



Donald A. Walzer Sr.

February 14, 1943 - February 19, 2025

Don Walzer passed away on 19 February at his home in Lady Lake, Florida.

Don was born in Syracuse, NY to Donald and Ethel Walzer and grew up in Gates, NY where he graduated from Gates-Chili High School in the school's first graduating class. Upon completing his bachelor's degree at SUNY Brockport, he married Norene Nichols, also from Rochester and Gates-Chili High School, and they raised three children in Spencerport, NY.

Don was a proud community servant and leader with a career in education as a high school teacher beginning at Greece Olympia where he coached football, wrestling and track & field. He continued his career at Greece Athena while earning his Masters Degree in Administration and eventually retiring as Athletic Director and Vice Principal. Outside of school, Don volunteered for many years as a little league coach and scout leader. He also served as a town councilman in Ogden, New York for several years before becoming the town's Supervisor from 1987-1997 where he was a driving force in the development of the new (and current) Town Hall facility and Pineway Ponds Park.

His passions included his family, his Greece Olympia football teams, raising and showing Cavalier King Charles Spaniels as well as being a life-long fan of the Cleveland Browns and Indians. Don was also a member of Kiwanis,

Etolian Masonic Lodge-Spencerport, Rochester Consistory- Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Shriners International, and past-president of two Florida Cavalier King Charles clubs and a member of a third, Cavaliers of the South.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Norene, his three sons and daughters-in-law Don Jr. and Darlene, Eric and Keli, and Larry and Lynn as well as eight grandchildren Andrew, Joe, Jessica, Jenna, Ryan, Jack, Libby and Zava and one great-grandson, Nicholas.

A celebration of Don's life will be held in Spencerport, NY in June. Details to follow.

Tribute Wall

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“ Don served as my mentor back in the early 90’s at Greece Athena. I was a long term health education substitute as he was fulfilling the role of AD. I will always hold him in the highest regard. I am still a health teacher, over 20 year’s later! He taught me to, “Never let them see you smile until December.” Much love and warm thoughts. Shelly Visconte.

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