



Donald Gordon Wallar

November 20, 1919 - February 28, 2016

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Wallar, Donald Gordon, age 96, moved on peacefully, Sunday, February 28, 2016, at his residence at Willow Brook Christian Home surrounded by family and love. He was born November 20, 1919, to Scott Winter Wallar, great-great grandson of a corporal in the American Revolution, and Emma Eliza Eisele, a first generation American from Germany. He graduated from Grandview High School, attended Denison University, and graduated from The Ohio State University. He served in World War II as a Captain in the 8th Army Air Corps.

Donald was a man of family and faith. Devoted and loving husband of Marjorie (Grau) for 67 years until she passed, he was the patriarch of a large family: three children Cheryl (Stephen) Heavilin, James (Gale) Wallar, and Cathy (Timothy) Grabenstein; four grandchildren Jennifer (Matt), Robert (Kelly), Nicholas (Elizabeth), and Emily; and eight great-grandchildren. His faith was planted by his Mother, nurtured by Marjorie, and flourished in two mission churches, including Holy Trinity in Upper Arlington.

He was a natural athlete, excelling at football and golf. Golf was his life-long passion that took root when he was in high school helping to construct the OSU golf courses and is celebrated by a commemorative bench next to the 8th tee on the Scarlet Course. After studying dairy technology, being a

dairyman was his dream. But after managing milk and ice cream production at Borden's, he discovered his true vocation as a salesman. Ever diligent to provide good service, ever timely with assistance, and ever smiling with customers, his successes eventually gave rise to a family business now in its second generation.

Donald faced a share of life's hardships, including discouraging physical impairments. Each setback he regarded as a challenge to be overcome, achieving his goals with the strong support and encouragement of his wife and family and his love of music. He countered adversity with deep faith, optimism for the best, and a song in his heart. When the time came, though, he was ready to heed the summons to "join the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm..." and lay down peacefully to "pleasant dreams."

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on March 11 at 10 a.m. at the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, 2300 Lytham Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220 with Rev. Paul Ulring officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church. The family wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Willow Brook Christian Home. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Upper Arlington Lutheran Church - Lytham Road
2300 Lytham Road
Upper Arlington, OH 43220

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Gordon Wallar*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



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Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - March 10, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ *God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which YOU fought for, Capt. Wallar..... And Semper Fi. SIR*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - March 10, 2016 at 07:57 PM

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“ We remember your dad and grandfather well from our days at Grace. He was an easy going, good natured guy who loved his church and his family so much. He was so proud of all of you. He always had a smile and a compliment.
After reading his obituary, we learned so much about him that we never knew - and wish we had known! He was very humble.
You will miss him terribly but we are happy for him to be resting in the arms of the Lord. You are in our prayers.

Bob and Sharon (Walters) Werner

Sharon Werner - March 10, 2016 at 10:55 AM

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“ We are so sorry we are unable to join you in celebrating Don's memory. Don was, indeed, a special friend and person; we enjoyed many visits with Don and Marge over the years. We are especially blessed to have spent the day with Don and the family (prior to our leaving for the winter) sharing the Ohio State Football win! He will be missed. Love, Jill and Tracy Shea

Tracy and Jill Shea - March 09, 2016 at 05:30 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Donald Gordon Wallar, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....

US Army Air Corps WW II Veteran, Donald Gordon Wallar, “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 06, 2016 at 06:24 AM