



Walter "Wally" Dywane Sedlacek

June 26, 1951 - May 1, 2014

On May 1, 2014 retired U.S. Navy Commander, Walter ("Wally") D. Sedlacek, passed away at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, TX. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine Sedlacek. He was survived by his four daughters, Becky (Philip) Craycraft of Lubbock, TX; Kerrie (Max) Covert of Hideaway, TX; Nicole Allen of Lindale, TX; and Kristin (Jerry) Vowell of Slidell, LA. He is also survived by 14 loving grandchildren; his brother, Maurice Sedlacek of South Bend, IN; and many nieces, nephews and supportive friends from around the world. He was born on June 26, 1951 to Milo and Josephine Sedlacek of South Dakota. Commander Sedlacek served 29 years in the United States Navy assigned to Nuclear Submarine Warfare Division at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for a majority of his tenure. He received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Expert Pistol Shot Medal and several achievement ribbons. After retirement in 1998, Walter served as Senior Vice President of Production Operations and Chief Technology Officer of Intermap Technologies Corp for 12 years. He also served as General Manager of the South East Asia and Australia regions; previously as Director of Customer Care, Managing Director, GmbH Munich Germany for Intermap Technologies Inc. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix, New Mexico. Walter was currently residing in Hideaway, TX, previously of

Castle Rock, CO. Services will be held at 10:00 AM, Monday, May 5, at Caudle Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale, TX. A second service will be held at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado. Walter's wish was that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society to continue the fight he and Elaine so bravely endured.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
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Tribute Wall



“ Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter "Wally" Dywane Sedlacek



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - May 05, 2014 at 09:20 AM



Love and miss you uncle walt xo

Kaye Sheets - May 03, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ Walter "Wally" Dywane Sedlacek

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ Walter "Wally" Dywane Sedlacek

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM

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“ I too served with CDR Walter "Wally" Sedlacek at Field Command, Defense Nuclear Agency in Albuquerque from '95 - up to my retirement in '97. I recently came across some paperwork from that timeframe and went to look him up and was saddened to read of his passing. I remember so many days at FC,DNA where he would come into the office and ask me if I had any meetings because he wanted to go play golf. He was a great Officer to serve with and a wonderful human being. I want to send my condolences to his family. I'm sorry for your loss. He was a great man and an Officer I had a lot of respect for. Fair Winds and Following Seas shipmate.

Gary McDuffee CWO3 US Navy (Retired)
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Gary McDuffee CWO3 US Navy (ret) - November 12, 2016 at 08:52 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter "Wally" Dywane Sedlacek.



June 26, 2014 at 08:17 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album in Munich, Germany



Andreas Keim - June 02, 2014 at 07:38 PM



“ I was still 18 when he became our xo on the Sam Houston. He earned or respect quickly and not only was he one that was fair but one of the few men who could do the job as xo and still be loved and respected. Thankful for the chats I had with him a few years ago. Was a outstanding officer and what a leader of men should be. One of the men I would have loved fir my triplets to meet. My prayers and thoughts go to your family

Dan Gibbons - May 15, 2014 at 07:35 PM



Thomas
Brady

“ I served with Wally at the Defense nuclear Agency from July '95 until his retirement in 1998, where we were both Commanders and I was Chief of the Navy Nuclear Stockpile and Wally was my boss, with overall responsibility for the Maintenance, and safety of maintenance, storage and transportation of all the Nuclear Weapons in our nation's inventory not on active patrol. our country placed significant trust and confidence in the capabilities and judgment of Commander Sedlacek. Over those three years we traveled across the country together visiting various installations and participating in various forums related to the stockpile. We played many rounds of golf together, and talked about what pleased us and what troubled us in our lives. I always valued what was Wally's opinion on any issue which was important to me. After Wally retired we stayed occasionally in touch, both dealing with our personal and family priorities we had too often had to put aside due to our commitment to our duty to country. At every retirement I have attended, I have heard each retiring service member tell how this was the toughest part of their years in service - to have to leave family to answer the call of duty to their service commitment. Those who have not served on active duty while also raising a family could not fully appreciate how hard it is to be fully committed to both family and country as a Naval Officer. It does tear at you, at each of us. Now to my regret, I have learned over Facebook of our loss of Wally. For two days I have had no words, as I had always thought there would be time for us to get together. But now Wally is in a special place I know the Lord has had waiting for him, and I can see the wary smile on his face, and his saying "Tom, you snooze you lose. See you up here", or something similar in his own style. Myself having served 38 years in the Navy, I can tell you that I worked on a friendly basis with many men and women over my career. I can only count on my fingers, however, those I would say were my friend. Wally was a close friend. When I had the most difficult, most personal problems to deal with, I would talk to Wally. You know, the type of problem where there is no clear good answer or solution, and you have to choose the best unsatisfactory course of action.

Wally was a man's man in the very best sense of that phrase. He had the very best core values and sense of personal and personal integrity. Wally would do the right thing, whether anyone knew or not, because that was his nature. He did the right thing because that was who he was. Wally was a man you would always be proud to say that he called you friend. That would be one of a man's prized possessions, knowing that. Wally called me friend, and I miss this friend more than words can express. To his family, children, grandchildren, etc, remember how Wally dealt with adversity - In his final years, I'm sure he left lessons to be valued. Pick them up, hold them, and remember and learn from them. My wife had surgery on the 5th and I cannot leave Maryland to join you, but my heart is with you.

Wally, my friend, Fair Winds and Following Seas. See you up there

Thomas "Tom" H. Brady, Marbury, MD; e-mail - navyswo@aol.com

Thomas Brady - May 06, 2014 at 06:20 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy goes to you in your sorrow.
Wally will always remain in our hearts and memories.*

The former Intermap Wessling/Munich office (2002 – 2004)

Andreas Keim - May 06, 2014 at 03:18 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album in Munich, Germany*



Andreas Keim - May 06, 2014 at 07:12 AM

JM

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Sedlacek family at your sad loss. I worked with Wally on a few occasions, most memorably in Kuching, Malaysia and found him to be an inspirational leader, so very calm and collected and always willing to give advice and guidance. Jules Mitchell, Intermap colleague.*

Jules Mitchell - May 05, 2014 at 12:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter "Wally" Dywane Sedlacek.*



May 05, 2014 at 08:56 AM

KT

“ *Wally was a true friend lost too soon. His presence at Intermap was an inspiration to myself and all he interacted with. Words cannot express how much we will miss him. Our condolences to all of his love ones. Take some time to remember a special moment you had with Wally. Our prayers are with you. Keith Tennant*

Keith Tennant - May 05, 2014 at 08:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter "Wally" Dywane Sedlacek.*



May 04, 2014 at 04:23 PM

JE

“Blessed to have been trained by Wally as a young submarine officer and really glad to have reconnected via Facebook after so many years. A fine Naval Officer who I am honored to have called my friend. He will be missed.

Jay Erickson - May 04, 2014 at 12:29 PM

SL

“My sincere condolences to the family of Wally Sedlacek. I served with him onboard the USS Queenfish (SSN651) and he was a wonderful mentor and inspiration. He will be missed. - Steve Lewis

Steve Lewis - May 04, 2014 at 12:03 PM

PF

“I was fortunate to serve with Wally on USS Queenfish. He was a great shipmate, astute leader, and a wonderful man. I share the family's sorrow. We are all better because he is a part of who we are. Rest in peace, shipmate. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Peter Flannery - May 04, 2014 at 11:18 AM

CS

“I'd lost touch with Walt for several years and a few summers ago, he visited Minnesota and found me. We hosted Elaine and him for lunch one enjoyable Sunday, shared lots of memories, took a walk (arm in arm) around our neighborhood. From then on, we stayed in touch if only periodically. I was devastated to learn of his cancer, but I'm happy his struggle is over and he is now with God. Carol Ann Sander, cousin

Carol Ann Sander - May 03, 2014 at 06:57 PM