



## John Allen Walston

February 23, 1925 - December 2, 2018

John Allen Walston, 93, of Okoboji, passed away on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at his home in Okoboji. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Military funeral honors will be conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post 23.

He was born on February 23, 1925 in Spirit Lake, IA to Clarence and Vera (White) Walston. He had a twin brother James (Jim) who passed away in 2014. John was a member of the Spirit Lake Indians High School basketball team that reached the Boys State Basketball Tournament in 1942. After graduating from high school in 1943, he enlisted like many others, in the Army and served as a corporal in the Army Corp of Engineers stationed in Guam. After the war, John attended college starting at USC and then finishing up his degree in 1949 at Iowa State Teachers College. He then completed his Master's Degree at USC and served as a public high school English and Social Studies teacher in Downey, CA, Des Moines, IA and over 30 years in the Minneapolis Public Schools.

John was married for 63 years to his wife and best friend Shirley (Tank) Walston. They raised three children. He enjoyed his family, travels to Arizona in the winter, golf and his lifelong love of the Lakes Region in Iowa. He is

survived by his wife Shirley, son John Jr., daughters Cindy Armstrong and her husband Tom, Lisa Sharp and her husband Donald, and step-grandchildren Nika Calvin (husband Garth) and Tegan Swedzinski (husband Jesse) and step-great grandchildren Gage, Kingsley, Oakley, Caiden and Lexi.

# Cemetery Details

**Lake View Gardens Cemetery**

Spirit Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Allen Walston*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - December 06, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Allen Walston.*



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December 06, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Allen Walston.*



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December 06, 2018 at 12:51 PM

LT

“ *Lori and Mark Tanner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Allen Walston.*



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**Lori and Mark Tanner** - December 04, 2018 at 09:10 PM

TA

“ *John was without question one of the nicest man we all have ever known. He welcomed me into his family with open arms when I was lucky enough to find my wife and best friend Cindy. His extended visits with us in Arizona, a trip to Florida with great memories and so many times in Okobooji with him and Shirley welcoming everyone are unforgettable. Memories that will never fade. God bless!!!*

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**Tom Armstrong** - December 04, 2018 at 05:38 PM

HM

“ *Hughes, Schmidgalls, Sundells, Duschers, Murphy purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of John Allen Walston.*

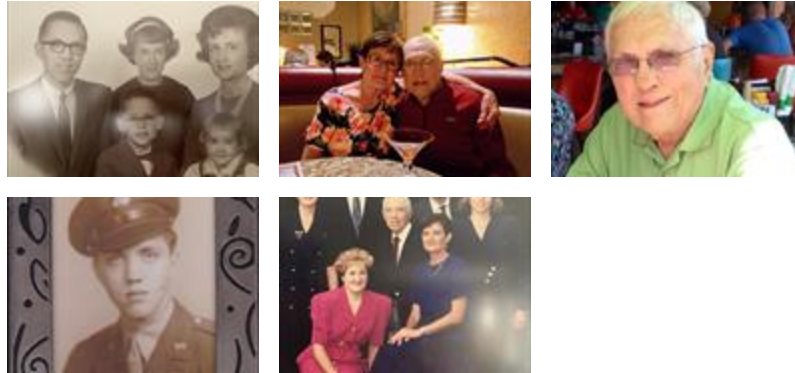


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**Hughes, Schmidgalls, Sundells, Duschers, Murphy** -  
December 04, 2018 at 12:50 PM

LS

“ A few picture of my dad!



Lisa Sharp - December 04, 2018 at 08:36 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Allen Walston.



December 03, 2018 at 06:50 PM

DC

“ I was able to meet John at Brook's Golf Course where he was part of a foursome of Spirit Lake graduates that played several times a week. He was the last surviving member of that group and I will miss visiting with him about growing up in Spirit Lake and how things have changed over the years.  
Rest in peace John!

David Chozen

David Chozen - December 03, 2018 at 05:04 PM

AK

*I'm very sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.*

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**Arlene Krogman** - December 04, 2018 at 04:40 AM

AS

*We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Andy and Marianne Sundell** - December 04, 2018 at 06:30 PM

TC

*Rick and I have such fond memories of our friends John and Shirley and their wonderful kids. We talked about teaching. We talked about life. We shared some wonderful years.*

*Rick and Arlene Campion*

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**The Campions** - December 06, 2018 at 08:34 PM