



## Robert W. Walsh

July 5, 1919 - December 8, 2003

Robert W. Walsh, age 84, of Syracuse, New York died Monday, December 8, 2003 at Community General Hospital, Onondaga Hill, New York.

Robert was born July 5, 1919 in Syracuse, New York the son of John P. and Margaret Mary (McGraw) Walsh. He was a life resident of Syracuse and a graduate of Valley High School Class of 1938. He retired in 1978 as a District Chief with the Syracuse Fire Department after 32 years of service. He and his wife were responsible for the development of the "Syracuse Street Guide" still in use today by the Syracuse Fire Department. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, a long time member of the Valley Men's Club and American Legion Post 1468, a founder of Valley Little League, appointed by Mayor Tom Young as an original member of the Citizens Review Board, and a past member of the Board of Directors for Midstate Youth Hockey. He was a showcase baseball player in the 1940's and 1950's. He was a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II and a former POW awarded the Purple Heart. He was the ultimate family man. He loved model trains, his "Model A" Ford and was an avid golfer.

Mr. Walsh is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marion E. (Talmage) Walsh; three sons and their wives, Robert J. and Karen Walsh of Camillus, New York, William M. and Susan Walsh of Onondaga Hill, New York, John D. and Chrissie Walsh of Syracuse, New York; brother-in-law and his wife, John G.

and JoAnn Talmage of Florida; seven grandchildren, Robert E. Walsh, Sheila A. Smith, Carol D. VanRyn, William M. Walsh Jr., Michele M. Hayes, Britney A. Walsh and Sean P. Walsh; nine great-grandchildren and one niece, Patricia Gorman of South Carolina.

Services: Friday, December 12, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc. and 10:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Valley Drive, Syracuse where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Thomas Fitzpatrick.

Burial: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse.

Calling Hours: Thursday, December 11, 2003, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York, 13205.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert W. Walsh*



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**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Walsh Family:*

*Seeing this obituary for the first time, today, my condolences to your entire family.*

*Fondly remember his good nature, good will and expansive friendship.*

*A worthy member of America's "Greatest" generation and of a wonderful family.*

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September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad ~The first year since you joined God in heaven has passed very quickly. Every day I recall the way in which you lived... loving and sharing with everyone you touched. I pray for you every day as you walk beside me and help guide my life. I MISS YOU!Love~*

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December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dad ~I still miss you and pray for you every day. The love you gave and the love that surrounded you will be an everlasting tribute to your total being forever.Love ~Bob

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November 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Gramp,Just wanted to drop a little note and tell you we have been thinking about you a lot. We still miss you so very much. We are so glad that we all surprised you and gram with dinner last year on your anniversary, not knowing it would be your last. Everyone misses you so much, but we know that you are watching over us. Happy Anniversary.....Love ya lots :)

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April 01, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ DAD ~ On December 8, 2003 (""Feast of the Immaculate Conception""), as you passed, you were embraced and carried by the arms of the Virgin Mother Mary into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. There in his arms you will peacefully rest for eternity. You will forever be loved and remain in our hearts and minds. LOVE ~ Bob and Karen

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December 24, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandpa ~Thanks for all the wonderful years together. You are missed and will always be in our hearts and minds. WE WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER!Carol and Chuck

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December 24, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Great Grandpa ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS! LOVE ~ Heather, Joe, and Josh*

December 24, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gramp, Just wanted to wish you a Merry Christmas. We miss you and love you forever. You are forever in our hearts. Love, Sheila, Kevin, Dylan & Murphy*

December 24, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *DAD, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY HERO. I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU. I WILL TAKE CARE OF MOM. YOUR MEMORIES ARE MY STRENGTH. LOVE JOHNNY*

December 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers are with the family.*

December 12, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *gramp you have done so much for me and i always loved helping you do whatever you needed. I WILL MISS YOU SO MUCH LOVE DANNY*

December 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Walsh family during this time.*

December 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gramp, There are really no words to say to you that everyone hasn't already said or thought of. You really touched a lot of people's lives including myself and my kids(Jaccob & Matilda.) I am glad I had the chance to write you my poem to say how much I LOVE YOU and NEVER FORGET THIS...*

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December 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Robert W. Walsh*

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December 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Walsh family in their time of sorrow. God Bless.*

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December 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Robert W. Walsh family and especially to Robert J. and Karen Walsh. May His Nobel Soul Rest in Eternal Peace. Amen*

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December 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ Bob was one who served his country well. He survived a frightful aircombat experience. He had to abandon a burning aircraft which exploded just after the crew left. He was a POW in a neutral country. When he saought to escape he was captured and sent to an inhumanecamp. He endured these events and believed it was part of his duty to his fellow man. He was a valuble member of the Swiss Internees Assocand his nameplate will be on the side of the Memorial Archives of the Swiss Internees Assoc. to be placed at the 8th Air Force Museum, Savannah, GA.*

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December 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ I remember Mr. Walsh as being one of those great fathers who was a friend to all the kids in the neighborhood. I admired him. My thoughts are with you all.*

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December 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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December 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ Bob and family, I'm sorry I can't be there for you and my prayers are with you. Annette*

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December 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ I will always remember you uncle.*

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December 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ I will truly miss you and you will always be in my heart.

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December 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ bob you were like a grandfather to me. i love you and will miss you. if everyone on this planet had your morals and hard work ethic the world would be a better place.

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December 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ Like so many other people, I thought of Bob as a part of my family. When I think of my summers as a kid, I remember all time Amy and I spent in the pool at his house. Such a nice man. He will be missed.  
Love - Christopher

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December 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ I do not have to tell any of you in the Walsh Family how great our son Mark thought Grandpa Walsh was, not only as a fireman, fellow member of the Valley Men's Club, grandpa to so many or just a wonderful person. Mark always spoke about the stories Grandpa Walsh would tell when he and Billy would end up spending the night at Grandpa and Grandma Walsh's house when they were younger. He thought Grandpa Walsh was one of the most interesting people he had ever met. Our entire family thought very highly of him. Especially his wonderful smile. Our sincerest sympathy to Grandma Walsh and the entire Walsh family.

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December 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ I just wanted to let you all know that your Dad was thought of as a Grandpa to more than just your children. Jason and Matt always referred to him as Grandpa Walsh and they will miss him & his encouraging words, always asking how is hockey going. They both learned how to swim in his pool and have many fond memories of your Dad &(MOM) and their hospitality always making us feel welcome in their home. Our thoughts are with all of you at this time and again thank you for sharing your wonderful dad with so many of us. Love to all, Janelle

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ We're thinking of you and your family during this time, and sending you all our prayers.

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Uncle Bob as almost a second father to me. We kids had some wonderful times at their house swimming and going to the Valley Field Days when we were young.....Love, Karen

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm not sure what to say except that you were a great man. You were a hero to this family. And we all love you so much. And don't worry I'll make sure to get my oil checked and take care of my kidneys, cuz thats what you always told me. Love you!

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ I always smile when I think of Bob and my Dad at the State Fair sitting on a bench together watching the pretty girls walk by. I have to many other sweet memories to list here. Love - Lynda*

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*“ You have our deepest sympathy*

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ Even though he's wasn't my blood relative he was considered as ""Grampa Walsh"". I spent most of my growing up years around them-swimming in the pool, many barbecues, and family functions. If Michele and I weren't hanging at her house we were at her grandparents house hanging by the pool. Thanks for the great memories and you will be greatly missed and always in my heart.*

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December 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM



*“ I will always remember the hot summer days swimming in the Walsh's pool. It will forever be one of my fondest childhood memories. Bob will be missed.xo Amy Rogala-Fenlon*

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“ *Gramp, Where do I begin? I can't thank you enough for all the memories that you have left us with. The road trips, the hockey games, the State Fair, but best of all.....the nights Gram went bowling and we searched the house for the christmas cookies. We finally found them, and boy were they good. You have taught us all so much. You never thought of yourself.....you always put everyone before you, no matter what you had to sacrifice. You were the "ultimate family man". There are not enough words in the world to describe how I feel about you, and how much I am going to miss you. You instilled so many values and beliefs in us, I just hope that I can give my family what you have given to us. You are going to be missed by so many people. People whose lives you touched each and everyday. Go rest in peace. Love, Always & forever, Sheila, Kevin, Dylan & Murphy*

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