



Walter J. Sitchenko

February 11, 1921 - June 24, 2022

Walter was a convert to the Catholic Faith and remained a devoted and practicing Catholic for the remainder of his life.

He served honorably in the Army Air Corps during World War II, even though he was eligible for deferment due to limited vision, by making a plea to the recruiter to “give me a uniform-- I’m not a coward.” Among other posts, he was stationed in NY, NJ, FL, NM, AK & CA.

Walter married his childhood sweetheart, Catherine Mary Fleming, and raised two sons and two daughters.

He began his career in construction by working in his father's company Inter City Stairbuilders in Brooklyn, NY, then went on to earn a degree in Engineering attending Pratt Institute, Florida Tech, and Barry University. He built housing developments, additions to a school, and a VA Hospital, and even constructed a Church in upstate NY. As a professional consultant, he represented companies throughout the U.S. and also worked briefly in Saudi Arabia. His final career was working 30 years for McDonnell Douglas in the space industry.

Walter joined the Knights of Columbus almost 70 years ago achieving fourth degree status. He was a member of various civic & professional organizations

in the many towns where he lived serving once as head of the Lions Club. He gave generously of his time and talent, was a good provider, and a very hard worker. He possessed an intelligence and intellectual curiosity which kept him “young and interesting” even to 101 years old.

Walter endured advanced age with patience and grace. He woke up happy every morning and enjoyed his family and Turner Classic Movies every day. But he always yearned for the love of his life, Catherine Fleming, who passed away in 2009 and whom he’ll be buried with in Florida -- together again at last and forever.

Previous Events

Mass

JUN **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
301 Homewood Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617

Mass

JUL **9**. 10:30 AM.

St. Joseph Cemetery Church
Palm City, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter J. Sitchenko*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Walter J. Sitchenko*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Walter J. Sitchenko*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My wife and I met Walter and Catherine at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Melbourne, Florida we where we were parishioners. They were the sweetest couple and we enjoyed seeing and talking to them after the Saturday Vigil Mass. After Catherine's fall we were concerned and prayed for her recovery but Walter was always congenial and upbeat even though it was obvious he was hurting because of the pain and uncertainty as Catherine's condition worsened. We tried to support Walter after Catherine's passing but lost contact with him after a short while when he no longer came to the vigil mass and he was missed by many in the parish community. Now is reunited with his beloved Catherine.*

Stephen Decker - July 09, 2022 at 06:44 AM