



## Donald Walden

March 12, 1937 - April 13, 2020

Donald Walden, 83, of Thebes, died at 12:50 a.m., Monday, April 13, 2020, at home surrounded by his wife and daughters after a long, courageous battle of stage four lung cancer with brain metastasis.

He was born March 12, 1937 at home in Fayville, IL to Cletus and Julia (Kelly) Walden. He and Emilie P. Cotton were married November 28, 1957 who died April 3, 1989. He and Betty (Caldwell) Stecher were married November 12, 1993.

He was a member of Local Union #1 Ironworkers in Chicago, IL since 1957. He was instrumental in building the IBM Building, Marina Towers and Cook County Jail in Chicago, IL, Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, IL, along with many more.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Teresa Jesenovec (Robert) of Waukegan, IL, and Peggi Ingram (Terry) of Park City, IL; grandchildren; Michael and Adam Jesenovec, Amy Zimmerman (Jake) and Gregory Householder (Ashley); great-granddaughters, Remington, Macklynn, and Murphy Zimmerman and Addison Householder. He is also survived by a special nephew, Tony Walden, who he was quite fond of. Also surviving are two stepsons Ronald Isom (Ramona), John Isom (Kerry) and families.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, his parents and siblings Dale Walden and Betty Witzman Baugher.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there will be no visitation or services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Shriner's Hospital for Children 6 Walnut St. Evansville, IN 47701, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN38105 or a charity of your choice. Sympathy cards may be mailed to Crain Funeral Home, P.O. Box 257, Anna, IL 62906.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

# Comments

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families. God's Peace and Love. Comfort Keepers Staff

**Sherry** - April 15, 2020 at 07:56 AM

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“ While I was just a child when my sister, mom, and I left Illinois and returned to Idaho I do have fond memories of Uncle Don and Aunt Emilie and us playing together as cousins. My mom, Arlene was born the same year as your dad and would have been 83 years old this year also. My mom also passed away from lung cancer that metastasized to the brain. It will be 20 years ago this fall since she lost her battle and I know how painful this time is for the family.  
Teresa and Peggi, I am so sorry for your loss and will be thinking and praying for you both and your families. May the cherished memories of your dad give you strength and comfort in the days ahead.

With love and sympathy,

Vickie (Walden) Schuler

**Vickie Schuler** - April 14, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ Vickie, thank you for the kind words. We lost my mom to the same things 31years ago. She had just turned 48. I'm sorry you had to go through it with your mom too. I also remember us playing together before you guys left too.

**Teresa Jesenovec** - April 17, 2020 at 09:47 PM