



John T. Walden

May 10, 1925 - March 1, 2014

Jack was born and raised in Meridian, Mississippi. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in journalism and worked as a reporter and newspaper editor for papers in Mississippi and Alabama. He served in the Marines in the Pacific during World War II and as a combat correspondent during the Korean War. He moved to the Washington area in 1959. His career included serving as a press aide and speechwriter on Capitol Hill and serving in public affairs positions with the Surgeon General's office of the U.S. Public Health Service, the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. After retiring from the federal government he worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 18 years until his second retirement in 1996.

Jack was a beloved husband and father who was very devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Susan Stephenson Walden, and four daughters, Janis Walden Bobier (Kevin); Teresa Lee Walden; Jackie Luanne Hamilton (William); and Stephanie Elizabeth Walden. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Lauren Claire Gerber (David), Daniel Walden Bobier, and Sara Luanne Hamilton; a sister, Shirley Walden Coats; a great-grandchild, nieces, and nephews.

Family and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA on Saturday, March 22, 2014 for a visitation from 12:00

-1:00 PM. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM.

Jack's favorite pastime was sailing on the Chesapeake Bay with his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403. www.cbf.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *John T. Walden*

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“ *Jack introduced the Chesapeake Bay to me on which I sailed for 20 years. Jack was a great Sailor and I will remember our Sailing "Adventures" on the Bay the rest of my life. My sincere condolences to Susan, Stephanie, Jan, Jackie and the rest of the family. - Ken*

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“ I sadly learned only today of Jack Walden's passing last year. Jack and I worked together for a brief period of time when we were assigned to the staff of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Smoking and Health. I was literally a gopher having just graduated high school the year before, and Jack was part of Gene Guthrie's professional staff down at the old Bureau of Chronic Disease. I lost track of Jack but over the years I did maintain some contact with Gene Guthrie and even occasionally visited he at his home on the Eastern Shore. Sadly Gene too died last year at age 90, the year in which the PHS celebrated the 50th anniversary of that first report of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee that both Gene and Jack played such an important part.

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“ Our most sincere sympathies, Ray and Kathie Raley

March 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Jack was a such a delightful and engaging person to know; we will miss him. Our thoughts are with Sue, Stephanie and Sally at this difficult time. Love from Janet and family.

March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



*“ May peace be with Sue and the family.
Chuck Harker.*

March 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM