



Walter L. Stearman

April 21, 1923 - February 4, 2021

Walter Long Stearman, of Loganville, GA departed this life on February 4, 2021 at age 97. He was predeceased by his two sisters and leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Jean Connelly Stearman, as well as a niece, two nephews, four grandnieces and a grandnephew, and a great-grandniece, as well as a legion of friends and cousins.

Walter was born in Atlanta, and spent his early childhood in Savannah before returning to Atlanta with his family in 1938, where he attended Boys High School and later Junior College, which was operated by what later became Georgia State. Following Junior College, he transferred to University of Georgia. After earning his degree, he followed his father's footsteps by accepting a position with Colonial Stores. While working full time for Colonial, he attended Woodrow Wilson School of Law and earned a master's degree, and later accepted an invitation to join Wyant & Sons Paper Company, where he remained for 15 years as secretary and treasurer, before answering the call to the ministry.

A lifelong member of the Christian Church, Walter had taught Sunday school and served as an Elder at East Atlanta Christian Church (which later became Southeast Christian Church) before entering Atlanta Christian College and earning his Ministerial Degree in 1969. Walter accepted the call to serve a new Christian Church in Brunswick, Georgia, where he and Mary Jane

remained until 1978. It was during this time that Walter also worked with the Coastal Empire Christian Camp and North Florida Christian Camp. In 1978, he accepted the call to serve at a Christian Church in Selmer, Tennessee, from which he ultimately retired in 1987. Walter and Mary Jane moved to Loganville at that time, where they became active members of Corinth Christian Church. Walter continued to preach from various pulpits as an interim minister for other churches in the area, including Palmetto Christian Church.

In addition to his career in the ministry, Walter was a Mason and served in both the Boys' Clubs and Lions Club for decades, and received numerous awards and accolades, including the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, one of the highest awards bestowed by the Lions Club.

Walter was known for public speaking and his ability to tell stories, whether Bible stories, Christmas stories, stories about his mother growing up in Kentucky, or his father being a food market chain manager, as well as his own life experiences. He related these stories with passion and amazing detail, and was always fascinating to listen to. A few years ago, Walter was invited to the Georgia General Assembly to perform a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, with additional annotations originally attributed to Red Skelton. A Georgia delegate had previously heard Walter perform this and thought it was so impactful that it would be appropriate for the General Assembly to hear.

Walter was laid to rest in a private burial service on February 9, 2021 at Corinth Memorial Gardens. A Celebration of Life memorial service is planned for a future date to be determined.

Cemetery Details

Corinth Memorial Gardens

1635 Hwy 81 SW
Loganville, GA 30052

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter L. Stearman*

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