

Walter Newton Wharton

MAY 26, 1934 – MARCH 16, 2024



Walter Newton Wharton, LTC. U.S. Army (Retired) was born May 26, 1934, at Fort Meade, South Dakota. Walter passed away on March 16, 2024. Walter was the son of Master Sergeant Walter B. and Ethyl Wharton. After WWII the Wharton family settled in Jacksonville, Texas where Walter graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1953. He went on to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas where he earned his bachelor's degree and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1957. Walter married Eugenia Ann Hearne in 1957. With their three sons and daughter, he had a 23-year military career.

Walter earned a master's degree at Troy State University, Troy, AL. He is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He was a Senior Army Aviator, flying both fixed and rotary-wing aircraft. Among his awards are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, 3 Air Medals and an Air/Water Rescue Medal. He was a Vietnam veteran.

Walter married a second time, Jean Marie Wharton, in 1989. They moved into retirement together, gardening, traveling, and caring for children and grandchildren. Walter was an avid wood carver and instructor. Walter chaired the Operation Canes of Texas organization for over 12 years, carving and presenting over 780 canes to veterans.

Walter is survived by his wife, Jean Marie Wharton of Austin, son, Rev. Brian Wharton and wife Kristi of Onalaska, Texas, Stepson Tracy Potter and wife, Gina and Stepson David Daniel Potter of Austin, Texas. Daughter-in-law Laurie Wharton of Elgin, Daughter-in-law, Annette Bingham Wharton of Shenandoah, Texas. Daughter Janna Wharton of Los Angeles, Ca. Grand Children, April Richards, Daniel Wharton, Abigail Wharton, Paige Wharton, Forest Wharton, Jilena Potter, Michael Potter, Brittney Potter, and Andrew Potter.

Walter was preceded in death by his sons, Walter Scott Wharton and Glenn Arthur Wharton, his parents M/Sgt Walter B. & Ethyl Wharton, his sister Cora Ruth Riggers and her husband Henry and his nephew Arnold Wharton.

Walter and his wife Jean are members of First United Methodist Church, Round Rock Texas where a memorial service is pending. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Round Rock or Patriot Paws.