



Walter R Fritz

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Walter R. Fritz, 93, of Manteno, Illinois, formally of Oak Park, Illinois peacefully passed away on Monday, January 7, 2019.

He was born on May 19, 1925 in Unity Township, Pennsylvania the son of Walter B. Fritz and Rose Marie (Schick) Fritz.

Upon finishing high school Walter served in the Army, Battalion D-563, during World War II. He received an honorable discharge as a sergeant after serving in the Ardennes, Central Europe, and Rhineland Campaigns as an Artillery Mechanic Aircraft 833. He was honored with the American Service Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

After serving his country he worked as a truck driver until his retirement in 1991 from Yellow Freight. He received countless awards for safe driving. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 710, the American Legion Post 96, The American Truck Historical Society, and lifetime member of the Loyal Order of the Moose.

English Bulldogs brought him great joy. His beloved Iron Mike and Jake greeted him enthusiastically as he entered Heaven's gate.

His hobbies included collectables, reading, (especially history,) and gardening roses and vegetables. He loved a good Poker game and watching sports. The Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bears were his teams.

Above all else Walter loved his children. He was a father/dad who was always there for them. He was blessed with 15 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren.

He was a loving brother leaving behind a brother, Wendel (Katie) Fritz of Maryland and sister Sedella Goughler of Pennsylvania.

He was a proud uncle and sincere friend to many.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Raymond and Melvin, sister Josephine, and grandson Jeremy.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10am on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 207 South Main Street, Manteno, Illinois.

Interment with Military Honors will be held at a later date in Forest Park, Illinois.

Please sign his guestbook found on this page.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Department of Veteran's Affairs or to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Manteno, IL

Service

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Manteno, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter R Fritz*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



I was a friend of his son Walter Fritz . His dad rarely home but I still remember the Christmas trees and all the presents underneath that this truck driving father worked so hard to give his family . Angie Pinter

Angie Pinter - March 17 at 08:07 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter R Fritz.*



January 25, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ *Zoran Rankovich purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Walter R Fritz.*



Zoran Rankovich - January 25, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a wonderful man and will always be remembered. We share in your loss.*

Jan Gosser - January 23, 2019 at 02:56 PM

CD

“ Dear Family and Friends of Walter R. Fritz: I am so sorry over the loss of your dear loved one, Walter. May you hold onto all the fond and loving memories of Walter.

*Blessings of remembrances,
Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo Director of Spiritual Care Presence
Heritage Village*

Carole R. DiZeo - January 21, 2019 at 07:29 AM

MF

“ Rest in Peace Uncle Walter. So many great memories. You will be missed. Love, Melanie

Melanie Fritz - January 17, 2019 at 09:06 AM

JD

“ You were my best friend, my mentor, and the greatest source of guidance and forgiveness to me, outside of God himself. I will miss you dearly and I will honor you in all that I do for the rest of my days. Your presence and legacy will live on in this world in the hearts, minds, and actions of all those that you guided, loved, and befriended throughout your 93 years on this earth. I love you Pap.

Jeff Dutton - January 16, 2019 at 08:22 PM

EF

“ I miss you so much Pap. Not a single day goes by that I don't and won't be thinking of you. You've taught me so much and I treasure all those things and every moment we had together. I love you so much Pap.

Emily Fritz - January 16, 2019 at 04:23 PM

WF

“ *You are with me forever, Father. I love you.*

Walter C Fritz - January 16, 2019 at 04:02 PM