



# Van Allen Walters

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"There is no such thing as an ex-Marine."

With gentle compassion and unwavering support, Van Allen Walters touched the hearts of all who knew him. Born in Decatur, IL, Van was known for his kind heart, patient demeanor, and hardworking spirit. His intelligence shone through in every endeavor, whether he was meticulously repairing something around the house or sharing thoughtful insights with loved ones.

An avid outdoorsman, Van found peace in fishing and hunting, often accompanied by family and friends. He cherished these moments of togetherness, fostering deep connections through shared adventures under the open sky. Van's love for the outdoors was matched by his passion for cooking; he was a grill master whose ribs were adored by all, and his breakfasts brought warmth to many mornings.

As a young man, Van's supportive nature extended to the dance floor, where he and his beloved wife, Sandra, won numerous disco dancing contests. Their shared joy and graceful moves lit up many a room.

Van's gentle kindness embraced all creatures. His canine companions were not just pets but treasured family members who enriched his life with unconditional love. His daughter, his princess, and his son, his best friend, were the center of his world. Van's quiet strength provided a steadfast foundation for his family, embodying the values he held dear.

A true enthusiast of sports and travel, Van cheered passionately for the Tennessee Titans and found joy in anything with motors—airplanes, helicopters, motorcycles, and cars. His curiosity and zest for life led him to explore new places and experiences, always with a humble and open heart.

Van's legacy of kindness and gentle compassion lives on in the lives he touched. His patient, supportive presence and the many small acts of kindness he offered have left an indelible mark. He will be dearly missed but lovingly remembered by family,



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friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 48 years, Sandra Walters, children, Vanessa (John) Salter and son, Tony Walters, grandchildren, Chrisitan Salter and Linda Salter, sisters, Sandy (Tony) Coker and Kimmy Richmond. father-in-law, Julio Bonilla, sisters-in-law, Lillian Bonilla and Ana Hunter, brother-in-law, Julio Bonilla, Jr., and cousins, Evelyn, David, Debbie, Tammy, and Robert.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216, 615-865-1101, [www.springhillfh.com](http://www.springhillfh.com).

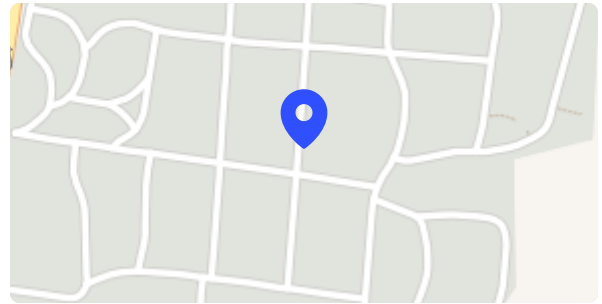


# Events

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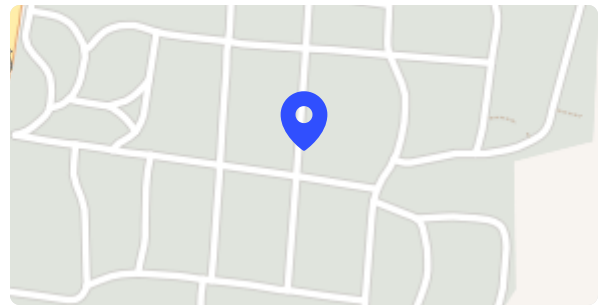
## Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday**, March 1, 2025
- 🕒 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- 📍 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



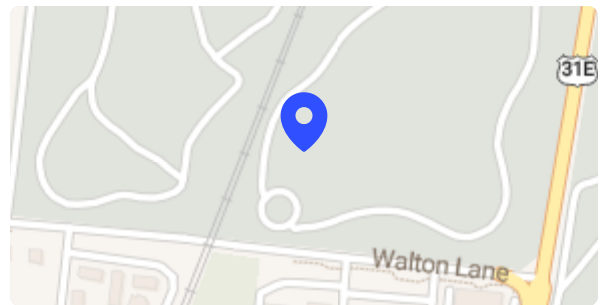
## Celebration of Life

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## Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Nashville National Cemetery**  
1420 Gallatin Pike South, Nashville TN 37216





# Tribute Wall

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**Gary G.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Van.

March 18 at 7:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Walters family.

February 28 at 3:55 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Van.

February 28 at 3:55 PM



**Love, Darlene** sent a Serene Retreat to the Walters family.

February 28 at 12:13 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Walters family.

February 26 at 9:17 PM



**Love, Phillip & Kandie Johnston** sent an Arrive in Style to the Walters family.

February 25 at 7:28 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate to the Walters family.



February 25 at 10:57 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Van.



February 25 at 10:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Walters family.



February 25 at 10:10 AM



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February 25 at 10:10 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Van by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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