaks, but I know he is with God. I'm rejoicing for him. May God bless all in this time.

November 4 at 3:29 AM



Wayne & Catherine Hinton posted:

My father was a man of God. There is some words that best describe him: "If I can help someone along the way". He was always helping his family, friends, or anyone that needed help. He was a hard worker who held responsibility to the highest. He lived his life his way. He was a brave, and bold man. He held his life with great purpose. We will always love him

November 3 at 11:01 AM



Bill Blair posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers to the family. The racing world loss a great guy and kind gentleman. I am glad I knew Walter and his wife , he will Be missed.

November 3 at 8:07 AM



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Angel Marlowe-Franklin posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful, kind-hearted man and will forever be missed. Our deepest condolences are with your family.

October 30 at 3:47 PM



Robbie Etters posted:

This news breaks my heart...Thank you for all you did for me. You raised me as one of yours. I owe you so much. I find comfort in knowing your back with Katy.I love you and will always be looking up to you.

October 30 at 11:51 AM



Gene Penninger October 30 at 5:53 PM

Well over 50 years of friendship. Don't think you have enough room here for All the good things I have seen and what he has done about this great. Man we lost a walking history. Love ❤️ you and Katy always g penninger



Tim & Susan Brewer posted:

So sorry for the families loss. He will missed by many fans and friends. Tim & Susan Brewer

October 29 at 10:07 AM



Van Patrick posted:

Remember watching him race in the 70's. RIP Mr. Ballard.

October 29 at 8:23 AM



Vj lit a candle in honor of Walter.

prayers are with family and friends Walter was a great man and person now he is with him Beautiful Katy....

October 28 at 1:39 PM





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DT

Deanna Tate lit a candle in honor of Walter.

Rest in Peace Uncle Walter. I believe you lived a fulfilling life and you will always be remembered by many. I hope you are with Aunt Katy now. Sending my love to both of you!

October 28 at 1:35 PM



CB

Carlos Ballard November 6 at 10:26 AM

Remembrance of my Brother Walter. We both marched down Pennsylvania Av in Washington D.C. to dedication of the Korean War Wall. Our Wives Martha and Katy carried our Chapter Banner in front of the Veteran Group. Our Father and Mother were so proud of their two Sons that served in the USA Military for Freedom for All. Walter has gone to The Upper Room to be with his Mother and Father and other Family Members. See you soon Brother Carlos


JB

Joyce Boan November 4 at 9:27 AM

you were a very special cousin. I always enjoyed being with you whenever I could. I will miss seeing you again, but I know where you are. Joyce Ballard Boan

AV

Allen And Verbie October 28 at 1:47 PM

Walter we miss you so much. Our hearts  are saddened. We loved having you with us in Georgia. It was a special time. We were not ready, but know you are in the arms of God. Sending love and hugs. You are special to us.



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Walter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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