



Wallace Den Herder

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Wallace was born on October 3rd, 1937 in San Diego, California to Walter and Lorene Den Herder. He had four sisters Clara Ruth, Leanne, Betty, Maureen and his brother, James. To his friends and family, he was known as 'Wally' or 'Grandpa'. As a young man, Wally learned to love working the earth as a ranch and farm hand in Arizona and Iowa. It was a passion that he carried with him throughout his life. After some college, he worked as a computer operator for United Air Lines in Chicago, then served his country as a Marine in 1958 and had earned the rank of Corporal when honorably discharged in 1961. Two years later, Wally married Carol. Wally and Carol had five children: Dodd, Missi, Trisha, Jeff and Lisa. His legacy continues with eleven grandchildren, all of whom he adored. Wally enjoyed many happy years with Sandi and the memories they made will be cherished by Sandi always. He returned to the computer field and worked nights as a Computer Operator for General Dynamics Astronautics – Convair. At the same time, Wally pursued his love of flight. He achieved his pilots' license, and worked as a flight instructor for El Cajon Flying Service and American Flyers, and as a self-employed charter pilot until 1971. Later that year Wally began working in the construction field. By 1975, Wally had enough experience in carpentry and home remodeling to obtain his General Contractor's license, so he started his own business, Den Herder Construction. His attention to detail and custom home designs earned him the respect of his peers. His honesty and commitment earned him the loyalty of customers who became his lifelong friends. Organic farming, chickens, bunnies, aircraft, photography, a love of the outdoors and most especially spending time with his grandchildren were his favorite pastimes... Wally never met a stranger and he befriended many at the conventions he frequented. Wally's greatest passion was a very real love of Christ Jesus and the Truth. His desire to know the Lord and do His work revealed his deep faith and true character.



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TD

Trisha Denherder posted:

Dad -It has been a rough year spent missing you. I wish I could hear your voice once again. I can't express how hard it has been without you here. I just read your condolences guest book and I see some posts from your friends that I haven't read before. I want to thank everyone for taking the time to put in words what you meant to them... and I am deeply touched. I am so lucky to have had the time I did with you. You helped me in my darkest hour. You believed in me and never ever gave up on me. I want to make you proud. You were a man of character with a deep deep love for the Lord. Thank you for all you have done for me. I am so thankful that my last memory of you was when I read my birthday card you carefully picked out to say exactly what I meant to you.. and we both cried together. Precious memories I will cherish always. I love you My Dad. Trish

May 29 at 5:00 PM

LK

Leeanne Kaden posted:

No Farewell Words Were Spoken, no Time To Say Goodbye.You Were Gone Before We Knew It, And Only God Knows Why.I miss my brother.

July 15 at 5:00 PM

SH

Sean & Nicole Hibbs posted:

We met Wally when we needed a contractor. Not only did he build the perfect house for us, but he became like family! We will really miss seeing him around the neighborhood.

June 15 at 5:00 PM

MM

Matt McGonigle posted:

Wally started off as our contractor and became our friend. He built the home that we are raising our daughter in. He was honest, caring and genuine. He was a part of our lives during some tough times and was always the most caring person. We truly will miss him. We wish our condolences to his family. Respectfully Matt and Dianna McGonigle

June 15 at 5:00 PM



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MM

Matt McGonigle posted:

We needed a contractor and gained a great friend. Wally built the home that we are now raising our daughter in. He was trustworthy, genuine, and honest. Wally was in our lives during a very difficult time and he was patient and compassionate. God places people in our lives for a reason and we truly know why we met Wally when we did. We truly will miss him. Our deepest sympathy to his family who always spoke of. Respectfully Matt, Dianna and Leah McGonigle

June 15 at 5:00 PM

HC

Herb Carlson posted:

Wally was a dear Pilot Friend of mine ready to fly anytime there was time to fly! We enjoyed dinners together and walks at the 2013 Casa Grand Convention.

May 21 at 5:00 PM

BB

Brian Blackwell posted:

Wally was a dear friend with a great sense of humor. An ageless "spirit" with the energy of a 20 year old. And uncle Ed's correct, Wally could indeed talk forever, but he was truly interesting! Trisha and I would often joke, "it's Wally's world, we're just living in it!" All natural things about Wally aside for a moment, Wally left no doubt he was preparing spiritually to one day be taken home...God knows when our heart and spirit is "ripe", like fresh fruit ready to be picked. My thoughts have often gone this past week to Wally's five children whom he spoke of many time with love and affection. And of course his many grandchildren were dear to his heart. Probably not easy for Wally to express the feelings of the heart. Rest in Peace.

May 18 at 5:00 PM

JH

Jeff Den Herder posted:

When my Dad passed we found a scrap of paper in his room with his writing on it. I think it's beautiful and comforting so I wanted to share... 'I don't know about tomorrow, but I know who holds my hand. He has put His hand upon me, and I cannot longer stay'

May 17 at 5:00 PM



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GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Wally was an exceptionally good "younger brother" to me. When I needed a home he took me in to live with him and Trisha. As i rode with him as he conducted his business he talked constantly but interestingly. He was knowledgeable on so many subjects. One of his legacies will be that his influence led me to the Truth. "UncEd" Edward Den-Herder (La Mesa, Ca)

May 16 at 5:00 PM

JH

Janet Huber posted:

To Wally's family. The last eight years I've spent a lot of times with Trish and Wally. We had great times. We loved talking about our love we had for the Lord's family and share with each other what we heard that touched our hearts in gospel meetings and fellowship meetings. LOVED being with his children and grandchildren. They all became special to me. I will miss my good friend very much. Know he is home and is thankful for the yes he said to his heavenly father. He was a faithful brother. I will miss him very much. Janet Huber

May 14 at 5:00 PM

AB

Allison Bower posted:

Grandpa, you moved so many people!! I miss you. I'm so sorry we didn't grow our bond as deep as we've been in the past, I know you love me. And Ellen, Meagan, Erica, Josh, Jacob... we're filled with sorrow. There were multiple trash bag sized bags FILLED with your random (genius) photography.. which brought me this idea.. Every hike I go on, every camping trip, any nature fun I encounter, this summer and beyond, it's all for you. I love you grandpa. I'm so happy you've reached your peace!! I know God was calling your name. You're amazing, Grandfather Wallace, I just wish you could hear me say it out loud.

May 14 at 5:00 PM

RM

Rich Morgan posted:

What a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. Now that I know him a bit from what you have shared about his life, I only wish I had really known him. Our prayers and love are with you. Uncle Rich and Aunt Teri

May 11 at 5:00 PM



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RH

Richard Den Herder posted:

To the family of Wally– sweet memories remain of a diligent and friendly cousin, and a faithful man who came to love and value eternal things in Christ more and more as time progressed. Knowing he is enjoying these eternal things so much more fully now (we can hardly imagine), we are greatly comforted. When someone near to us abruptly and unexpectedly departs from this earthly scene, we often wonder "If he could say one more thing, what would he say??" And when we think about it, we already know quietly, deeply what he would say: "Look up to Christ the living loving Lord, look ahead to eternity, and live to know Him and be prepared– there is nothing that compares!" Even as Wally's life gave us this same testimony, it is a great comfort that there is no disconnect between what he'd say to us now, and what he was quietly and faithfully saying by his life, values and choices when he passed away. This comes with kind and heartfelt greetings from Hong Kong– Richard Den Herder

May 11 at 5:00 PM

NP

Nick Petriccione posted:

Wally, was a great individual. Honest and trusted by all. Never complained, never spoke ill of anyone. Liked by all. I first met Wally when he converted a single story home into a two story home to meet the needs of my family. He kept the price down so we could afford to have what we needed. Thirty plus years later, Wally remodeled the same house. Worked with us, was just as polite, honest, trusted, and professional, just as he was the for the first remodel. We remained friends of the years. Being a family man, Wally understood the importance of family. When one of my daughters needed a start with her new design profession, Wally took her under tow, and gave her her first job. Yes, I will miss Wally's sage advice and friendship. Our most sincere condolences to the family. Nick Petriccione

May 11 at 5:00 PM

JB

Jessie Barkley posted:

To the Den Herder Family, We met Wally in 1978? when he was building the house that would later Become the Mann's home. In the spring of 1979, he started a similar Home for us by the lake?.. after that, he remodeled several homes for us in The Alpine area?. And had just finished the last remodel for me?.. once again On Palo Verde Ranch?.. He had exceptional crafting skills and was an 'artist' ? resulting in wonderful homes?. With character and heart.From experience we know that you have some hard times ahead?. When you need advice, he can't be there?.. holidays will be hard this year?.. and there will be days when you'd give anything to just hear his voice one more time....But you have each other and the comfort of knowing that with his deep abiding faith, he isln a better place?. And I'm pretty certain that he has a house on a hill with a good view. the Barkley Family

May 10 at 5:00 PM



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BH

Betty Den Herder posted:

My brother loved many and was well loved in return. I couldn't have had a better brother. I am grateful he was my brother and I will never forget the many times he reached out a helping hand. Although I grieve deeply his passing, I am comforted that he loved and served our precious Lord Jesus. Although I am not able to be with my nephews and nieces and other family members at this sad time, I am with you in spirit.

May 9 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

To the Den Herder family, Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Wally and his family were good friends and close neighbors for several years in Lakeside, where he helped us remodel and improve our home there. His skills and craftsmanship were so inspiring that later when we found the opportunity to own one of the nice homes he built in Alpine we jumped at the chance. It has been our special home for 27 years and now three generations of our family. We will always remember him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Art and Billie Mann and Family, Alpine, CA.

May 9 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

To Trisha and the the family of Wally. Our thoughts of sympathy go out to you at this time of sorrow and loss of one so dear. We have good memories of the times you and Wally stop to see us. Our hearts go out to you with love and care, Don & Joann Borgman

May 9 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Den Herder family in their time of loss. Fred & Dwyla Whaley Norfolk, NE

May 8 at 5:00 PM



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Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

To the family of Wally Den Herder: You have our sympathy in the loss of Wally. He worked for us: Ron Bartlett and Keith Hopkins in Iowa, where we farmed in the 1950's, a thoughtful and caring young man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we trust you find comfort in this difficult experience. Mrs. Ron Bartlett and family (Des Moines, IA)

May 8 at 5:00 PM



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