



1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon

October 8, 1928 - February 1, 2020

1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon, one of seven children born to the union of the late Donnie Lee and Blanch Gertrude (McCarty) Dixon, was born October 8, 1928 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He passed away Saturday, February 1, 2020 in the Phelps County Medical Center of Rolla, Missouri. Walter was 91-years-old.

As a young boy, Walter grew up in South Eastern Missouri around Essex, Missouri and attended Gray Ridge High School. At the age of 16, Walter entered the United States Army and fought in World War II. At the end of the war, Walter came home and did some cotton farming before enlisting in the U.S. Army again.

Shortly after enlisting, Walter was sent to Korea to serve in the Korean War. On May 18, 1951, Walter was reported killed in action. President Harry S. Truman sent Walter's family a letter informing them of his passing. In reality, Walter was captured and held as a prisoner of War (P.O.W.) for the next 28 months.

Walter was promoted to Sergeant after his release. Walter is a three-time-war veteran. He also served in Korea a second time and in Vietnam. Walter retired as a First Sergeant after 25 years of faithful service. Walter was awarded seven Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars, along with other awards. Walter

was also very instrumental in the founding of the Drill Sergeant's School at Fort Leonard Wood.

On February 22, 1955, Walter was united in marriage to Aldine "Dee" May Fenton, whom he had known since she was 8-years-old. They grew up as next door neighbors. Dee was a journalist for the local newspaper and she wrote Walter's first obituary for the newspaper while Walter was a Korean War P.O.W. Walter and Dee shared over 61 years of marriage together and were blessed with three children: Richard Wade, Russell Walter and Randi Jo.

After retiring from the military, Walter sold life insurance and worked with his brother Joe in the heavy equipment business for many years.

Walter enjoyed being outdoors in his spare time: hunting and fishing. He looked forward to deer camp every year. He was also a great cook and enjoyed cooking for his friends and family. Walter was quite the storyteller and he spoke for many organizations throughout his later years. He wrote poetry as well and one of his poems was entitled "The Answer" which talked about his answers to people's questions about being a prisoner of war.

Walter was a member of the Waynesville / Ft. Wood Shrine Club, the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375 AF & AM and the world-famous Road Ride Club, which he was proud of. Walter enjoyed visiting with all of his lifelong friends he made in these organizations.

Walter leaves to cherish his memory, two sons: Richard Dixon of Austin, TX and Russ Dixon and wife Esther of Waynesville, MO; one daughter: Randi Jo Dixon-Long and husband Graham of Bloomfield Hills, MI; twelve grandchildren; several great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Walter and was preceded in death by his wife Dee Dixon; two sisters: Lorain and Ruby; and four brothers: Wilson, Wesley, Woody and Burton Joe.

Even though he is gone from our sight, Walter's memory, stories and bravery will live on in our hearts forever.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in the Faith Baptist Church of Waynesville with Pastor Danny Graves officiating. Keith Pritchard, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, also spoke and recalled many of Walter's accomplishments in the military. The song "Wind Beneath My Wings" was played and soloist Becky Lercher sang "It Is Well With My Soul". Interment with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville and military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri with CSM Douglas Galick presenting the flag. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions are suggested in memory of Walter Dixon to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Masonic Service

FEB 10. 6:30 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church
25475 MO-17
Waynesville, MO 65583

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 11, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon*



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - March 02, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ *Dave Dodds lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon*



Dave Dodds - February 11, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Kimberly Orebaugh lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Kimberly Orebaugh - February 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Walter made my life so much brighter for being in it. I thank God you touched my life, I will miss you so much.

Kimberly Orebaugh - February 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



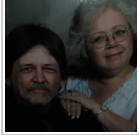
Pamela Cox - February 07, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 07, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *My Dad (Walter Weber) passed in 2006, Walt knowing how lost I was at the time, told me that he would be my Walter too for as long as he could. That was just the kind of man Walt was and he will always hold a special place in my heart.*

Robin Hoffman - February 07, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *I am stunned to see the passing of a long time friend. Russ and family, PRAYERS!*

Frank Livingston - February 07, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *Don And Cari Champagne lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon*



Don and Cari Champagne - February 06, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family members and friends of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon. He is to be remembered for his gallant service and I know his family will miss him greatly.*

Martin and Georgia White - February 06, 2020 at 12:26 AM

MM

“ Russ & family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you all



Michael & Crystal Mosier - February 06, 2020 at 12:18 AM

KR

“ Kathleen P Rowden lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Kathleen P Rowden - February 05, 2020 at 06:37 PM

SW

“ Sandy Watson lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Sandy Watson - February 05, 2020 at 05:08 PM

RW

“ Russ
Our hearts go out to you and your family. We are praying for all of you knowing that you have strength in God during this time.

Wyndham and Ruth Whynot

Ruth Whynot - February 05, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ Joey Dixon lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Joey Dixon - February 05, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ Bill Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG
(Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Bill Mitchell - February 04, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ Mary Haas lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Mary Haas - February 04, 2020 at 02:14 AM



“ It was an honor to know you Walt. May you rest in peace.

Jim Burns - February 03, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MF

“ Marie Farias lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Marie Farias - February 03, 2020 at 05:58 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of
1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Pamela Cox - February 03, 2020 at 04:42 PM

LH

“ Laura Huffman lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Laura Huffman - February 03, 2020 at 01:58 PM

KG

“ Randi and family,
So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was
such a sweet man. Condolences from my
family to yours.
Kim



Kim Garwood - February 03, 2020 at 12:36 PM

CB

“ Russ and Esther-Our Deepest Sympathy and prayers for Comfort, Strength and Healing during this season of bereavement. We are grateful for 1SG(Ret) Walt Dixon's service to our country and a life well lived as a Faithful and Shining Example for so many others; may he Rest In Peace, Embraced in the Everlasting Arms of our Savior!



CSM(R) Harold and Brigitte Burseson - February 03, 2020 at 11:34 AM

FC

“ Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club - February 03, 2020 at 11:28 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - February 03, 2020 at 11:27 AM

JR

“ Will always remember Walt's drives down south 17 each day. I'm sure he'll continue that tradition in heaven.

Joe & Bev Rasmussen - February 03, 2020 at 08:30 AM

LC

“ Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



linda cole-schonbok - February 03, 2020 at 07:00 AM

LC

so sorry for you loss Russ!! RIP WALT

linda cole-schonbok - February 03, 2020 at 07:01 AM

PJ

My sympathies in the loss of your Dad, Russell and Esther.

Phyllis Jones - February 03, 2020 at 07:35 AM

RK

“ Rick, Russ and Randee I am so sorry to hear this! I stayed with the Dixon's the summer of 1973 and that stay, and a little luck, brought me and my family back to the Waynesville area and I am forever grateful. At that time I didn't know about Mr Dixon's military service but he was a true war hero and patriot. Again my sympathy to all of you.

Robert Kjorvestad

Robert Kjorvestad - February 02, 2020 at 11:06 PM

RH

“ Rick & Robin Hoffman lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Rick & Robin Hoffman - February 02, 2020 at 10:31 PM

SY

“ I am Monte Yard’s Mother. When Monte & Jolyn were married many years ago. After the reception music ended & we were ending a wonderful evening, Uncle Muss grabbed me & we walzed around the dance floor for a few minutes just reminiscing the evening. It has always been one of my favorite dances of many in my life. RIP Uncle Muss, you were an amazing human being & will always have a place in my heart and on my dance card. My deepest sympathy to your family. Your friend, Sandy Yard

Sandra Yard - February 02, 2020 at 09:53 PM

LR

“ Laura Richardson lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Laura Richardson - February 02, 2020 at 06:52 PM

BP

“ Brenda Eickhorst Pentecost lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Walter Barton Dixon



Brenda Eickhorst Pentecost - February 02, 2020 at 06:13 PM

 Duane Martin

“ Condolences to the family.

Duane Martin - February 02, 2020 at 04:12 PM

LH

“ *Our community is a sadder place with the passing of Walter. He was a joy to be around and lived a life that only can be imagined. He leaves a great legacy and the citizens of Waynesville send our deepest condolences to his family.*

Mayor Hardman

Luge Hardman - February 02, 2020 at 03:46 PM

BM

“ *Bill Mitchell lit a candle in memory of 1SG
(Ret) Walter Barton Dixon*



Bill Mitchell - February 02, 2020 at 03:19 PM