



Wallace "Wally" Nissen

February 11, 1929 - July 4, 2015

Wallace Ralph Nissen

RACINE - Wallace Ralph "Wally" Nissen, 86, passed away after a short illness with lung cancer on July 4, 2015. He was born in Racine, on February 11, 1929 to George and Anna (nee: Borger) Nissen.

Wally retired from Western Publishing Corporation after 48 years of service. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Wally was a 40 year member of the Racine Theatre Guild, a lifetime member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church and had many hobbies including golf, photography, cards, books, the arts, foreign travel, cooking/eating, and gardening. He was an avid volunteer by cooking for the homeless in Racine and the Harmony Club. But most important, Wally loved to laugh.

Wally is survived by his wife of 57 years, JoAnne 'Jo' (nee: Kinnerup); their children, daughter Melissa (Leon Van Dyke) Nissen and son, Kristopher 'Kip' (Suzanne Fiering) Nissen. He is also survived by his brother, George V. (Joanne) Nissen, son-in-law, daughter-in-law; grandchildren, Tai Van Dyke and Max Gabriel Nissen. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Wally's memorial service will be held at Holy Communion Lutheran church, 2000 W. Sixth St. on Friday, July 10, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

For those wishing to remember Wally in a special way make donations to Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Racine Theatre Guild or AACT-American Association of Community Theatres, 1300 Gendy St., Fort Worth, TX 76107.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **10**. 4:30 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I was very sorry to hear about Wally. I treasure memories of theatre and travel time spent under the glow of his smile. Tending houseguests prevented attending the service and giving condolences in person so please accept them now. May all who loved him be comforted by endless happy loving memories of this fine man it was privilege to know. Biggest hugs, Jill Jensen

Jill Jensen - July 16, 2015 at 11:47 AM

MB

“ I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER WALLY WITH A SMILING FACE AND FRIENDLY MANNER. I VOLUNTEERED WITH HIM AT RTG. WE WILL ALL MISS HIM

MARGARET BENTZ - July 10, 2015 at 03:25 PM

JF

“ Such a dear man! I had the pleasure of working with Wally at Western Publishing and having my office next to his at the Creative Center. I remember most his laugh, kindness, and impeccable work ethic. Wally had a sign in his office: "I deal in absolutes and certainties." He expedited our projects, and he helped me to learn the importance of deadlines which I've carried into my current job as a freelance writer. I'm grateful to have known him and considered him a friend. Earth's loss is Heaven's gain. My condolences to Jo, Melissa, and Kip. May God bless and comfort you.
Jean Fischer

Jean Fischer - July 07, 2015 at 11:34 AM

JB

“ So Sorry of hear of Wally's passing. He was a great guy to be around whether we were working press side at Western or enjoying a monthly lunch with the Golden group. He always seemed to have a smile and always had good things to say about anyone. He loved to tell stories about his family especially his grandchildren. Wally was timeless always seeming much younger than his actual age he was a living inspiration to many. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayer go out to all in the Nissen family.

*Respectfully,
Jim and Kathy Bousman*

jim bousman - July 07, 2015 at 10:24 AM

LG

“ My most heartfelt sympathy to Jo and the entire Nissen family. I've know Wally through Jo's life and stories of love and adventure. I know how much he will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lori Glawe

Lori Glawe - July 07, 2015 at 08:36 AM

SS

“ Dawn and I were saddened to hear of the loss of Wally. We enjoyed traveling with Wally and Jo to Tbilisi, Georgia in 1989, on a Racine Theatre Guild cultural exchange. Wally was such a fun person; we always enjoyed our time with him. I was fortunate to spend time with Jo and Wally at the 2013 AACT Fest in Carmel, Indiana. Wally will be greatly missed in the Racine community, and his memory will live on. Condolences to Jo and the family.

*Stan & Dawn Sutherland
Flagstaff, AZ*

Stan Sutherland - July 07, 2015 at 07:30 AM

YB

“ *Your Friends from Dana Farber / Brigham & Women's - Boston purchased the Sacred Duty S pray for the family of Wallace "Wally" Nissen.*



Your Friends from Dana Farber / Brigham & Women's - Boston - July 06, 2015 at 04:16 PM