



## Walter Wszulkowski

March 20, 1936 - May 19, 2025

Hampton - Our beloved father, Walter "Wally" Wszulkowski, returned home to his Heavenly Father on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Wally was born in Manhattan, NY on March 20, 1936. He grew up in the Bronx and Brooklyn, attending Stuyvesant High School. In 1954 Wally enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served for 2 years at the end of the Korean Conflict. He was stationed in Germany and loved his time in Europe. Wally met his wife, Louise Patalano, when they were in elementary school. After his discharge from the Army, he and our mom fell in love and married on January 12, 1958. "Weezie and Wally" were married for 62 years until Mom's death in June of 2020.

Wally began his career at IBM in 1956, starting in the mailroom. While working full-time, he enrolled at Pratt Institute, taking night courses, and graduated in 1965 with a degree in Industrial Design. Over the years Wally was promoted to a photo editor position and designed for IBM's Think Magazine. This was when Dad became a true "Creative". He loved black and white photography and developed his film in the dark room he built in our childhood home. He loved to paint caricatures which was noticed by Thomas J. Watson, Jr., President of IBM. Tom hired Dad to paint whimsical characters on his private plane year after year.

In 1968, Weezie and Wally moved their family of four from Brooklyn to

Ringwood. Bald Eagle Estates was a magical community that nurtured lifelong friendships. Weezie and Wally spent many Saturday nights dancing to live music at the Cupsaw Lake Clubhouse. It was a beautiful place to call home.

IBM transferred Wally to Atlanta in 1983. They moved to Marietta and became a part of the St. Ann Catholic Church community. Dad took early retirement at age 52, engaging in freelance work with an IBM colleague for a few years. Never one to sit around, he followed this experience with 20 years working at the front desk of the Marietta YMCA. Wally had head shots taken and became a local celebrity as an extra on local commercials and, in a moment to remember, as an extra in the movie Remember the Titans. Dad enjoyed learning and took cooking, painting, and pen and ink classes. Wally found watercolor art to be his favorite medium. Dad began to paint...and paint...and paint. He became part of the Atlanta Art Community and showed his work at festivals in the area including Bulloch Hall in the town of Roswell, GA.

Our Dad lived a rich, full life. In 2020, after mom's passing, Wally moved north to the Seacoast of NH to live with his daughter and son-in-law. He loved walking along North Beach in Hampton. He had a gift for making new friends. He missed Weezie and remembered her with each bowl of pasta he ate. And there were many!

Wally is survived by his daughter Erika Wszulkowski of Santa Barbara, CA, his daughter Lisa Boldin and her husband Marty Boldin of Hampton, NH, his sister Joanna Zawacki and his grandchildren, Christa and Katherine Jeck. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Theresa Parish in Rye, NH on July 19th at 11:00 a.m.

The family would like to thank the caring and compassionate staff of Webster at Rye as well as Beacon Hospice. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association: [www.lbda.org](http://www.lbda.org)



# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUL **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Theresa Church  
815 Central Rd  
(603) 964-6440  
Rye Beach, NH 03871

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Walt and Louise were our next door neighbors when we were newlyweds and moved into our new house in Woodmont (in Marietta) in 1983. They were wonderful neighbors and we loved both of them. Walt was always in the yard gardening and had gorgeous flowers and an enviable lawn. Louise was always busy, either in the kitchen or out and about. Ericka, you already had one foot out the door, ready to move to Santa Barbara, but we have fond memories of you as a teenager. Lisa, we met you and your husband a few times over the years when you visited Marietta. Walt and Louise loved you so much and were so proud of you!*

*When we moved out of that house in 1992,, we really missed Walt and Louise and were always thrilled to bump into them while shopping or at an art fair. We lost touch in recent years, and are truly sad to hear about their passing. We send our belated condolences and our love.*

*Barbara and David Siegelman*

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**Barbaraand David Siegelman** - June 01 at 08:40 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Wszulkowski.*



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July 10, 2025 at 11:52 AM

CB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Wally's passing. I worked at the Y with him and Louise. We shared a lot of laughs and I have fond memories of both of them. They were a special couple, praying for you all as you mourn the loss of your father.

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**Cheryl Breslin** - June 01, 2025 at 02:09 PM

MB

“ I am honored to have been one of Wally's last “art students.” He loved to discuss blending colors and light in watercolor painting, and shared very good tips and shortcuts. He was a pleasure to know, even for a short time.

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**Marilyn Bodnar** - June 01, 2025 at 02:03 PM

BZ

“ I had the joy of working with Wally for years at the YMCA in the mornings. He was not only a gifted artist but also someone who could always make me laugh. He truly adored Louise, and his warmth and humor left a lasting impact. I'm so sorry to hear this—he will be deeply missed.

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**Brandi Zenker** - May 26, 2025 at 03:09 PM