



Robert "Bing" M. Walz

September 21, 1928 - January 16, 2023

Robert "Bing" M. Walz, 94, of Kearney passed away Monday, January 16, 2023 surrounded by family at his home at Kinship Pointe Northridge in Kearney after complications from a stroke. Mass of Christian Burial will be in Kearney at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, January 21, 2023 at St. James Catholic Church with Father Art Faesser officiating. Visitation will be at 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2023 at St. James with a Christian Wake Service following at 6:00 p.m. Burial will be in Lincoln at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery with military honors graveside.

Robert Mark "Bing" Walz was born on September 21, 1928 in Hartington, NE to parents George and Marie (Smith) Walz. He grew up in Hartington and graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1946. He enlisted in the United States Navy in October 1948. He served in the Korean War where he was a Gunner's Mate on the U.S.S. Saint Paul, a heavy cruiser. After his honorable discharge in October 1952, he moved to Sioux City, Iowa where he graduated from radiology school at St. Vincent's Hospital School of X-Ray. He worked as a Service Technician for General Electric installing radiological equipment across the state of Nebraska. Bing married his wife, Joann Lavon Craig on September 19, 1959. They moved to Lincoln a few years later where they would raise their two children, Brenda Ann and Mark Thomas. He retired from GE in 1988 after 31 years with the company. In 2017, he moved to Kinship Pointe Northridge in Kearney where he made many new friendships and enjoyed his independent lifestyle.

Bing was an Eagle Scout and proud Navy veteran. He considered his service to our country a great honor, and was active in the U.S.S. Saint Paul CA-73 Association, the American Legion Post 0003, and the VFW Post 131.

He was a member at St. John's Catholic Church in Lincoln and attended St. James Catholic Church after his move to Kearney.

He enjoyed going to auctions and collecting treasures, attending his grandkids' activities, making his famous salsa and pretzel mix, and reminiscing with his fellow sailors at his ship reunions.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Brenda (Steve) Kahle of Kearney; son, Mark (Rita) Walz of Lincoln; six grandchildren, Abby (Bob) Green of Colorado Springs, CO, Ben (Salena) Kahle of Colby, KS, Ethan (Clare) Walz of Evanston, IL, Amanda (Murphy) Huebner of Fort Collins, CO, Anna (Jared) Nightingale of Lincoln, and Riley (fiancée, Brooklyn) Kahle of Lincoln; and five great-grandchildren, Sam, Max, Will, and Leo Green, and Emmett Kahle.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Joann; parents; brother, Richard (Duke) Walz; sister, Patricia Berglund; and two infant siblings, Paul and Barbara.

Memorials are suggested to the Hartington Veterans' Memorial (P.O. Box 882, Hartington, NE 68739) or the U.S.S. Saint Paul CA-73 Association (673 Potomac Station Ave, Box 513, Leesburg, VA 20176). Please visit www.hlmkf.neral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

6800 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68512

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Christian Wake Service

JAN 20. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 21. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Graveside Service

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery
6800 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68512

Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bing" M. Walz

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ SDA Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.



SDA Family - January 27, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ He was always Bob to me—the quiet, dependable GE repairman who would come & take care of all your X-ray problems. He was so very competent & confident & low key. It was also my pleasure to be his x-ray technologist at an orthopedic appointment years ago, that being the last time I saw Bob. He has left such a lasting impression on me in my personal & professional life. He truly represented the last generation of real professionals in his field.

Cindy Rutan, R.T. - January 21, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Bing's passing. He was one of the nicest "Nice Guys" we ever knew. Rest In Peace dear friend. Ron and Brigitte Frank

Ron Frank - January 20, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.*



January 20, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Mark and Rita,
Our thoughts are with you during this time and here's to finding peace in knowing what a wonderful, full life he led.*

Richard and Angela Henne

Angela Henne - January 20, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.*



January 19, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.*



January 19, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.*



January 19, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ *3 files added to the album USS St Paul*



J Smith - January 19, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.*



January 19, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.*



January 19, 2023 at 01:03 PM

JL

“ We were long time neighbors in Lincoln. We both shared a passion for growing the “perfect” tomato. We had yearly contests to see who would have the 1st ripe tomato or BLT of the season, and often shared it with one another. We could stand talking over the chain link fence and talk about anything. I’m missed Mr Walz terribly when he moved, my dad was in the Korean War too. I loved hearing about it and he loved talkin about it.

One summer, Ben, Abby, Brenda lived with Mr Walz. Our kids played together hanging out on the swing set all summer having a great time-my kids were in heaven! Those were lazy days, and he beamed when he watched them playing.

He was a good friend and neighbor. To all the family, we are thinking of you all, and peace with with Mr Walz. Holding his memories close to the heart, the Lantz Family-Julie, Duane, Ashley and Alex

Julia Lantz - January 19, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear of Bing's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him at Kinship Pointe. He was a wonderful man. Loved his quiet and gentle spirit. Bing was so proud of his service to our country....loved hearing his stories. Love and hugs to your family Brenda! ❤️🇺🇸

Mary Fitzke - January 19, 2023 at 10:49 AM

YF

“ Your Apollo MedFlight Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.



Your Apollo MedFlight Family - January 19, 2023 at 09:45 AM

BF

“ So sorry to hear about Bob. Janie and I always enjoyed his presence at the USS Saint Paul national and regional reunions. Barry Fitzgerald, Past President, USS Saint Paul Association.

Barry Edward Fitzgerald - January 18, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.



January 18, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bing" M. Walz.



January 18, 2023 at 11:21 AM

TS

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Walz family from the Singleton family.



Tony Singleton - January 17, 2023 at 04:01 PM