



## Walt Grace

February 17, 1961 - October 15, 2021

Walt Grace, 60, of Olive Branch, passed away at 11:22am Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born Feb. 17, 1961 at Cairo, IL, the son of Leslie Barnett Grace, Jr. and Patsy Lou (Becker) Grace. He was married on Feb. 14, 1981 to Anita Jo McKee. She preceded him in death May 15, 2014. He later married Dana Swoboda on July 9, 2017.

Walt was a lifelong farmer in Alexander County, owning and operating the multi-generation Grace Farms in Olive Branch. Over the past 40 years he had farmed with his father, grandfather, and his son. He actively served on the board of the Olive Branch Cemetery Association as well as the Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau and Alexander County Water District board. He was a member of Cape First Church, loved deer and duck hunting, as well as bike riding.

Survivors include his wife, Dana; son, Justin (Jessica) Grace; daughter, Lesley Grace; granddaughter, Natalie Grace; step daughter, Danielle Swoboda; his mother, Patsy Mason; sister, Dr. Linda Grace; and many other loved ones and friends.

Visitation for Walt Grace will be from 4:00-8:00pm Monday and 9:00-11:00am

Tuesday at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms. The funeral will follow at 11:00am Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the funeral home with Rev. Gary Brothers officiating and eulogy by Jeff Farris. Interment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery.

The family requests with gratitude that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Olive Branch Cemetery Association, which was near and dear to Walt's heart. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

Olive Branch, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
Tamms, IL 62988  
(618) 833-2176  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
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## Funeral Service

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OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Walt Grace*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Deborah L Girdner** - October 21, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ *Walt was a good man, and an asset to the community. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing him as long as most everyone else, but he treated me as if we had known each other forever. You will be missed.*

**JD Williams** - October 19, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Remember Walt In School! He was a kind person with Sense of Humor!  
Worked for His Grandfather, Mr. Les Grace, my first job...  
Praying For Peace, Strength And Comfort For Walt's Family!  
Love And Prayers,  
Carl & Mary Miller (Wendell, N.C.)*

**Carl Miller** - October 19, 2021 at 06:46 AM

BG

“ I hadn't seen Walt in years, but he is definitely one of a kind. May all your memories give you peace. God bless and keep you all.  
*Barbara Graham (Egyptian HS classmate)*

barbara graham - October 18, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.*



October 18, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.*



October 18, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.*



October 18, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.



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October 18, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.



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October 18, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.



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October 18, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Your Friends - Alexander County Highway* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Walt Grace.



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**Your Friends - Alexander County Highway** - October 18, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.*



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October 18, 2021 at 02:37 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.*



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October 17, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.*



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October 17, 2021 at 10:03 PM

MB

“ My husband and I just loved Walter. Nicest guy ever and we were so happy our friend Dana had found her Prince Charming! Couldn't have done any better than Walter. We will miss the crazy long bike rides we were all determined to complete to convince ourselves 'we still got it'. Walter always dropped off corn at our house, suppose he was trying to sabotage the outcome of our bike rides trying to keep us well fed? Lol. No....he just cared about everyone and was always there to help out anyway he could. We'll miss his contagious laughter, corny jokes and constant positive attitude. You will be missed dearly Walter. Your friends David and Melissa

Melissa Burge - October 17, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.



October 17, 2021 at 04:54 PM

KM

“ Karen Masterson lit a candle in memory of Walt Grace



Karen Masterson - October 17, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.*



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October 17, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of teaching Lesley in Sunday School. I happened to leave her one Sunday, after church. She got home safely by someone else, but Walt never let me forget this. He had a sense of humor. My condolences to the family in this time.*

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**Mary S. Worthington** - October 17, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Walt Grace.*



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October 17, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *My handsome cousin. I have many very happy memories with you. I'll always miss your dark brown twinkling eyes and beautiful smile.*

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**Sheryl Grace Masterson** - October 17, 2021 at 05:53 AM

RM

“ *Walt was a true gentleman and was generous to a fault. I admired and respected him greatly! Prayers for my friends, his family ! My we find peace in his memories*

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**Roy McHarry** - October 16, 2021 at 10:35 PM

JE

“ *So very sorry for your loss. God bring peace and comfort to you all.*



*Jeanne Masterson*

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**jeanne** - October 16, 2021 at 09:19 PM

TE

“ *So sorry to hear this, prayers for the family.*



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**Teresa** - October 16, 2021 at 12:49 PM

DJ

“ *What a great neighbor Walt's was and his family will miss him so many fond memories*

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**Debbie Johnson** - October 16, 2021 at 08:03 AM

CB

“ *Condolences to Walt's family. Chuck & Elaine*

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**Charles Bonifield** - October 15, 2021 at 11:42 PM