



## Robert G. Walton

June 22, 1939 - August 25, 2020

Newbury, MA – Robert G. Walton, 81, a lifelong resident Newbury, died at home on Tuesday August 25, 2020 with family by his side. He was born in Newburyport on June 22, 1939 the son of the late Keith A. and Doris E. (Laite) Walton. Predeceased by his brothers; Leland H, Keith P, Donald L and Gordon E. Walton.

He graduated from Newburyport High School and later Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He went on to own and operate Walton's Auto Lab, a successful automotive shop for over 35 years.

Bob and his father were charter members holding many offices of the Newbury/Rowley Lions club. He was a member of the Newburyport Cam Snappers. He enjoyed flying his 182 Cessna plane. He was a founding shareholder of New England Dragway where he enjoyed drag racing his dragster and Fiberfab Jamacian car for many years. He and Shirley spent many years wintering in Englewood, FL. He enjoyed adventures, had many stories to tell and or sing with his guitars. Was a lifelong member and served on many committees of the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church of Newburyport, MA where he will be interred. He was committed to serving and helping people in times of need.

He shared 60 years of marriage this past June 19th with his wife Shirley J.

(Tryon) Walton of Newbury.

In addition to his wife, family members include his daughter, Deborah Walton and her spouse James Brauneck of Newbury; son, Donald Walton and his spouse Alyssa of Newbury, grandchildren, Jenna and spouse DJ Kelly of Newbury, Jill and spouse Mark Olson of North Hampton, NH, great grandchildren Brennen and Melody Kelly of Newbury and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Celebration of life will be at St. Paul's Church of Newburyport at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to any of your favorite charities as Bob always loved to help wherever he could.

# Tribute Wall



“ I was a young boy of 14 when I first met Bob. He was one of the first men to take an adult interest in me when I needed it most. He was probably the first man to qualify in my mind the title of.. "Larger Than Life". Whatever good will I have in my heart, Bob was a contributor. Thank you, Bob.

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**Joe Liberty** - April 23, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ Robert G. Walton

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



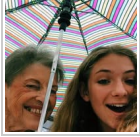
“ I first met the Walton family around 1974. I quickly made friends with Deb and later, her brother Don. Bob and Shirley became very important role models in my life during my high school years. I always admired their laughter, happy family life and wonderful sense of family. Bob was always a hard worker, extremely kind, funny and talented. I loved spending time with the Walton family. Bob holds a very special place in my heart and always will.  
Anne (Swanson) Kardenetz

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**annek1232@gmail.com** - September 30, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ Shirley, I was so sorry to read of Bob's passing. I did not know Bob well but remember the fun time both of you had at your retirement cruise. I know you have many fun and loving memories to help comfort you during these difficult times ahead.

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**jean moak** - September 08, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ Bob, your cousin Ernestine, I remember when we were young, you collected Lionel trains. Your Dad, Uncle Keith, built a display for you which took too over the entire basement with your Lionel trains City. It was really amazing and quite stunning. You always were a talented young boy to a very progressive man. I do remember you buying “The Sabino” with another man, (?) strolling the Merrimac River with him playing music. You could play the guitar and the piano. My sister Kay enjoyed the airplane ride you took her and ET. She talked about that ride until we lost her earlier this year. Bob, you have left me as the oldest Walton family member! I, too, was stunned to hear of your late illness. Rest In Peace my cousin!

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**Erin Walton** - September 06, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MG

“ My heart is full. My friendship with Bob and Shirley means more to me than I can say. And even though time and distance has offered us few chances to meet as we use to, I cherish the memories and affection I have for them.

God bless you Bob. I know that you have found even greater peace and joy.

Michele Griffin-MacGregor

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**Michele Griffin-MacGregor** - September 05, 2020 at 11:56 AM

AM

“ I couldn't agree more with the loving tributes to Bob (and Shirley) that I read below. They became dear friends when my former wife Michele and I joined St. Paul's and remained so for many years. I enjoyed sailing with Bob and Dave Stickney on Bob's beloved Chesapeake Bay Skipjack. My heartfelt condolences to Shirley and the family on the loss of such a wonderful husband, father and friend.

*Allan MacGregor*

*Ajjic, Mexico*

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**Allan MacGregor** - September 04, 2020 at 02:08 PM

PB

“ I'm so sad to know that I've had my last hug from Bob--he was such a wonderful presence at St. Paul's. Shirley was the first person who visited me when I came to Newburyport in 1985, and Bob maintained both my car and (more important) my mother's, all the way to the end of her driving. His appreciation of music and his contributions to it at St. Paul's were another source of connection. His smile could light the whole sanctuary.

*There's a hymn that begins "I come with joy to meet my Lord...", which is exactly how I envision Bob entering his next life!*

*Priscilla Bellairs*

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**Priscilla B. Bellairs** - September 01, 2020 at 06:51 PM

BM

“ *Enjoyed annual summer visits with Bob in his garage where he would share stories, such as, about flying a plane in the heavy fog and his secret to drag racing at his tender age.*

*He will truly be remembered for his upbeat enthusiasm.*

*A life long friend, Bob Morrill*

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**Bob Morrill** - August 31, 2020 at 09:10 PM

CL

“ *Clyde lit a candle in memory of Robert G. Walton*



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**Clyde** - August 31, 2020 at 06:25 PM

CF

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob. To the Walton family our condolences. Bob was a wonderful man he will be greatly missed. A great friend ,a great mechanic. Rest in Peace my friend.*  
*Clyde & Marge Fowler*

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**Clyde & Marge Fowler** - August 31, 2020 at 06:23 PM

VM

“ Shirley and Bob were our friends since my first week at AJH in June 1971 where I met Shirley the nurse in the OR while doing emergency surgery.

*A wonderful friendship ensued. Bob was the kindest man and always contributed his expertise for the benefit of everyone. He will be missed because he made a big difference to all who knew him. The world is a little poorer without Bob Walton.*

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**Vincent J. Russo, MD** - August 31, 2020 at 05:08 PM

KM

“ I am truly sorry to hear of Bob's passing.

*My connection with Bob was through the Newburyport Custom House Maritime Museum, where Bob and Shirley donated both their time and his impressive, absolutely beautiful, one-of-a-kind model of the steamer "Sabino", which I personally treasured as part of the collection. Bob brought both the model and the ship itself to life for me, since he was, as you know, a skilled story-teller. I met a lot of interesting people in almost 10 years at the museum, but Bob has always stood out from the crowd.*

*I feel very lucky to have known him.*

*My deepest condolences to Shirley and her family.*

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**Kevin MacDonald** - August 31, 2020 at 03:30 PM

DP

“ I was so shocked and saddened to read of Bob's passing. I count Bob as one of my closest friends at St Paul's throughout my 40+ years there, and I can't begin to count the number of projects on which we worked together during those years. I don't think I can ever remember him saying "No", if asked to help out with a chore or a problem. And a master mechanic he was....servicing and solving our car's needs over the years.

*It was always a pleasure to see Bob and Shirley at church on Sunday, and to hear of his latest adventures at coffee-hour....not to mention sharing our interests in model railroading! Bob, you were a joy to know and share time with.*

*Cecile and I will miss you SO much. R.I.P.*

*Doug & Cecile Peck*

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**Doug & Cecile Peck** - August 30, 2020 at 01:03 PM

GD

“ We have 50 years of memories with our very dear friends Bob and Shirley; they cover so many adventures from canoeing, Lions Club, skiing in NH, and Colorado, flying in their plane, a week long houseboat trip in VA, parties, sharing our families, love, and tears, Bob wandering our yard in Maine as our "Minstrel" with his banjo, and especially these last years as backyard friends and neighbors in Florida....so many happy times...we will miss you Bobby with your beautiful songs and always love in your heart. Rest well our friend.

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**Gidget and Dave** - August 30, 2020 at 08:53 AM

DC

“ 3 files added to the album Misc from D. Cunniff



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**David K. Cunniff** - August 29, 2020 at 03:14 PM

DC

“ It was always a privilege to spend any time with my friend Bob Walton and his family.  
Sorely missed.

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**David K. Cunniff** - August 29, 2020 at 03:09 PM

SF

“ I loved being around Bob. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile for everyone he met. I loved hearing his stories of his dragster and how he met his beautiful wife, Shirley in the pit crew. You will be deeply missed my friend! Lots of love to Shirley and your family.

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**Susan Flint** - August 29, 2020 at 02:15 PM

DA

*To our dear friend, Bobby. You are "priceless". We have shared many wonderful times with you and Shirley. You always made us laugh. Your stories were so interesting.*

*I know that you liked to eat because we always ended up at a restaurant after we had been to a show of some sort,  
Our prayers are with you and your family. We will see you again someday. God Bless you, Dick and June Adams*

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**Dick & June Adams** - August 29, 2020 at 03:44 PM

CI

“ *Such a wonderful man. He will certainly be missed with great sadness by many people.....thinking of you...Bruce and Carolyn*

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**Carolyn Illsley** - August 29, 2020 at 12:57 PM

BB

“ *I loved seeing Bob at St. Pauls. He always had interesting and exciting stories. He will be genuinely missed. Beverly Brennan*

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**beverly brennan** - August 29, 2020 at 08:58 AM

BD

“ *Having known my cousin Bobby for 76 years, I particularly remember our trips to Florida with his family and mine. Those were good, happy memories which I will always cherish. Bobby was "one of the good guys" that everyone who knew him loved.*

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**Beverly Dalton** - August 28, 2020 at 07:03 PM

DC

*I met Bobby Walton when I was seven years old when my sister first brought him home to meet our family. I was the flower girl in Bob and Shirley's wedding and the sister that Bobby said he never had. I can't imagine a life without Bob playing his guitar and telling stories. My sister sure was lucky to spend 60 years with this wonderful man. I know for a fact that heaven is a happier place now that he has arrived!*

**Dorothy Tryon Cunniff** - September 01, 2020 at 07:19 PM

PB

“*Bob was a wonderful gentleman! He always gave me a hug, a smile and a story. I will always remember him with fond memories. He will be greatly missed.*

*Patsy J. Brown*

**Patsy J. Brown** - August 28, 2020 at 05:26 PM

LG

“*Bob and Shirley. Always in the same sentence. Love of family, love of friends, love of his community. Bob will always be remembered with a smile. Wonderful stories, wonderful adventures, and always time to help someone in need. It was a privilege to know him, and he will remain in our hearts always.*

**Leana Gallagher** - August 28, 2020 at 05:15 PM

ML

“*What a sadness comes when I think of not having rambling conversations with Bob no matter where he would pop up with such a spontaneous joy of meeting you!*

*Margette Leanna*

**margette Leanna** - August 28, 2020 at 04:52 PM

MM

“ Bob, We are so taken back to read this news of your departure from our lives. You always had a fun smile, twinkle in your eye and made everyone happy to be around you. What a smile and HI we would receive when we saw us - You will be so missed by all those that knew you or had any contact with you. We are so glad we shared the same anniversary date of June 19th with such a wonderful man and his loving wife Shirley.

*We will carry out memories of you all our days.*

*Marge & Skip Motes*

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**marge & skip Motes** - August 28, 2020 at 04:25 PM

BS

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing this morning. He was an outstanding person, always ready to help others, stop and have a friendly conversation, and offer positive thoughts. He helped St. Paul's Church in so many ways over the years. I will miss him calling me "pal" and putting his arm on my shoulder. RIP

*Bronson de Stadler*

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**Bronson de Stadler** - August 28, 2020 at 02:19 PM