



Walter G. Bristol

June 26, 1941 - March 29, 2020

Walter Graham Bristol, age 78, sunrise June 26, 1941 sunset March 29, 2020. Born in Decatur, Georgia to the late Walter Burnett and Annie Ruth (Bristol) Lewis. Graham was raised in a Christian home and baptized at an early age.

Graham was known by many names: Walter, Graham, Walt, Mr. Bristol, Dad, Paw Paw, The Man, Good! and Superman. After graduating from Columbus East High school in 1959, Graham joined and served this country in the United States Air Force. Following his service in the military he was employed by General Motors for approximately 20 years. While working at General Motors he decided to obtain his degree in Sociology. Later after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the Ohio State University, he utilized his degree as a social worker in the Department of Corrections for men of both adults and youths for many years. He also served as a substitute teacher for the Columbus City School System. Combining his love of cleaning and desire to keep moving he began doing custodial work after retiring. He did custodial work for various places such as Columbus City schools and at the time of his passing he worked at Access Ohio Mental Health (Netcare). Astrology and numerology was his life's passion in addition to his love of family. He would always ask for your birthday information even if it was his first time talking to you. He loved doing astrological charts to see your future or understand past experiences. Graham also loved to build things and gardening was a joy to his heart. He loved jazz music and his favorites were John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk and Oscar Peterson. Graham was also an excellent piano player with no formal training. Graham was also a huge sports fan. He would often hold a conversation with you about the Buckeyes even if you knew nothing about the sport. He was also a huge Kobe Bryant and Magic Johnson fan. Whenever he would take a small break you could find him either watching sports or his other favorite topic, UFO's. His love of people and desire to never see anyone suffering, Graham always wanted to help anyone that needed it. He would often help strangers by giving them money, food or whatever they needed he would try to provide. All anyone had to do was explain that they had a problem and he would instantly try to help find a solution. Two of his favorite things to say were: "I take care of my people." and "Don't cry for me when I'm gone, for my soul will go on. This body is only a

shell. The Almighty has other things for me to do."

He has left an empty space in the hearts of those who love him.

Preceded in death by his father, Walter Grant Burnett and mother, Annie Ruth (Bristol) Lewis; his granddaughter Paige Williamson, daughter-in-law Lisa Fitzgerald, and his best friend Randy Folkes.

He leaves to mourn his sister Patricia Ann Stepter; children Robert (the late Lisa) Fitzgerald, Pamela Bristol, Danya Bristol from former spouse Sandra Bristol, Andy Lowery, David Lowery, and Leah (Bristol) Davis from significant other Dianne Lowery; grandchildren, Robert Jr., Brittany, Sydney, Cameron, Lexi, Laney, Dorian, Tatum, Johnathan, Maya; Nephews Rayl Stepter and Royce Stepter. He will be missed by special friend, Amanda and a host of others.

In lieu of flowers the family asks you to consider donating to the American Heart Association, or simply to offer to help someone in need.

A private family gathering is being held on Friday, April 2nd. A memorial service will be held at a later date due to the constraints of the ongoing coronavirus crisis."

Comments



“ As stated in the previous comment. I remember when I met Graham for the first time...exact same reaction. I thought "what a cool and awesome guy to have for a dad"...I had one myself just like him. Intelligent, intuitive, soulful, but at the same time extremely funny and down to earth. And yes, he did a reading for me, and it was fun. But he made sure I walked away from it completely understanding what it meant. He always made sure I recognized my weaknesses as well as my strength's...he understood the balance between the two. I didn't have the opportunity to spend time with Graham in these last few years, but his influence and impression on me is life long...I will carry that and the memory of what an amazing man he was, with me forever. Peace and much love...God Bless. I love you Bristol family...always and forever.

Patrice Hughes - August 19, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ I remember when Danya introduced me to Graham. I thought he was such a COOL father! What I always knew was that he LOVED his little girl! He was such an earthy soul, rooted and grounded. He did a reading for me. I'll never forget what he shared with me. He is truly missed, but the lessons he taught live on in his children. Rest in Power Mr. Bristol AKA Graham.

ANGELA M. WHITAKER - April 05, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ I worked with Walter for over 12 years at Netcare. Although I thought I knew a lot about Walt I had no idea of the depth and experiences of his life. I knew him as a fine, thoughtful, caring and educated man, I could say a renaissance man. I will miss our talks on the subject of the Zodiac signs and how you can live your life according to different phases of the stars and planets. He will be missed by all that knew him. My sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.
God Bless,
Tim Dienst

timothy dienst - April 04, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Gram always like To hold a Full Conversation No Matter where he Saw You.,Very Friendly and Intelligent

Sherrye L Bondurant - April 04, 2020 at 04:21 AM



“ Graham was quite a character and another one of those parents who quickly took their child's friends in. I'll never forget him driving down our one way street the wrong way to drop Leah off, driving us to concerts in the hatchback with his Bizaar Bizzar hat on, making sure we stayed alive as teenagers in the garage (even making sure we had a huge heater that sounded like a jet engine), trying to make us gin and juice, and always asking your birthday and the time you were born so he could do your chart. I'll miss hearing "Sam!" and all the conversation to follow. Love you all so much

Samantha Buhrts-O'Neal - April 02, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ To the family of "Mr. Walt" Bristol,

My name is Joe. I am an ERS clinician at Netcare and became acquainted with "Mr. Walt". Over the past years, we became friends and I looked forward in seeing him come through the door every evening with a big smile on his face, a warm greeting, and a pat on the back. We spoke at length on many subjects, including world events, philosophy, astrology, music, and cars. He did an astrological birthday chart for me as well as my brother recently and was spot on correct. When we spoke on the subject of cars, he proudly told me about his Honda with over 200,000 miles as well as one of the best cars he ever owned, a VW Bug. I'm proud to have considered him my friend, and will so always. I will truly miss him, but I know he is reuniting with family and friends as well as making new ones. Take care of yourself, "Mr. Walt", until we meet again.

Joe Obradovic - April 02, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ This incredible man was like another father to me. I have known this amazing family since 2nd grade. Graham used to pick me up for sleepovers with his daughter Leah ALL THE TIME. I practically lived there every Summer in my youth. Graham was kind, funny and so smart. He would jam out with Leah and me in the car to “Street Life” and many other awesome jams, take us to pick out horror movies and order us Donatos lol. He will be missed tremendously by me and so many others. I am ever so thankful for his being in my life. Much love and respect to you always Graham.
With all my love,
Emily Strickland

Emily - April 01, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ So sorry for your families loss. I'll never forgot all the good times we had growing up, and the way you all called him "Graham" instead of Dad....sorry we couldn't be there with you all during this time.

Love you all,

Brenda Lee & Lori Lee-Savage

Silver Spring, MD

Lori Lee-Savage - April 06, 2020 at 01:58 PM