



Walter S. Vieira

January 10, 2019

Walter S. Vieira, 71, of Fairhaven passed away unexpectedly Thursday, January 10, 2019 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford.

Born in Acushnet, son of the late Walter G. and Emily (Rego) Vieira, he lived most of his life in Fairhaven. Walter served in the Marine Corp during the Vietnam War from 1964-1973, until his release due to disability. He worked as an advocate for veterans and was instrumental in the beginnings of the Veterans Transition House in New Bedford and as a mentor at Reflections. Walter was a member of the Fairhaven VFW and enjoyed wood carving, music, poetry and was a published writer.

He is survived by a daughter, Nicole S. Vieira of Acushnet; a son, Matthew S. Vieira of Fairhaven; a brother, Gordon Vieira of New Bedford; a sister, Norma Motta of Fairhaven and the late Rosemarie Vieira; step siblings, William Vieira of Harrisville, RI, Anthony Vieira of New Bedford, Mary Suprenant of New Bedford, Patricia Lapan of Milford, Elizabeth Vieira of Sturbridge, Theresa Vieira of Harwich and Rachel Bretton and Rebecca Queen both of New Bedford; two grandchildren, Joshua Vieira of FL and Jacob Vieira of Fairhaven; three great grandchildren, Adrian, Gavin and Scarlett Vieira; his former wife, Denise Vieira of Fairhaven and many nieces and nephews.

His funeral will be Thursday, January 17, 2018 at 9am from the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven with a Graveside Service at 11:15am at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne with Honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Veterans Transition Home, 20 Willis St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

Events

JAN **Funeral** 09:00AM

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Fairhaven Funeral Home
117 Main Street, Fairhaven, MA, US, 02719

JAN **Graveside Service** 11:15AM

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MA National Cemetery
Connery Ave., Bourne, MA, US

Comments



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Walter S. Vieira.



January 17 at 08:39 AM



“ CATHY DESOUZA lit a candle in memory of Walter S. Vieira



CATHY DESOUZA - January 17 at 06:21 AM



“ DENISE, NIKI & MATT

SENDING OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO YOU ALL

LOVE

CATHY, MARC & MATTHEW

CATHY DESOUZA - January 17 at 06:24 AM



“ I remember Wally when I was growing up we were next door neighbors.I lost contact with him when he moved to Conn.I was surprised to here from him about eight years ago via phone call.About four years ago I had the pleasure to visit him in New Bedford.Wally was the most positive thinking person I have known.Everytime I talked to him he talked about Hawthorn St. And how he loved us all.He was a great person and suffered most of his life in pain he is at rest now.Rest in peace Love You .



Tony Santos - January 16 at 05:48 PM



“ Uncle Wally was 6 years old when I was born, and that made him a very fun uncle. He taught us songs and told lots of jokes. He babysat us, flying kites out of the bathroom window of the tenement, because, "Why not?" And as we got older he rescued us a few times, because it's easier when you're in a jam to call your uncle than your dad!

His wisdom will stay with me forever. While making a joke or singing the perfect lyrics at a specific moment, he taught us. He never spoke much of Viet Nam, because he couldn't. It was a sorrowful chapter. Later he wrote poetry about being a veteran and a patient at the VA. Even those lines were touched with humor and a bit of whimsy. An entire poem is devoted to being shuffled through the VA's services. When he lived on New Boston Rd his place was magical. Lots of pine trees and animals. When he lived on the Neck, he gave his own belongings as presents to his visitors. He will truly be missed by all the Motta kids, and more besides.

Debi Motta Mello

Deborah Mello - January 16 at 09:22 AM



“ Mike and Nancy (McLeod) Lewis are thinking of. Uncle Gordon and family and Norma and family.



Nancy(McLeod) Lewis - January 16 at 06:21 AM