



## Shawn E. Walters

June 10, 2021

Shawn Walters, 50, of Woodbridge VA, passed away at home surrounded by his family on Thursday June 10th after a two-year battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Shawn is survived by his wife, Erin (Torrens) Walters; his two children, Alyssa and Elijah Walters; his grandson Hudson Walters-Sarmiento; his siblings, Tammie Wilson and James Walters and both parents Yvonne and Allen Abey.

Shawn was best known as a hard-working family man. He was a loving husband, father and “Grumpa”. Shawn loved spending time with his family as well as the many neighbors that he would consider family more than friends. He loved handing out candy on Halloween and stringing Christmas lights that could be seen from the space station at Christmas. He spent many years working in the Heavy Construction Industry and was a loyal employee of Richmark Site Services until his diagnosis in 2019.

Shawn’s funeral is set to be held at Miller Funeral Home on Friday June 18, 2021, located at 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA 22192. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. Friends can join the family after the service for food and drinks, the address will be provided at the funeral home. Please feel free to come dressed however you feel most comfortable, whether that be an Alabama football shirt (ROLL TIDE) or in construction gear.

# Events

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**JUN**   **Visitation**            10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA, US, 22192

**JUN**   **Service**                    12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ We're so sorry to hear of Shawn's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and you're family.

Sue, Parker & Charlotte Bushee

Sue Bushee - June 18, 2021 at 01:52 PM

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“ We meet Shawn and his family in 2004. Our younger kids grew up playing together. There are so many memories I could share. But what touches mine and Jack's heart the most our oldest son Sam started working with Shawn. Shawn was his guardian angel but Shawn would always say no he was mine. As time grew Shawn and Sam's friendship grew. They called each other brother. Shawn was Sam's best man at his wedding. We were more than just neighbors we were family.

Shawn was a loving caring person and would do anything for anyone.

We will forever miss him but he will be forever in our hearts.

Jack and Tracy Rike

Roll Tide Shawn, till we meet again.



Jack and Tracy Rike - June 16, 2021 at 08:13 AM

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“ Shawn, James & Tammie 2018. Bro, I'm so grateful we all reconnected in person. Seeing the outpouring of love and support of your family, friends and neighbors is overwhelming. I love you and will forever miss you.



Tammie Wilson - June 15, 2021 at 09:43 PM

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“ From Yvonne and Allen Abey ( Shawn's mother and father)

Shawn's mother said, as a boy Shawn was often generous, perceptive, and persuasive.

When he was about 10, I saw him trying to take a loaf of bread out of the house. I asked him what he was going to do with it. He said he met some people down by the river and they didn't have anything to eat. So, he was going to give it to them.

Another time, when he was a boy and recuperating in the hospital from a surgery, I visited him at dinnertime. The nurse brought in his dinner, and I was glad to see him eating. I think I said, "the dinner sure looks good". The next time I went to visit him, the nurse brought in two dinner trays. She said, "Shawn said he wouldn't eat unless his mother got dinner too!"

When I first met my stepson Shawn, he was 13 years old. Right off the bat he was eager to check me out; to see what kind of person I was. Primary on his list was my physical strength. One afternoon while we were all sitting around the kitchen table, he decided to challenge me to an arm-wrestling contest. I immediately took him up on his challenge, and within seconds I won. He was totally surprised and left the room. Nothing else was said.

Over the next couple of weeks I started to notice various dumbbells and weight training supplies laying around the house. Later, I noticed he and his friends in the driveway bench pressing weights. It was soon apparent that Shawn had taken up body building and weight training in a serious manner. A passion, really. Of course, I knew the day would come that he would challenge me again to another arm-wrestling match. And when that day came, he slammed my arm down with the greatest of ease! Totally satisfied with his newfound success, we would repeat the challenge often with the same result.

I always suspected that Shawn took up weight training because I beat him that first time, but I never said anything to him about it until a few months ago when I asked him about it. He vividly remembered. He laughed and explained that when he first laid eyes on me, he saw an easy target, a skinny man with skinny arms, and that he would beat me with ease. He said he was shocked when he lost that first time and decided to work out some more so that would never happen again.

When Shawn was 17, I asked him to join me on a weekend backpacking trip in the high Sierra Nevada Mountains. I was leading a group and asked him to come along. He was so full of energy and excitement. Already into fitness, he carried a 50-pound backpack like it was nothing. Arriving at the camp site, Shawn was quick to assist the other campers set up their tents, start campfires, and help in any way he could. He would have made a fine wilderness guide. We were high in the mountains, camped beside an alpine lake. To get to the highest point on this mountain, one had to scale another 300 feet up a granite peak. Shawn was eager to do this. It looked easy. The next morning we set off to climb it. It took some time, but we did it. He loved it! There was a 360-degree view that was worth the work. You could see forever. The climb

down was a whole different story. With no climbing gear, and no climbing experience or training, the two of us slowly and methodically worked our way down steep rock faces. I went first, then talked him down, helping him find the best foot and hand holds. Bit by bit we finally made it back down to camp. Shawn never forgot that trip and talked about it often. I always thought we did some good bonding that day.

**Tammie Wilson** - June 15, 2021 at 07:19 PM

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“ Roy and Adrienne Berry purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shawn E. Walters.



**Adrienne Berry** - June 15, 2021 at 06:16 PM

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“ When we first moved into the Villas of Trentdale neighborhood in 2008, Shawn was one of the first neighbors to introduce himself and his family to us. He told us all about the neighborhood, neighbors and the people that lived in the house before us. Spur of the moment he took his family and our family to Outback and treated us to dinner. I remember one particular time when I was outside and the previous owner of our home showed up and started asking me a bunch of questions and wanted to come in to find some property that they had left behind when they had abandoned the house. They finally left and Shawn who had been outside at the time watching this interaction, immediately came over and asked if everything was okay and if I was alright. He was a constant presence in the neighborhood not only looking out for the kids but the neighbors as well. His Christmas lights were always a site to see and impossible to try and top every year! He will truly be missed, our thoughts and continued prayers are with the family. - Roy and Adrienne Berry



**Adrienne Berry** - June 15, 2021 at 10:52 AM

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“ VCA Woodbridge Animal Hospital purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shawn E. Walters.



VCA Woodbridge Animal Hospital - June 15, 2021 at 10:43 AM

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“ Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Shawn E. Walters.



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Mindy Flynn - June 11, 2021 at 09:39 PM

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“ Shawn, thank you for the gift of making John and I part of your beautiful family. I will miss your saying “hey Godmama” and “love you Godmama”. Heaven is a brighter place with you there. Love you!  
Dianne

Dianne Hon - June 11, 2021 at 09:34 PM

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“ Alexis Snyder lit a candle in memory of Shawn E. Walters



**alexis snyder** - June 11, 2021 at 09:07 PM

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“ Jack And Tracy Rike lit a candle in memory of Shawn E. Walters



**Jack and Tracy Rike** - June 11, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ Till we see you again. Roll Tide

**Jack and Tracy Rike** - June 11, 2021 at 08:03 PM

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“ Alyssa Walters lit a candle in memory of Shawn E. Walters



**Alyssa Walters** - June 11, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ I love you daddy

**Alyssa** - June 11, 2021 at 05:50 PM

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Alyssa Walters - June 11, 2021 at 04:24 PM