



## Walter James Frizzell Jr.

November 26, 2020

Walter James Frizzell, Jr. was born July 4, 1962 in California where he lived with his family. He spent summers in Seattle as a child; he served in the Army in Germany and returned to live the American dream. He was a family man, proud of his kids and our family. He loved life and loved people, he was genuine, authentic, trusted quickly, and forgave just as quickly. He did not hesitate to share his testimony with youth and adults seeking a relationship with Jesus.

His open love for Jesus was a true light to everyone. He was able to connect and share many words of wisdom and mentor so many people. He was open and honest, and showed people Jesus just by living his life in the real world. He didn't hide behind the ideals of perfection; he faced the world head on despite the trials he faced throughout his life. He never let himself surrender to the negativity that can make life feel impossible; he just cracked a joke (usually inappropriate) and kept on bikin'.

He was a force of nature and he would talk to anyone, anywhere, no matter where they were in their life journey. He was always willing and able to be a support to so many people in any situation whether it was with his openness about his truth and his story or with his off-color jokes and his booming laugh. He was the life of the party and always up for trying new challenges.

His family was his life and breath. We will miss him every day, and will hopefully be able to feel his loving presence at the same moment we miss him and feel his loss. While his immediate family was his four kids and his wife, he

had a huge heart which allowed him to pick up many other people and adopted them into his heart. He has many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and great nephews that are missing him because they adored him as much as he adored them.

He passed away November 26, 2020, Thanksgiving Day, after a short but mighty battle with cancer. We have no doubt he is dining at the right hand of Jesus with so many family and friends that have gone before. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, his soulmate and best friend of over 30 years, Colleen, their children Meghan, Lela, Hannah, and Brookes and his only grandson who knows him as Papa, Jayden. He has 2 surviving brothers, Mike and Rhett, and was greeted at the gates by his older brother Greg and his father and father in law, as well as many other friends and family.

Due to the Covid19 Pandemic we have decided it best to hold off on any memorial service at this time. We would like to have a Celebration of Life service for him next year, hopefully Covid19 will be under control, and it will be safer to gather.

Celebration of Life for July 3rd at 1:30pm 2021 at First United Methodist Church McAllen, Texas. Will practice continued social safety based on Covid, Masks and temperature checks will most likely be required still at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Mayo Clinic, which does tremendous Lung Cancer research. A special research project has been selected by the family, who will be gathering the donations and presenting them collectively to the clinic.

Please make any checks out to:

The Mayo Clinic- Department of Development

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 3. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of McAllen  
4200 N. McColl Rd.  
McAllen, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter James Frizzell Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Walter James Frizzell Jr.*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *Walt was an amazing man who lit up the room and always made everyone laugh. My husband Ben had the pleasure of working with him for years and really looked up to Walt. He even called him his “electrician sensei” 🤪. We will miss Walt and his joyous energy very much and send all of our love and healing prayers to his wonderful family. Love you all ❤️*

**Ben & Megan Smith** - January 10, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *It truly was my honor to work with Walter and to call him my friend. He will be greatly missed.*

**Stewart Gregorie** - December 02, 2020 at 09:03 AM

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“ I was proud to be able to work with Walter and create a lasting friendship in Denver . He always had a solution and was never afraid to push the limits . He always said it was easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission words I live by to this day. He is one of the most talented electricians I have known. He always spoke of his children and bragged about how proud he was and that they didn't make his mistakes.. he always said he was lucky. He always made the best of any situation and could turn a bad situation into drinking a cup of coffee with a customer and being on their Christmas list.. I spoke to you a few weeks ago and your last text message to me was “ suddenly there are more important things than me” you never took a compliment but my friend you deserve them more than you know. I will miss your sarcasm and dirty jokes . You were the only person from California that I ever liked..after all I am a New Englander . Thanks for always being there and have fun up there. I know you will be watching over us all. Love ya bud

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**tom maloney** - November 29, 2020 at 08:53 PM

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“ The Badlands with my pal. We will miss you!



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**Linda Kline** - November 29, 2020 at 01:20 PM

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“ When we saw the Harley in the garage we said “yep these people will be great neighbors!” and we were right! Walt always had a smile to share and a laugh to follow. We enjoyed many great times by the fire pit! He always had a positive spin on everything! He loved his family for sure and was a friend to all! Thanksgiving day I pictured Philip meeting Walt at the pearly gates with a hand shake and a hug, saying “welcome home my friend.” Walt will be missed!

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**Beverly Cobo** - November 29, 2020 at 11:37 AM