



Mr. Walter L. Cone

June 10, 1955 - December 13, 2023

Statesboro, Georgia

Walter Lafayette Cone, 68, known to his family and friends as “Walt”, slipped away from this life on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Walt was born on June 10, 1955, in Statesboro, GA to the late Marchel and Eloise Cone.

Walt served in the United States Army for three years as a vehicle mechanic and a military police officer. He retired with an honorable discharge on February 18, 1977. He later joined the National Guard.

Walter was a former employee at the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta, Northside Hospital of Atlanta, Barney A. Smith Lincoln Mercury of Macon, GA, and Riverside Ford of Macon, GA until his health prevented him from strenuous work.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers, Troy, and Ulysees Cone.

His memories will be cherished by his devoted and loving wife of sixteen years, Valarie Cone, Statesboro, GA; two sons, Walter Cone, Jr. (Tunisa) and Nicholas Cone, both of Macon, GA, four step sons, Maurice Washington, Yorktown, PA, Terrence (Kimberly) Ripley of Garden City, GA, Sammy Ripley

of Savannah, GA, and Julius Ripley of Statesboro, GA, one step daughter, Julia Ripley of Statesboro, GA, a sister, Patricia (John) Sapp, Statesboro, GA, three brothers, Willie Cone, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Eugene (Rosa) Cone, and Stanley Cone, all of Statesboro, GA. three brothers-in-law, Charles Dunbar of Covington, GA, Toney Washington of McDonough, GA, and Timothy Washington (Senora) of Orlando, FL, sisters-in-law, Beatrice Dunbar, Rhenetri Washington, Rheneta Washington, all of Statesboro, GA, Estella (Carlton) Roberson, Brooklet, GA, 19 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A viewing for Mr. Cone will be held, 4 pm to 7 pm, Friday, December 22, 2023, at Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Mr. Cone will lie in state on the day of service from 12 noon until the funeral hour. There will be no viewing after the eulogy.

The funeral service for Mr. Walter L. Cone, will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, December 23, 2023, at the Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Alexander Smith, Jr., officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military honors.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458

Lie In State

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church
149 Johnson Grove Church Road
Portal , GA 30450

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church
149 Johnson Grove Church Road
Portal , GA 30450

Burial

DEC **23** (ET)

Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church
149 Johnson Grove Church Road
Portal , GA 30450

Tribute Wall

RE

“ Served with Walter at Ft Hood Tx enjoyed being around him

Robert Elgie - August 04, 2025 at 04:14 PM

MF

“ Prayers to the family



Monswel Fleming - December 24, 2023 at 09:57 PM

RS

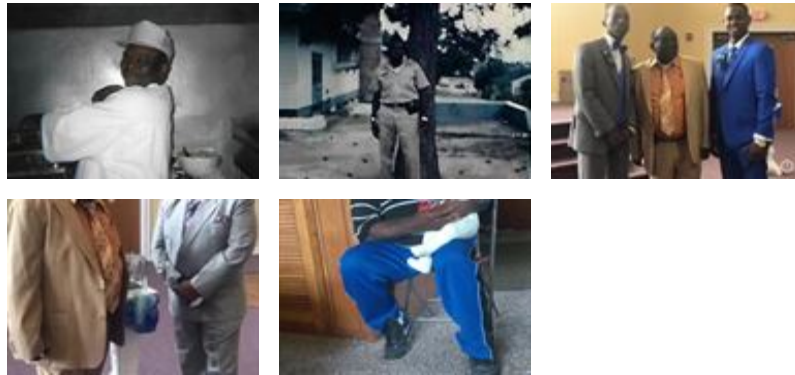
“ My condolences and prayers to Walter's wife, children, siblings and family. May God's bring comfort in very difficult season of your lives. God bless. Classmate "73"and friend Rev. Morris Stevens



Rev. Morris Stevens - December 24, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ 15 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hill's Mortuary, Inc. - December 22, 2023 at 12:06 PM

AT

“ My Heartfelt Prayers and Condolences goes out to the Entire Cone Family. walter was a Class Mate of mind in MidSchool and High School he was always a god Person had many friends in School i will miss you buddy but God knows best in all things .Rest in Heaven my friend 🙏🙏🙏



Augustine Thomas-Wells - December 21, 2023 at 07:38 PM

SH

“ Walt Baby, Yesshua thank you Walt... For being there for my kids.. Kyu, Steph, Stebe, and Baby Boi... Love..



Steve Hollis - December 21, 2023 at 05:50 PM

NH

“ Prayers and condolences to the family



Nita Houston Huff - December 21, 2023 at 08:38 AM

CE

“ Celentria lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter L. Cone



Celentria - December 20, 2023 at 06:24 PM

CE

So sorry for your loss! Our thoughts & prayers are with the family. God Bless! 🙏

Celentria - December 20, 2023 at 06:28 PM

GL

“ Deepest heart felt sympathy to the families of Walter. 💜💜🙏🙏🌲



Gwen LITTLES - December 19, 2023 at 04:35 PM

JP

“ *Jacqueline Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter L. Cone*



Jacqueline Pierce - December 18, 2023 at 07:28 PM

BM

“ *Sorry to hear about our dear friend Walter, I met him several years ago while be a patient at Davita, he was very friendly and didn't meet a stranger. I knew his mother very well. May God continue to give the family strength, peace and comfort in the days ahead. Brent Mosley*



Brent Mosley - December 17, 2023 at 08:11 PM

BL

“ *BETTY A Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter L. Cone*



BETTY A Lewis - December 17, 2023 at 07:01 PM

LW

“ *Lynette Jones Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter L. Cone*



Lynette Jones Wilcox - December 17, 2023 at 02:09 PM

JF

“ *Jennell Floyd-Tompkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter L. Cone*



Jennell Floyd-Tompkins - December 17, 2023 at 07:43 AM

CG

“ *Cathy Goodman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter L. Cone*



Cathy goodman - December 15, 2023 at 10:42 PM

B-

“ *Harold McCray family /Eugene & Bonita McCray White family sends our love and condolences*

Bonita McCray -White - December 15, 2023 at 06:10 PM

AP

“ *ARNOLD PERKINS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter L. Cone*



ARNOLD PERKINS - December 15, 2023 at 02:50 PM

JJ

“ *Josiebelle Joyce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter L. Cone*



Josiebelle joyce - December 15, 2023 at 09:50 AM