



## Walter Chudleigh Geddes

October 22, 1946 - March 21, 2026

Walter Chudleigh Geddes Sr. passed away peacefully on March 21, surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Walt was born on October 22, 1946, in Chicago, Illinois, to John and Virginia Geddes. He was the third of seven children and grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, alongside his siblings John, Robert, Mary Patricia, Catherine, Michael, and Richard.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Minnesota and went on to build a distinguished 42-year career with IBM. Beginning as a programmer, Walt rose to become a Senior Programming Architect and project manager. Over the course of his career, he was awarded two patents in recognition of his innovative contributions.

Walt's career first brought him to northern New Jersey, where he met Holly Adams while working on an IBM project. They were married in 1971 and built a life together centered on family. They raised three sons—Walter Jr., Peter, and David—and were blessed with four grandchildren: Selah, Samuel, Shiloh, and Benjamin. The family made their home in Derwood, Maryland, before Walt and Holly retired to Chestertown, Maryland.

Walt found great joy in the simple pleasures of life. He enjoyed golfing, participating in fantasy baseball, and playing poker with friends and neighbors. He was also an active supporter of his sons' activities, volunteering with the Boy Scouts and taking them to countless athletic events.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Chestertown,

Maryland, on Friday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m. A light lunch will follow at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, where family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate Walt's life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Walt's memory to Tunnels to Towers Organization. ([t2t.org](http://t2t.org)).

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
508 High St  
Chestertown, MD 21620-1314  
(410) 778-3160

## Burial

APR **10** (ET)

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)  
7600 Sandy Bottom Road  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter Chudleigh Geddes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 09 at 08:38 AM



“ *Comfort & Sweetness Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Walter Chudleigh Geddes.*



April 09 at 05:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Chudleigh Geddes.*



April 08 at 09:25 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Chudleigh Geddes.*

April 08 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Chudleigh Geddes.*



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April 06 at 08:28 AM



“ *Walt was a great neighbor and always willing to help his neighbors when I lived on Queen Street. My condolences to Holly and the family.*

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**Linda Schmidt** - March 25 at 10:08 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Walt's Family..*



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**Suzanne Jackson** - March 25 at 08:21 AM