



Walter Lee Loftin Jr

February 23, 1931 - May 20, 2025

Walter Lee Loftin, Jr., age 94, a resident of Arlington, Virginia, entered into eternal rest peacefully on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at Virginia Hospital Center.

Walter was born on February 23, 1931, in Alexandria, Virginia, the youngest son of Walter and Beulah Loftin. He grew up in a rowhouse in the 1500 block of King Street when Alexandria only had one stoplight! A graduate of George Washington High School in Alexandria and Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Walter followed in his father's footsteps by working for the railroad. Over the course of his career, he held a variety of positions with five major railroad companies. Walter also owned two private railroad cars and traveled across the United States, visiting all 48 contiguous states.

A born-again Christian, Walter was a member of First Baptist Church of Alexandria, which he began attending with his family as a child. He combined his deep love for Jesus Christ with his tremendous passion for railroads through his involvement in the Alexandria Chapter of the Railroad Evangelistic Association. After retiring from the railroad, Walter worked at the Alexandria Visitors Center, where he shared his love of Old Town with many visitors.

Walter is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Francis Loftin, his sisters Barbara Richardson and Elaine LaBombard, and his niece Terri LaBombard. He is survived by his nieces Sharon Ward, Michelle Koss, and

Judy LaBombard; nephews Richard Richardson, Robert Loftin, Stephen Loftin, Clifford LaBombard, Troy LaBombard; and his beloved friend, Greg Foster.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Jefferson Memorial Chapel in Fairfax County. A funeral service will follow on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 1:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Alexandria. Walter will be laid to rest at Mt. Comfort Cemetery in Fairfax County.

Cemetery Details

Mount Comfort Cemetery

6600 S Kings Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 765-3800

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Alexandria
2932 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302

Burial

JUN 2. 2:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery
6600 South Kings Highway
Alexandria, VA 22306

Tribute Wall



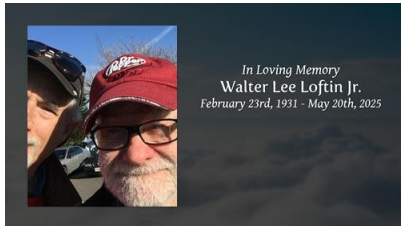
“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Walter Lee Loftin Jr



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - May 24, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter Lee Loftin Jr



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - May 24, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ Remembering our cousin Walter with fond memories. Walter lived with our family when he taught at Orange County High School , VA. He visited my family in California where we rode an excursion train in the Santa Cruz Mountains. There were many other visits in VA over the years. Walter’s Mom was our father’s 1st cousin. Our family, Heilig, sends condolences. Nieces or nephews, Please contact Zelda at Zeeouellette@gmail.com.

Zelda (Heilig) Ouellette - August 22, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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“ Walter visited Cleveland and Akron for a train symposium. I drove him to Cleveland to ride Akron. A knowledgeable Southern gentleman with a soft Northern Carolina accent. His friends up here like David Mangold will miss him. He was a substitute teacher and railroad employee. I would send him articles. He had a fine train adventure going to Colorado three years ago. Brendan Delay

Brendan Delay - June 15, 2025 at 04:12 PM

JB

“ It's been almost 20 years since I last saw Walter but a few years after leaving Alexandria, VA he would write me letters about train service coming to Abingdon, VA. He was a nice man and I enjoyed seeing him when I was a member of First Baptist Church Alexandria back in the day. RIP Jason N. Berry

Jason N Berry - May 25, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Lee Loftin Jr.

May 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Lee Loftin Jr.



May 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM

MK

“ We loved having Walter in the Sunday School class. He was always very active and participated in our discussions about Jesus and what a Loving God we have. He constantly invited all of us on a train trip with him to lots of different places. And boy, could he eat. He loved his desserts and pancakes especially. His smile and enthusiasm for the Lord will be missed. We are so glad he is with his Savior in heaven now. Rest in His loving arms, Walter. Mark and Annie Kern

Mark and Annie Kern - May 24, 2025 at 09:50 AM

MK

“ Our family is so sad to hear of Walter’s passing. He was always so sweet to us, and when my girls were younger he gave them a book he made about trains. We still have it on our bookshelf. We loved talking about trains with him! Walter always had a cheerful smile on his face and we know we will be reunited with him again one day, because he’s just moved to heaven. We send our deepest condolences to his family and friends and will be praying that God will comfort them, with precious memories of sweet Walter.

Monica Klock - May 23, 2025 at 08:45 PM

SU

“ Walter was a kind soul. He is celebrating with his savior now.

Susan - May 23, 2025 at 07:51 PM