



Walter D. Nordstrom

May 22, 1937 - April 29, 2025

North Hampton – Walter D. Nordstrom, 88, of North Hampton passed away peacefully the morning of Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

He was born on March 22, 1937 in Newton, MA, son of the late Walter T. and Lillian (Woodside) Nordstrom.

Raised in Newton, Walter graduated from Newton North High School with the Class of 1954. He joined the U.S. Navy Reserve in September, 1954 and served and trained on submarines until June, 1961.

A man of many talents, Walter enjoyed several careers. He owned and operated a Texaco station in Newton, MA. He worked as a mechanic and assembled snowmobiles at McFarland Ford. He owned and operated New England Marine, diving and piloting his boat, the Modig up and down the Eastern Seaboard. Walter served as a Marine Superintendent for Morrison-Knudsen Company, managing (among other projects) the marine contingent of the construction of an important maritime harbor in Barranquilla, Columbia. He built the North Hampton Recycling Center and ran it for many years, earning the title of Man of the Year. He was the president and CEO of Nordstrom Enterprises and the Little River Tree Farm in North Hampton. The tree farm now serves as a public park, the Nordstrom Eltzroth Woods.

Walter worked with machines for much of his life. As a young man, he built and raced cars and snowmobiles. He was a tugboat captain for many years, and an avid SCUBA diver. Walter could often be seen on the back of one of his tractors mowing, smoothing, or moving things to be helpful. He enjoyed building, collecting, and shooting firearms, and he was a talented marksman. If you needed something fixed it was often said that if Walter didn't have one, he could make one of whatever it was you needed.

Walter shared 41 years of marriage with his late wife, Mary Joan "Jody" Nordstrom, who predeceased him in 2024.

Surviving family members include: his son, Walt Nordstrom and his wife, Lisa; step-daughters, Kaaren Parma, Coleen Weeks, Brenda Smith; step-son, Mark Smith; sister, Lynda Ellingwood; 7 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Walter also had many friends near and dear to his heart.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his sister, Judith Woodard.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association by clicking here. (https://alzfdn.org/donate/?gad_source=1&gbraid=0AAAAAD_W-P8WdoxIFc5LbMpYH2a0ITxMX&gclid=Cj0KCQjw8zABhDKARIsAHXuD7aZnoTMVqXms1eLWr5-mDINWbhWnzrtc3o4Piwg_0tNVcU9a48eZjAaAj8CEALw_wcB)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Sue Smith lit a candle in memory of Walter D. Nordstrom



Sue Smith - January 25 at 08:11 AM

SS

I'm so sorry for the loss of my dear, sweet friend, Walter. My name is Sue and I worked as a hostess at the Ninety-Nine restaurant in Portsmouth. I remember the first time I met Walter and Jody at the restaurant. Walter immediately reminded me of my father, who I lost at the age of 17. I always looked forward to seeing Walter and Jody. Walter was a softy with a tough shell. I could see the gentle side of Walter by the way he looked at Jody. He adored her and protected her to no end. Amazing man. I often wondered what Walter was like as a young man and now I know. I left the Ninety-Nine in June 2022. I never forgot my friend Walter and his lovely wife, Jody. The last time I saw Walter was when I stopped by the Ninety-Nine for lunch. My heart was full when the hostess, Laurie told me he was there. I couldn't get there fast enough to give him a huge hug. RIP, Walter, my forever friend ❤️

Sue Smith

Former Hostess, Ninety-Nine Restaurant, Portsmouth

Sue Smith - January 25 at 08:28 AM

RS

“ I was one of four divers working on the offshore Jackup Barge Jay Robertson offshore of Hampton Beach during the construction of the Seabrook Nuclear Plant from 1977 to 1979. We worked from Walter's MoDig wooden workboat quite a few times during those years. After the main construction was done and the Jay Robertson was gone we worked from his boat again doing additional construction work on the three intake structure heads.

Walter was very friendly with me and the other divers we all got along very well with him. I still visit with Phil one of the other divers who I worked with on his boat a lot doing the additional underwater construction work.

It is hard to believe that 45 years have passed since we all worked together. I am 81 now and still involved with diving and marine survey work. Although I retired from active diving in 2012 I still use my 25' survey boat for occasional positioning work which I like doing.

God has blessed my wife and myself with good health up until now.

I wish the remaining family of Walter the best that life has to offer, may God bless you all also.

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts.

Richard

Richard Smith - July 17, 2025 at 10:20 PM

JP

“ *Walt was a good fellow to have on your side. His caractère and talents made him so valuable to us during the installation of the Seabrook cooling system off the coast of Hampton beach. Then in monitoring the critical towing of a Hudson River car float until delivery to Puerto Bolivar a New harbor installed along the Colombian coast. Bravo Walt rest in peace*

jpnossereau - June 12, 2025 at 06:30 AM

CH

“ *I am a driver with TASC and had the honor and pleasure of driving Walter several days a week to visit his wife while she was in a facility. He was one of my favorite riders. He always had such interesting stories about his life. When he no longer needed rides, I missed seeing him. Condolences to his family.*

Chris - June 11, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LE

“ After graduating from Newton High Trade School, my brother was always busy usually working. As a little girl he'd ride me on his handlebars, belt a divan pillow on his back to give me bronco buster rides, pay me a nickel to spit shine his navy shoes before he'd leave for duty, and gave me one of his sailor hats after he was out of the service so I could be like the other girls in Jr. High that were getting the other kids to sign them. He was in the Naval submarine service for 8 year's, and earned his dolphin's. Over the years he had many interesting jobs. Boys my age hung around my house, not to see me, but to watch my brother teach other kids how to do all types of car repairs. He started a club called the Roadrunners, and during the weekend all the boys would go out on route 128, and fix any car that broke down (in those days, it was often). At one of his jobs, he designed and built a go cart well known as the black panther. He owned a large salvage boat called the Modig, and after gaining his Captain's license, went to South America to build a seaport. I never knew him to not be busy.

Lynda Ellingwood - May 19, 2025 at 09:05 AM

BM

“ Bg Mawson lit a candle in memory of Walter D. Nordstrom



bg mawson - May 04, 2025 at 08:06 AM