



Keith Walters

October 9, 1930 - October 8, 2008

W. Keith Walters, of Bozman, MD, a photographer, writer and outdoor columnist for The Star Democrat, died at Memorial Hospital at Easton on Wednesday afternoon, October 8, 2008. He was 77.

Born October 9, 1930 in Mankato, Minnesota, he was the son of Emma Tounette Knutson Walters and William Roy Walters. After Mr. Walters' parents died, he went to live with his aunt, Alice Florence Knutson Moss, and uncle, James Hanson Moss, in Glen Burnie, MD. He graduated from Glen Burnie High School in 1947. On June 17, 1955, he and the former, Jean Carole Stewart were married in Glen Burnie.

Mr. Walters served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from March 1952 through December 1953. He received a Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge, a National Defense Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal. After Korea, he also served in the U.S. Navy Reserve and was honorably discharged in 1957. He then worked for the U.S. Civil Service as a scientific and technical photographer at the U.S. Naval Engineering Experiment Station in Annapolis until September 1960, when he transferred to the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, as Photo Section Head. He held that post until May 1979. Then Mr. Walters was reassigned to NASA Headquarters as a Visual Information Specialist and took an

early retirement in September 1979.

In 1981, he and his wife Carole, an artist who also edited Mr. Walters' books, retired to the Eastern Shore. They built a home on Broad Creek in Talbot County and became involved in the Mid-Shore community. Mr. Walters, who wrote six books on fishing and hunting, also wrote a regular boating and fishing column for the Mariner Magazine, and wrote articles for many outdoors and sports magazines, including Boaters Digest, Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Coastal Fisherman, Field and Stream, Fishing & Hunting Journal and Gun Dog. His books include: Angler's Workbench, Catching Striped Bass, Chesapeake Boogaloo, Chesapeake Stripers, Ingenious Angler and Chesapeake Outdoors. Mr. Walters had written his column, Up the Creek, in The Star Democrat and The Sunday Star since 2001. His final column was published Sunday, September 28.

He was a member of the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association, Stripers Forever, Old Reel Collectors Association, Florida Antique Tackle Collectors. He was a former member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the Mason-Dixon Outdoor Writers Association. A co-founding member of the Maryland Coastal Conservation Association, he set up the first chapter of the Maryland Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association which met in Easton.

During 1984 and 1985, he served on the Board of Directors of the Waterfowl Festival Inc. in Easton. He also was chairman of the Festival's Photography Exhibit those two years. From 1988 to 1993, he chaired the Maryland Duck Stamp Display and was instrumental in bringing the display to the Festival, and then served as a volunteer with the Festival's carving exhibits in 1994 and 1995. He was a past master of the Granite Lodge #177 in St. Michaels.

Mr. Walters is survived by his wife, Carole, of Bozman, and his sister-in-law, Debra Stewart Gilbert, of Tampa, Fla.

A memorial service will be held Friday, October 17, 2008 at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Peachblossom Road, Easton. The Rev. Gary Moore will conduct the service. Burial will be private.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Keith Walters

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Keith Walters

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Keith Walters

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Carole,

Tony & I will both miss Keith, he was always a good storyteller and of course the "jokes".... we both enjoyed working with him at Goddard and he gave me a tip for photography that I still use today ... and that was to "frame" photos with something on the sides (trees, plants etc. whatever was there) and I have gotten some really great photos using that advice) and I owe it to Keith. He was always upbeat and fun to be around. I have never known anyone who loved fishing as much as he did....

I remember when you all went on vacation to ... I think to Florida ...and he said you would just pull off the road and go fishing ... We are glad that we still

were friends after "our retirements" his, yours and ours.

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“ *Faye Lister was our Chesapeake College liaison when Keith and Bill Burton taught a fishing class "Catching Striped Bass" at the college for several years. Then Keith taught the class solo for one or two years after Bill stopped co-teaching he class. Keith met many of his fishing friends through those classes.*

You are dear to us too, Faye.

Carole Walters###imported-begin##Carole Walters###imported-end##

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“ *Dear Carole,*

Keith was such a special person, it will be impossible to forget him. I so enjoyed working with him at Chesapeake College.

He was always so helpful and so happy.

Both of you mean a great deal to me and I hold those memories so close to my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love, Gaye###imported-begin##Faye C. Lister###imported-end##

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“ Ted has many memories, working with Keith, being fellow brother Masons and fishing together. We also enjoyed visiting with Carole & Keith at their lovely home where we went fishing with him. He took a picture of Connie catching a fish and published it in a magazine. The greatest gift Ted received was when Keith gave him his Capt. Tommy Gifford book that we'd been searching for for years. It will always remind us of his friendship.##imported-begin##Ted & Connie Hopkins##imported-end##

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