



## General Robert C. Waldron Jr

June 19, 1930 - February 16, 2022

General Robert C. Waldron, Jr., Ph.D., age 91 of Carbondale, passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2022 in Heartland Regional Medical Center, Marion.

He was born June 19, 1930 in Bolivar, MO to Robert and Nell (Pope) Waldron, Sr.

He was baptized at the age of 16 in the First Baptist Church of Murphysboro. He remained strong in his protestant faith.

On May 14, 1948 he enlisted as a private in the Illinois Army National Guard in Murphysboro. He was federalized for the Korean War in 1951, serving with the NATO HQ, Izmir, Turkey as NCOIC of Mess, Supply and Procurement. He advanced to the grade of Master Sergeant and received a direct commission to the rank of 2nd Lt.

His command assignments consisted of HHCo (1) Selected Reserve Force, Carbondale; Bn Commander, 347th P & A Bn, Marion and Hospital Commander, 25th CSH, St. Louis, MO. He was a graduate of the US Army War College. He proudly retired as a Brigadier General in the Illinois Army National Guard with a total of 42 years of faithful service.

He received the Meritorious Service Medal; two Army Commendation Medals;

Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; three Armed Forces Reserve Ribbons; two NCO Academy Ribbons; Army Service Ribbon; Army Overseas Ribbon and various Illinois Army National Guard Service Ribbons.

He was a holder of three degrees from SIU-C. A founding president of the Civil Service Council; a founding member of the SIU Vet's Club and a faculty adviser to several student organizations. He held life memberships in SIU Alumni Association; Reserve Officers Association; National Rifle Association; Army War College Alumni Association and Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library. He also held memberships in the Association of the US Army, charter member; and Paul Harris Fellow; Rotary Breakfast Club of Carbondale; AF&AM #498, Patton Commander; President of Little Egypt, MOAA and the American Legion, Paul Stout #127, Murphysboro.

He had positions at SIU-C, Purchasing Assistant; Administrator in University Health Services; Researcher; and Lecturer in the Departments of Finance, Management and Marketing. He proudly served in these positions for 35 years. He had also taught at SEMO School of Business for 2 years.

He loved to travel all over the world and participated in the American Volks March Association walking 6.2 miles in every state but Alaska with his companion.

He is a member of the United Methodist Church of Ziegler.

General Robert C. Waldron, Jr. is survived by his son, Gary Waldron; a grandson, John Waldron; a longtime companion of 50 years, Muriel Narve; other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Mark Calvin Waldron.

Funeral Services for General Robert C. Waldron, Jr. will be Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Pastor Lori Van Horn officiating. Interment will be at a later date in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors accorded.

Visitation will be from 11:00 am until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Veteran's Honor Flight of Southern Illinois and/or the United Methodist Church of Ziegler and will be accepted at the funeral home.

His motto he lived by: BE ALL YOU CAN BE, SERVE GOD, FAMILY AND OUR COUNTRY.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *General Robert C. Waldron Jr*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *My dad was Billie R Waldron born in Hurst and served in WW2 as did his brother Leonard*

*Our Waldron line goes back to England near Walden...*

*I also served 22 years in USAF as pilot and staff.*

*I know my granddad, Elvis B. Waldron , Hurst was a miner/farmer--never talked much about other waldrons..  
God bless*

*Tom R Waldron*

tom waldron - March 02, 2022 at 12:16 AM



“ *Robert Waldron was our chapter advisor at Alpha Tau Omega fraternity in the early 1990's. He was great guy and friend to our chapter; glad I knew him. My condolences to his family.*

Kevin G - February 22, 2022 at 02:18 PM

CD

“ *Cousin Don's family (Jean and three D's) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of General Robert C. Waldron Jr.*



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**Cousin Don's family (Jean and three D's)** - February 21, 2022  
at 03:56 PM

JW

“ *We enjoyed Cousin Robert at the Waldron reunions in western Montana. We shared many laughs and fun with him and Muriel over the years. We are thinking of you, Muriel, and the rest of Robert's family at this difficult time.*

*With much love and sincere sympathy,  
Cousin Don's family*

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**J Waldron** - February 21, 2022 at 03:31 PM

JW

“ *We enjoyed visits with Cousin Robert at the Waldron reunions in Montana. We had many laughs and fun times with Robert and Muriel. Thinking of you, Muriel, and the rest of Roberts family at this difficult time.*



*Love, Cousin Don's family*

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**J Waldron** - February 21, 2022 at 03:26 PM

WL

“ *I had the privilege of having Gen Waldron as a professor at SIUC. He was a great guy and I enjoyed his class. Rest In Peace.*

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**Willam “Jeff” Lee** - February 20, 2022 at 04:21 PM

TK

“ I was a IRS Revenue Agent for 35 years. For many years he asked me to come to his class at SIU and speak at the class. I really enjoyed might time with him. My condolences to you on his passing.

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**Ted Knapp** - February 19, 2022 at 04:47 PM