

Celebrating the Life of Walter B. Krueger

On July 1, 2026, the world lost a beautiful soul when Walt Krueger, 89, of Elgin, IL, went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ. Though our hearts are heavy, we are grateful for the gift of Walt's life and the countless ways he touched those around him.

Born on April 27, 1937 in Chicago, IL to Winnifred [Garringer] and Walter Krueger, Sr., Walt grew up in Lisle, IL with his stepfather Edward Reese, older sister Fern, and younger brother Eddie. From an early age, he learned to work hard, take care of others, enjoy nature and love the Lord.

Over the years, Walt built a life filled with love, adventure and service. He loved to travel from one coast to the other on his Honda Goldwing with his sweetheart Jo Ann in their 43 years together. Their home was filled with photos of their adventures; they loved to visit the Balloon Festival in New Mexico, the Rockies and the fall colors in the Northeast. They were also enduring supporters of the Chicago Cubs and faithful members of Christ Community Church in St. Charles, IL; Walt used his amazing "fix-it" skills to start a Handyman Ministry at Christ Community and participated in mission trips to the Appalachians in Kentucky. But more than accomplishments, it was the way Walt shared the love of God, making people feel valued and loved, that will be remembered most.

Walt leaves behind Steve (Lisa) Krueger, Lynn Krueger, Andrea (Jeff) Burzlaff and Kent (Barbara) Isom, grandchildren Dan, Jon (Melissa), Brandi, Ellie (Jackson), Carter, Cady and Ben, great-grandchildren and countless dear friends, who will carry forward his legacy of resilience, kindness, faith and service. He is reunited in spirit with his parents Winnie and Ed, wife Jo Ann, brothers Eddie and Charles, sisters Fern and Carrie.

A celebration of Walt's life will be held on August 12, 2026 at 11:00 am at Christ Community Church located at 820 Randall Road in South Elgin, IL 60177. A time of remembrance and visitation will be held at 10:00 am. Friends and family are invited to share stories, laughter, and love in his honor.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Christ Community Church at the address above, or the Christian Appalachian Project (<https://www.christianapp.org/>; 485 Ponderosa Drive, Paintsville, KY 41240), both causes close to Walt's heart.