



Walter "Walt" Lewis Slipke

August 11, 1932 - September 17, 2023

Walter Lewis Slipke, 91, died peacefully in the presence of his children September 17, 2023, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, IA.

Walt was born on August 11, 1932, in Norton, KS and grew up in the small town of New Almelo, KS where he was known as Wally. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served honorably from 1951 To 1954, including a deployment to the Korean War. After the military, Walt graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College, married his first wife Dee, and began a family and a career in sales. They moved to Spencer, Iowa in 1967 when Walt was working as a pharmaceutical sales rep. After a few years burning up the road, Walt decided to invest in the Spencer business community, by becoming owner/operator of the Super Valu grocery store and eventually Four Seasons Travel, among other business enterprises.

Walt was well known around town, especially by those who shopped at Super Valu, as he spent a lot of time there running the store. Having grown up during the depression era, Walt was a stickler for hard work and took nothing for granted. When it came time to relax, he enjoyed playing golf and cards with his buddies at the Country Club.

Walt remarried in 1980 to his current wife Beverly (Mugge) and they moved to Lake Okoboji. Bev had five kids and Walt had three; that made eight is enough. Walt retired in his 60s and he and Bev spent most of their time traveling, taking boat rides, or just sitting on the dock looking out at the lake. Walt loved to cook and considered himself a grill master, and if you ever had

one of his ribeye's you'd likely agree.

His greatest joy in life came from being with his family and friends, sipping on a cocktail and talking about the day's events, rehashing the sports scores or the latest moves in the stock market. He was always engaged, and his mind remained sharp as a tack right up until his passing. Walt appreciated all he had, and he would be the first to tell you he had a great life. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents George and Elizabeth, brothers Joe and Frank, and Linda Trytko (daughter through marriage). He is survived by his wife Beverly, his children Jeff (Lynne) Slipke, Jamie (Kim) Slipke, Emily (Jeff) Sorenson, John Mugge, Jay (Barb) Mugge, Ann Mugge, Karl Mugge and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A private family service will be held at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A burial with Military Honors will be held in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji. A friends and family celebration of life will be held on Saturday October 7, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. at the Spencer Golf & Country Club in Spencer, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritleakefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Lake View Gardens

Okoboji, IA 51355

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Spencer Golf & Country Club
2200 W. 18th St.
Spencer, IA 51301

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Stephanie, Irish And Jackson lit a candle in memory of Walter "Walt" Lewis Slipke*



Stephanie, Irish and Jackson - September 29, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Lewis Slipke.*



September 29, 2023 at 01:43 PM

CS

“ Wow,

First of all, my wife and family of Slipke's extend our condolences to our other family of Slipke's. I have to complement my Uncle on his longevity on this earth. My Father Frank and Uncle Joe past away way to early. Uncle Walt was always a pistol. My mom would tell us stories of Walt's trouble with the rules in High School. My memories go back to when I was a kid living in Denver. Uncle Wally worked for I do believe Rockwell International a defense contractor. He always had a nice cars. I remember driving from our grandparents place in Kansas to Denver. Uncle Walt had this big honking Chrysler with push button transmission. I remember Jeff was a baby and screamed the whole way. We lived in Spencer for a year or so when my Dad retired from Montgomery Wards. Uncle Walt had just built the house at the Spencer Country Club. He was always the cool uncle who you could talk to and was alway fun to be around. We moved back to Chicago and lost contact as most of our families do. Steve Slipke and I have been keeping up with each other via phone calls and texting. I often wondered how Uncle Walt and my cousins were doing. Steve gave me Emily's number and we had a nice conversation and will be keeping in contact. So it is good bye to the older generation of Slipke's. This generation is getting a little long in the tooth also.

We all need to make better evert to remain in contact with all our families.

One request Uncle Walt. Tell my parents and grand parents that Curt says hello and will see you all again.

Curt Slipke - September 28, 2023 at 04:54 PM

JK

“ *Walt encouraged Duane to come to Spencer when the Gibson Discount store opened in 1968. That was the beginning of a life long friendship. Our families shared many good times together. We will always remember Walt and his family. Our deepest sympathy to all his family. May God bless you and comfort you during this difficult time. Duane & Joan Kallsen*

Joan Kallsen - September 23, 2023 at 10:26 AM

DM

“ *Always enjoyed visiting with Walt & Bev when I would be out riding bike and they would be out for a ride in their golf cart. Our thoughts are with you, Bev and family!! Donna & Tom Malmgren*



Donna R Malmgren - September 23, 2023 at 12:46 AM

JO

“ *Jim O'Neill lit a candle in memory of Walter "Walt" Lewis Slipke*



Jim O'Neill - September 22, 2023 at 06:06 AM

MM

“ When I needed an additional job back in the seventies, Walt hired me to work in his newly opening Super Valu Deli! He was kind and fair, a hard worker and a great boss, concerned about, and interested in, his employees. Blessings to his Family for Peace and Comfort at this difficult time ~



Molly Mulqueen - September 21, 2023 at 09:31 PM

MT

“ Mike Deb Travis lit a candle in memory of Walter "Walt" Lewis Slipke



Mike Deb Travis - September 21, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Lewis Slipke.



September 21, 2023 at 07:53 AM

RM

“ Roger And Jackie Mann lit a candle in memory of Walter "Walt" Lewis Slipke



Roger and Jackie Mann - September 20, 2023 at 02:07 PM

RM

*Dear family ,
I remember you all when you were young kids...Walt was a super great boss when I worked at Super Valu..I was always glad to see him playing cards at the club...
Know we are thinking of you all.
Prayers,
Roger and Jackie Mann*

Roger and Jackie Mann - September 20, 2023 at 02:10 PM

RO

“ One of the good ones has left this world and gone but he will never be forgotten ! May he RIP and please know that I am thinking of all of you at this time.

Rhonda Olson - September 19, 2023 at 09:17 AM

MH

“ Mary & Art Hamrick lit a candle in memory of Walter "Walt" Lewis Slipke



Mary & Art Hamrick - September 18, 2023 at 04:56 PM

JK

“ Jamie and Emily and families. I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeanette Kinnetz - September 18, 2023 at 03:59 PM

MS

“ Prayers for his precious Loved Ones it this difficult time.

Marilyn Strickland - September 18, 2023 at 02:07 PM