



David R. Walters

February 19, 1932 - December 2, 2022

David Walters joined the love of his life, Joan (Weber) Walters on December 2, 2022. He is survived by his daughter, Tammy Walters (Eagle, CO), his sister Phyllis Bliese (Wausau) and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. His stories and love of the outdoors will be missed by family and friends.

Dave was the eldest son of Damon and Alma Walters, founders of Philip Walters family farm in Marathon County. Dave helped his father clear the land for farming, log trees, hand cut lumber with cross saw and build a milking barn that is still in use. One of Dave's favorite stories was about helping Damon clear out stumps with dynamite.

Dave served his country in the Korean war in 1952 and 1953. He worked in the 74th Engineers motor pool where he learned to operate bulldozers.

Dave built roads for USA, Greece, Turkey and Afghanistan forces. Returning to USA Dave moved north to Oneida county working for the DNR where he continued to operate bulldozers building many roads in the Northwoods that are still used today for back country access, snowmobiling and skiing. As a warden for the DNR Dave had many adventures in the back country including chasing poachers, snowshoeing many miles to count deer, encounters with bears and angry bees and fighting

forest fires with his bulldozer.

Dave and Joan were married June 18, 1955 and lived outside of Lake Tomahawk. They enjoyed polka dancing all their lives together.

In the 60's Dave and Joan purchased a grocery store in Lake Tomahawk they expanded to Walters' Superette known for its hand cut meats. Not content with operating a grocery store, Dave sold real estate, assembled Ski Doos and opened a Laundromat. Dave loved snowmobiling and built one of the first snowmobiles in Wisconsin for the DNR. He guided friends on many day trips on the back roads he built working for the DNR. In the late 60's Dave raced in the Hodag 50 Cross-Country Snowmobile Race. Dave and Joan organized several trips to Yellowstone when the park first opened to snowmobiles

Dave and Joan were founders of the New-Tom Sno-Fleas snowmobile club in Lake Tomahawk. They organized the snowmobile trail system that is still in use in the area. Dave built several groomers for the Sno-Fleas that were studied by other clubs in US and Canada.

Dave and Joan enjoyed traveling. Free time found them fishing in Canada and taking many trips out west. One memorable trip to Arizona included a two-day mule ride into the Grand Canyon. Other memorable trips included visiting Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Germany and Switzerland.

Dave loved the outdoors. Golfing, snowmobiling, hunting, walking in the woods and fishing were some of his favorite things in life.

Dave and Joan took up golfing which became a passion. Summers at their home on 17th hole of Pinewood Golf Course in Harshaw WI and winters on the Gulf in Pensacola FL. Not content to just play golf, Dave worked as a starter at Northwoods Golf Course in Rhinelander, WI and Osceola Golf

Course in Pensacola, FL. Dave enjoyed walking in the woods looking for lost golf balls, cleaning and reselling the balls. He had a golf ball room with thousands of golf balls.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 9, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Minocqua, followed by a Funeral Service at 11:00 AM. Interment will be at Union Grove Cemetery in Harshaw.

Cemetery Details

Union Grove

Harshaw, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Minocqua, WI

Funeral Service

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Minocqua, WI

Tribute Wall

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“ *An absolute awesome, friendly, calm and smart man. The world lost a great one! Rest in peace my friend.*
Darl Lunde



Darl D Lunde - December 27, 2022 at 09:44 AM

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“ *It was always a pleasure to talk with Dave(Mr. Walters) at Northwood Golf Course. He was, indeed, a very knowledgeable individual. He was truly missed by the players when he left his post as a starter. A finer man I have not known. Rest In Peace. Ron Johnson*

Ron Johnson - December 10, 2022 at 11:38 PM

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“ *The Actabl Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David R. Walters.*



The Actabl Team - December 05, 2022 at 11:40 AM