



Frank Walton

October 20, 1941 - January 8, 2023

Frank William Walton, 81 years young, Topeka, Kansas, went to meet Jesus on January 8, 2023, after battling lung cancer for three and a half years. He was born in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, to Frank “Tiger” Walton and Ida Walton.

Frank graduated from Beaver Falls High School in 1959. He went on to the University of Pittsburgh where he received his bachelor and master’s degrees. In 1964, Frank started teaching and coaching in the North Allegheny School District in Pittsburgh. In 1977, he moved his family to Topeka to teach and coach football. Frank was the football coach at Topeka West High School until 1992. He taught and coached football at Topeka High School from 1994 to 1999 and retired from teaching in 2003.

Frank is survived by his wife, Nancy, whom he married in 1963. Together, they had three sons, Brian (Shelly), Rob (Gretchen), and Chris (Lisa). These families gave the Waltons eight grandchildren, Emily Walton, Marisa Hardy (Connor), Cooper Walton, Gracie Huscher, Grant, Sam, Sophie and Max Walton. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Joe Walton.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Friday, January 20, 2023, at Topeka Bible Church, 1101 SW Mulvane St, Topeka, KS 66604, where memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Frank will be privately inurned in Rochester Cemetery.

Rather than flowers, the family is asking you to remember Frank with a memorial contribution to the Frank Walton Classic Foundation, via mail, Venmo or PayPal, 3104 SW Randolph Ave, Topeka KS 66611, @FrankWaltonClassic, or frankwaltonclassic@gmail.com, or to Midland Care Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Topeka Bible Church
1101 SW Mulvane Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



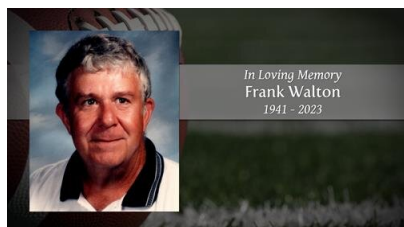
“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Frank Walton



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 20, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Walton



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 17, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ Frank Walton was a wonderful person i knew Frank Walton he was a good football coach at ths may Frank Walton rest in peace terry I glenn

Terry Glenn - June 26, 2024 at 10:36 PM

DN

“ I only knew Frank for a short time but quickly came to appreciate him. Over the few years of golf and "fellowship" I enjoyed with him, it was truly a joy. I will greatly miss him. Please accept my condolences. David "Doc" Nichols.

David "Doc" Nichols - January 30, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ Frank Walton

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

JS

“ Roy was is my brother lit candle also.he thought the world of coach. The night the team was inducted to hall of fame so special.my dad was sick Leon condley mom lois sister Julia and brother inlaw she went to alot of games baby2002 jennifershofe janelle 2006 M. yTony great nephew her husband vincei feel coach made the person iam I work 35 years state. I feel he made me the person and my family. Blessings to Nancy and family.

Julia strobel - January 20, 2023 at 06:00 AM

JS

“ Julia Strobel lit a candle in memory of Frank Walton



Julia strobel - January 20, 2023 at 05:52 AM

JS

“ *Julia Strobel lit a candle in memory of Frank Walton*



Julia strobel - January 20, 2023 at 05:51 AM

NR

“ *Frank Walton was a great leader of people. He possessed so many leadership qualities, that to me, he defined what it meant to be a leader.*

I appreciated the video on this site and to see that he was also blessed with a growing and beautiful family. My deepest sympathies and condolences to his family during this difficult time.

I had the opportunity and great experience of being coached by Frank Walton at North Allegheny. As I have told my family and friends numerous times over the years he left a deep and meaningful, positive impression on me.

While he was extremely gifted and passionate as a coach, even more importantly, he taught young people what it meant to be part of and contribute to a disciplined and dedicated common pursuit in a healthy and respectful way. I am extremely grateful to him.

May he Rest In Peace

Nick Rocco

Nick Rocco - January 18, 2023 at 03:09 PM

JB

“ It's amazing to know how Coach Frank Walton positively influenced so many lives with his variety of styles and approaches to football and as a teacher. As Topeka West players, we certainly knew he had the pedigree coming from the storied football lands of Western Pennsylvania. But he was much more about the process and how he and his assistants developed clean hitting, hard working and hard nosed young football players. Players who he truly cared about and treated like his family, but also who he helped become responsible students and ultimately succeed at the ultimate game- which is life.

Coach Walton and his wife and family are truly remarkable people. The contributions they've given to players and families who knew him only a few years or for many, are immeasurable and will be cherished and remembered for a lifetime.

*J.K. Bailey
Placer County
California*

J.Kent Bailey - January 18, 2023 at 02:56 AM

KM

“ Frank Walton was a GREAT football coach. He taught his "boys" all the needed qualities in a young man's life and football was only his platform. I knew him from a different view than most.. He was Coach and I became the orthopedic team doctor when my partner Dr. Payne began to slow down. I have many stories and all are good. One of his teams he called "the fleas". I think Chris was a flea. I remember a half-time locker-room speech in Manhattan in which he referred to his players as "stupid stupid teenagers", and they loved him. Only Coach Walton could get away with this language. He was a great teacher for my son Steve who did not even play football.

Kenneth Gimple MD

Kenneth Gimple MD - January 11, 2023 at 08:27 PM

MG

“ Patti and I have the blessing of knowing the Walton family both as teachers and coaching There is no better example of a true family man as well as a legend of a coach and teacher. We all profited from being in his presence Coach will always live on in our hearts and we will cherish every memory we have of his special family He was our greatest influence in teaching a d coaching and what it meant to be a devoted family man. Thank you Coach Walton. Mike &Patti Goehring

mike &Patti Goehring - January 10, 2023 at 05:44 PM

JW

“ *The world lost another hero as Coach is now realizing God's great promise of eternal life. I know he was mine and my family's hero growing up. We all cried the day he left Pittsburgh. His legacy here and contributions to the lives of hundreds of kids here have been like a pebble into a lake as his effects have been felt for generations. The life lessons along with the love of sport will remain with me and my brothers for the entirety of our lives.*

His pain is gone and ours just beginning as we all grieve his loss. Thank you to the Walton family for sharing Coach with all of us, whether it be in Topeka, Kansas, or in Wexford, PA. My God hold you all in the palm of his hand as your pain subsides and the memories of this great man begin to heal and warm your hearts once more.

May our dear friend and leader rest in peace.

Joey Wall

Joe Wall - January 10, 2023 at 03:45 PM

BH

“ *Heaven gained a great Coach, and an even better person. My condolences to the Walton family...they should be so proud of a man who positively impacted so many. It was an honor to be a waterboy for Coach as a kid. An honor to play for Coach at West. And an honor to share laughs and memories with Coach on the golf course as an adult. Rest In Peace, Coach Walton.*

Brent Haag - January 10, 2023 at 09:48 AM

JC

“ We will not be able to replace this man -- we can only emulate what he taught us and move on. Coach Walton is so revered, and yet he was so humble. I will cherish the memories of Coach and will carry them with me! From a stubborn Irishman to a stubborn Italian --

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*

*Kathy and I send our deepest thoughts and prayers to Big Mama Nancy, Brian, Rob, Chris, Their Spouses, and the grandchildren.
Thank you all for allowing us to be a part of the family!*

Love you all -- John Cahill

John Cahill - January 10, 2023 at 07:47 AM

KL

“ *My heart is hurting.*

What a wonderful man.

My story is different than those of his student athletes... He was like a 2nd dad to me in HS. I took his speech class then was his teacher aide for the rest of my time at West. All those years. Got to deliver scholarship letters to the football players...and oh what fun that was. He sent me with a little money for Tums on game days. He gave me notes saying to "watch Uncle Joe and the Jets at 7pm"....or...."please make charades for class".... he asked my advice while scoring speeches in class. He really wanted to know what I thought. He saw promise in me. He gave me advice when I asked him, and I did! HS can be tough. He came to my wedding out of college. I still use the gift he gave me. Precious precious man. My heart is broken for the family and all who loved him. A mentor to many. I love you forever Coach. Capiche???

Kelly Dunklee Lucas - January 10, 2023 at 07:23 AM

BH

“ *God bless you all during a most difficult time. Coach Walton was one of a kind and no doubt made an indelible impression on so very many on the field and in the classroom. He was my speech teacher and had an infectious ability to connect with people. Such a fun, caring, talented man. That's how I remember him. Peace and comfort to all of you now and in the coming days. What a wonderful legacy.*

Becky Holliday - January 10, 2023 at 07:17 AM

TR

good bye my old friend,keep shooting par wherever you are.May your drives go far and your putts roll true,the fairways of heaven are waiting for you

Tom Rosati - January 10, 2023 at 11:24 AM

DM

Frank was one of the NA icons from the time I was first hired in 1968. Whatever tidbit of advice about fitting into the NA culture or about how to treat students that came from Frank's knowledge and experience was treated like gospel for those of us newly hired. I have not seen him since he moved, but his induction into the NA Sports Hall of Fame was well deserved. May his family find comfort.

David McDonald - January 10, 2023 at 04:43 PM

BC

Frank and I met in Beaver Falls Little League Baseball in 1950. He hit home runs further than any other player in the league and proved to be a gifted athlete at an early age. In Beaver Falls High School we often had lunch together and discussed sports. I cherish the times we had together over the years and I will always have the greatest respect for Frank.

Barry Casey - January 12 at 06:37PM

Barry Casey - January 12, 2023 at 06:39 PM