

Gaige Walters, 85

Sept. 4, 1927 - Jan. 18, 2013

SARASOTA, FL — Gaige Rae Walters, 85, loving and beloved father of Linda Walters of Philadelphia, PA; Dru Walters (Lloyd Whitaker) of Boston, MA; Jan Walters Pitchford (Mike) of Sarasota, Steven Walters of Sarasota, FL; and Douglas Walters (Guio) of West Palm Beach, FL passed away peacefully in Sarasota after a brief illness January 18, 2013.



Gaige was born on September 4, 1927 in Omaha, NE. His parents, Rae and Mabel Walters, raised Gaige and his two older sisters, Maurine (Heilman) and Lenore (Haskell) in Harlan. After high school, Gaige joined the U.S. Navy and served until 1946, at which time he attended and graduated from the University of Iowa. After graduation, Gaige re-enlisted in the navy and served aboard the USS Richard B. Anderson during the Korean conflict. He served honorably until his discharge in 1955, having achieved the rank of Lieutenant/Operations Officer. In 1962, Gaige relocated to Sarasota, FL where he embarked upon a successful career in real estate. Gaige truly enjoyed the real estate profession and the many relationships he was fortunate to make and was especially proud to have served as President of the Board of Realtors in the 1960s. Following his retirement, Gaige continued to contribute to Sarasota by becoming a volunteer with Meals on Wheels and at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

In addition to his children, Gaige is survived by his grandchildren, Forrest Gaige Wambold, David Whitaker, Allie Pitchford, Rachel Whitaker, Mathew Pitchford and Ava Walters, and also by his seven nieces and nephews: Karen (Mehta), Mary (Watters) and Susie Haskell, Kurt and Jan (Lucchessi) Heilman, Hank Heilman and Katy (Kimpton) Heilman.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church in Sarasota, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to New Hope Village, Carroll, where Gaige's niece, Susie Haskell resides.

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