



## Walter James Gardiner

June 29, 1928 - February 10, 2021

Conway...

Walter James Gardiner passed away on February 10, 2021 in his home in Myrtle Trace, Conway SC.

Walter was born in Medford MA on June 29, 1928 a son of the late George and Dorothy Gardiner. Walter was married to the late Marjorie Gardiner in 1949. They had three children, Pamela Wood of Tucson AZ, the late Walter Gardiner Jr of Rochester MN, and Charles (Chuck) Gardiner, Columbia SC. He has 7 grandchildren, Jessica Edgar, Jonathan Edgar, Ryan Gardiner, Kevin Gardiner, Josephine Gardiner and Mary Ann Gardiner, 4 great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews all of whom he loved very much.

Walter graduated from Penacook High School in 1946 and immediately went into the U.S. Navy. After the navy, he attended and graduated from The Hudson Valley Community College with an associate degree in electrical engineering. He also attended classes at Colgate University and Boston University during his career with IBM.

Walter served 30+ years with IBM in the Field Engineering Division in various cities in the northeast plus a year in HQ in White Plains NY.

While assigned in the Boston area with IBM he was active with the Boy Scouts having served as cub Master, assistant scout master, district commissioner and member of the Boston Council, BSA.

During his IBM years in Providence RI he was active with Junior Achievement

having served as director, president and chairman of the board respectively. He was active in the Masons, twice Worshipful Master of Chocorua Lodge, Holderness NH. and served as District Grand Lecturer and District Grand Master for District 8 Grand Lodge of NH.

Walter was very active in the Order of the Eastern Star having served several times as Worthy Patron and elected as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of RI. in 1978. Walter is currently Associate Patron of Myrtle Beach Chapter, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Walter has said many times in the past 3 years while fighting cancer that his love for and the love of his many friends in Myrtle Trace, all his loving relatives and the love of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star have kept him going with a smile.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery**

Boscowen, NH

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I first met Walt when he stayed in my little Airbnb in New Hampshire. We fell in love with Walt. We enjoyed his stories and became fast friends. He booked with us as a repeat guest. Walt, you are a perfect gentleman. Your family was so fortunate to have you for all the years they did. We are saddened to learn of your passing.

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**M Lupo** - July 25, 2021 at 05:54 AM

SM

“ I am so saddened to learn of Walters’s passing. We have been friends for at over 20 years. We first met at an investment club in Tucson, AZ. We continued to stay in touch after he and Margie moved from Tucson. I think it was in January when we last spoke. We were on the phone over an hour talking about investments, the upcoming decision he needed to make about his car ( should he buyout the lease, should he turn the car in and just get an old clunker to use for grocery shopping and errands, or just rely on Uber), and that currently he had a new lease on life as he was in a test group for a new cancer drug. He knew it wasn’t going to cure him, but that hopefully it might someone else and it gave him a purpose for living. He also talked about the possibility of taking a driving trip back through Texas and up through AZ to visit friends, family and his granddaughter Jessica in Phoenix. He knew that the trip would probably not happen, but he could still hope.

*He is sorely missed. My condolences to his family.*

*Suzette McPhail  
Surprise, AZ 520 977-2037*

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**Suzette McPhail** - April 17, 2021 at 02:35 AM

SW

“ Sending my most sincere condolences on the passing of Walt. I first met Walt as a member of the Order of Eastern Star and did a lot of traveling with he and Marjorie during my year as Grand Ruth. He was also a member of Bektash shrine Legion of Honor with my dad. He was a wonderful man who will be sorely missed. God bless.

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**Susan Wadsworth** - March 16, 2021 at 04:05 PM

BH

“ I first met Walt in 2010 at a meeting of the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII). We had a number of common interests including electrical engineering, computers, technical analysis for investing and others. Walt stood out as the most positive person I've met, regardless of the circumstances. I am blessed to call him a mentor and friend! RIP Walt!

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**Bob Hilton** - February 27, 2021 at 03:29 PM

AG

“ Walter was such a wonderful man! My son and I met him in the pool at Myrtle Trace. We spent many evenings talking and laughing in the pool. He was so kind and sweet! We will miss him so much!

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**Anne Gillard** - February 22, 2021 at 10:51 PM

CB

“ Sympathy extended to the family. I am a member of Eastern Star in Rhode Island. Have many fond memories of when he was Grand Patron and what a great job he did and a wonderful year we all had. Rest in peace Walter

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**Carole Boudreau** - February 13, 2021 at 08:56 PM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Sailor !!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - February 12, 2021 at 06:19 PM

EJ

“ Walter was a Brother Mason & a Brother in the Easter Star who was  
Loved in the Myrtle Beach area. I was proud to have known &  
considered him my Friend. He will be missed. RIP my Brother.

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**Eldred Johnson** - February 11, 2021 at 09:42 PM