



## Walter K. Halfmann

January 16, 1947 - March 10, 2021

Walter K. Halfmann  
Odessa, Florida

Walter Kenneth Halfmann passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital Seasons Hospice, Tampa, Florida with family by his side, on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at the age of 74. He had battled Leukemia for 20 months. Walter was born on January 16, 1947, in Flushing, New York, to the late Walter H. and Clare J. (Banker) Halfmann. Walter was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, being baptized on February 16, 1947, and confirmed on April 10, 1960, at St. John Lutheran Church in College Point, NY, where his grandfather, Arthur Halfmann, had served as pastor, prior to Walt's birth. Walter attended elementary school at St. John, College Point, Martin Luther High School in Maspeth, NY, Concordia College - Bronxville, NY, receiving an AA degree, Concordia College-Seward, NE, receiving BS and MEd degrees. Walter served as teacher at St. John Lutheran School, Vincennes, IN, and Immanuel Lutheran School, Seymour, IN. He served as Principal at St. John Lutheran School, Staten Island, NY, Martin Luther Christian School in Williamsville, NY, Zion Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, IN, Holy Cross Lutheran School, Saginaw, MI, and Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Tampa, FL. He finished his teaching career at Gulf Highlands Elementary School, Port Richey, FL and worked several years for WESTAT-US Department of Education-NAEP "Nation's Report Card". He enjoyed 10 years

of employment with Publix Supermarket, meeting many neighbors and friends who came through his checkout line. In his spare time, Walter enjoyed family time, history, travel, reading, grilling, and yard work. He was actively involved at Messiah Lutheran Church in Tampa, serving on various committees, leading Adult and Men's Bible Class, assisting with Confirmation classes, establishing and leading Stephen Ministry and singing in the Adult Choir.

Walter married Norma Jean (Rhone) Halfmann on June 17, 1978, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour, IN. She joined him in educational ministry also. They were blessed with one child, Meredith Marie.

Walter is survived by his wife, Norma; his daughter Meredith (Kevin) Ackerman; grandchildren: Emmett Kyle, Elijah Walter, and Ezra Christopher Ackerman; Brother: Douglas (Eileen) Halfmann of Goodyear, AZ; Sister: Janet (Gerard) Schmitt of East Northport, NY; Nephews: Jonathan Halfmann, Erik Schmitt; Nieces: Christine Marth, Kristin MacDonald. Also, Brother-in-laws: Robert (Betsy) Rhone of Marshall, MI, and Donald (Carlene) Rhone of Dryden, MI; Nephews: Brian Rhone, Kyle Rhone, and David Rhone, plus numerous grand nephews and nieces. He is also survived by cousins located throughout the country. Walter was predeceased by his parents Walter and Clare Halfmann, Nephew Robert Halfmann, and In-laws Galen and Dorothy Rhone.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and infusion staff of St. Joseph North Hospital and the St. Joseph Hospital-Main Campus. The family is also grateful for the abundant quantity of support from members of Messiah Lutheran Church, Pastor Mark, Pastor Jim, family and friends near and far, by providing transportation, meals, prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, texts, Zoom meetings, and Virtual Church.

Cremation has occurred and a Celebration of Life will take place at Messiah

Lutheran Church Tampa, Florida on Saturday June 12, 2021. Memorial contributions may be given to Messiah Lutheran Church and Preschool 14920 Hutchison Rd., Tampa, FL, a non-tax-deductible contribution to the grandchildren's educational fund, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Committal will be at Messiah Lutheran Church Memorial Garden.

Memories and sympathies of Walt may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Messiah Lutheran Church Memorial Garden

14920 Hutchison Road  
Tampa, FL

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Messiah Lutheran Church  
14920 Hutchison Road  
Tampa, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter K. Halfmann*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Walter K. Halfmann*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *I only had the opportunity to meet your Dad on just a few occasions, but saw that he loved his family and adored his grandkids! Cherish his memories and may he Rest In Peace!*

**Annette Werner** - June 05, 2021 at 06:39 AM



“ *Rest In Peace mr.halfmann*



**Scott Sayers** - June 04, 2021 at 07:15 PM

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“ My heart goes out to his entire family. Walt was a kind, compassionate, caring man with God as his forever guide. I am glad God had our paths cross while he was serving at Holy Cross Lutheran School. A wonderful dedicated teacher and principal with a heart of gold. A blessing to everyone around him. He is now where he had been preparing for all of his life to be. My prayers and hugs are with you Norma and Meredith and all of his beautiful family.

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**Debbie Beffrey** - June 04, 2021 at 01:33 PM