



Walter S. Helfer

August 16, 1931 - January 14, 2020

New Rochelle, NY - Walter Sutcliffe Helfer of New Rochelle, NY and Hampton, NH, died on January 13th, 2020 in Durham, NH. He was born to the late Dorothy (Sutcliffe) Helfer and Walter Helfer on August 16th, 1931.

He is survived by his brother Michael Helfer, of Norwalk, CT; his beloved wife Lorraine (Voepel) Helfer; his son Walter Voepel Helfer, of New Rochelle; his daughter Margaret Herlehy, of Hampton; his daughter Liann Kimball, and son-in-law William Kimball, of Southbury, CT; and his five cherished granddaughters.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, received his Master's degree from Hunter College in New York City, and taught sixth-grade science and math at George M. Davis Elementary School in New Rochelle. His passions included, but were not limited to: competition fast-pitch softball, speed-skating, surfing, Dixieland jazz, music for pipe organs, and classical music. He played bassoon in Westchester (NY) Symphonies, and bassoon, saxophone, and clarinet in Mount Vernon's (NY) series of Broadway musicals for charity.

He was a member of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Rochelle. A service commemorating his life will be held at an undetermined date. His ashes will be spread on the Atlantic Ocean in a traditional Surfer's Memorial in the spring.

One of his most popular activities was the afternoon skating program of Davis School held at Rye Playland of NY. Hundreds of students who passed through this program made their memories of "Mr. Helfer" known to us throughout our lives.

Comments



“ Margaret and family,
I am so sad to hear of your father's passing. He was such a kind and generous soul! Just last month I told my daughter of the wonderful teachers Mr. Helper and Mr. Celestino who would bring us on the bus, help us lace our skates, wipe off cold hands when we fell and be wonderful role models for a whole generation of kids. Thanks for sharing your dad with us. He is remembered for his warm heart 50 years later by this grateful Davis elementary student. May his memory be a blessing.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Meredith Morgan Rossborough

meredith morgan rossborough - March 06 at 05:05 PM



“ By any chance, was this Walter Helfer the same Walter Helfer who taught elementary school?

Eric J Ellman - December 03, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Yes Eric. My dad taught at Davis Elementary School in New Rochelle for many years.
Margaret Herlehy - March 28 at 01:33 AM



“ Lorraine I am so sorry to hear of Walter's passing! I have such fond memories of you both at North Beach along the wall. Sending you hugs

Leslie - January 31, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ To Lorraine, Michael, Liann, Margaret, Walter, & Grand Children,
Our Thoughts and Prayers have each of you in mind during this difficult time. We have many enjoyable holiday Memories which included happy times with Walter and all of you.
Love,
John & Joanne Giordano

John & Joanne Giordano - January 19, 2020 at 11:51 AM