



Walter B. Steele

August 2, 2015

Walter B. Steele, age 89, passed away on August 2, 2015. He was a New Mexico businessman and Cattle Rancher.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years Elaine; his son Gary and his wife Kristine; his daughter Kim and her fiancé Christopher; two grandsons Carson and Connor who lovingly called him Pa.

He was preceded in death by his son Mike and his daughter Amy.

Walter joined the Navy in 1942 at the age of 16 during WWII as a Pharmacist Mate. He married Elaine on November 19, 1945 before being honorably discharged from service in January 1946. After his discharge from the Navy he enrolled at the University of Houston, receiving his Bachelor's degree in 1950. After graduation Walter went to work for Sinclair Oil then Gulf Oil Company and was transferred to Albuquerque in 1957.

In 1959 Walter acquired Rio Grande Oil Company, a Petroleum Jobbership. He was a past President of the New Mexico Petroleum Marketers Association.

In 1980 bought a Ranch in Corona, New Mexico. His love of ranching grew each year. In 1993 he received the Cowbells Rancher of the Year Award. He retired from the Oil Business in 1985. In 1999 he retired from Ranching and returned to his Albuquerque home where he enjoyed his remaining years.

Of the many things he taught his children, one which was primary to his character, was to treat everyone fairly, no matter the cost.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

A private entombment will be held for the immediate family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at FRENCH - Lomas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the New Mexico Christian Childrens Home – Portales, 324 Abilene Ave., Portales, NM 88130.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Gary,
I am so very sorry for the loss of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Debbie Brogdon

Deborah Brogdon - August 17, 2015 at 02:55 PM

JB

“ *Walter was our wonderful neighbor for many years. He returned many a basketball, dog toy and even flying umbrellas over our shared fence. He worried about apples falling from his tree into our yard. We never did, but he did. We witnessed him on a few too many ladders in the last few years, but there was no way to stop him. "I've got to keep busy", he would say. And busy he was. He took such meticulous care of his beautiful home. He always had a smile and funny words. He finally trusted "that lawyer husband" of mine...at least I think he did...haha. He was so kind to our very loud children and spoke so fondly of his grandkids. We loved seeing that backyard rope swinging because we know he was enjoying his grandkids.*
He and his spirited soul will be missed. We are so sorry for your loss.

The Burton Family

Jen Burton - August 06, 2015 at 04:39 PM

JD

“ *Joanne Doherty lit a candle in memory of Walter B. Steele*



joanne doherty - August 06, 2015 at 01:37 PM

JD

May your beloved Daddy's light of love and his beautiful spirit live on in all of you always always

joanne doherty - August 06, 2015 at 01:39 PM

DD

“ *Walter was a great neighbor and a wonderful friend to my grandson. Marshall always wanted to go talk to Walter! Walter cared so much about us and was always ready to help us out. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Debbie Davis - August 06, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ *When Pa came to pick up Connor and Carson from school he always had a smile for them, and for us. I will always remember his interest, love and concern for those two little stinkers.*

Beth Phillips - August 06, 2015 at 10:15 AM

KS

This made me smile, Beth. Those two little stinkers were his pride and joy. Thank you for sharing!

Kim Steele - August 06, 2015 at 10:27 AM

BL

“Walter was my friend and my Buddy I will miss you more than anyone knows . You were an inspiration to me and every one who had the honor to know you. I will always hold in my heart the time you told me that you wished we had meet 50 years sooner . I will see you in Heaven someday .

*Bob Luce
Austin, Texas*

Bob Luce - August 06, 2015 at 05:16 AM

KS

Bob, thank you so much for sharing this. He loved you so much. I too wish he would've met you 50 years sooner. What a ball you two would have had. Love to you.

Kim Steele - August 06, 2015 at 10:28 AM