



Walter O. English

January 4, 1945 - April 6, 2025

Walter O. English, 80, of Aurora, died on April 6 2025, at Alden of Waterford in Aurora, IL.

He was born in 1945 in Kane County, IL, graduated from Marmion Military Academy High School and then Loras College in Dubuque, IA. He spent his early career years teaching at Our Lady of Good Counsel grade school on the east side of Aurora, where he met his loving wife, Kathleen (McCaddon). While building their growing family, Walt moved out of teaching and into sales working for Kroehler Manufacturing Company. He was the proud earner of the President's Club award as the top sales representative at Kroehler in 1974. He ultimately moved out on his own as a successful independent sales rep representing several different companies and mills over the years.

Walt was an avid golfer, whip smart at trivia, a bit of a handyman, and loved his monthly poker games. Some of his greatest joys were the quality time he spent with his granddaughters while they were growing up. He found happiness in family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen, of Aurora; three children, seven granddaughters, and one great-grandson: Megan (John) Laurx of Aurora, and Joanna Laurx of Denver, Jillian Laurx of Chicago, and Margaret Laurx of Champaign; Joseph (Kelli) English, Samantha (Israel) Corral and Abigail English, all of Aurora; Colleen English of Aurora, and Reilly Jones, Regan Jones, and Oliver Jones, all of Greeley, Colorado; as well as nieces, nephews, and many special friends.

Visitation will be held Sunday, April 13, 2025 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street Aurora, IL 60506, 630-631-5500.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 14, 2025 at 10:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY; to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 11:00 AM; Fr. Godwin Asuquo will officiate with interment Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Walter's family or sign the guest book.

Cemetery Details

Sugar Grove Cemetery

Sugar Grove, IL 60554

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
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Final Viewing

APR 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

APR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
620 South Fifth St.
Aurora, IL 60505

Burial

APR 14 (CT)

Sugar Grove Cemetery
Sugar Grove, IL 60554

Tribute Wall

DK

“ I'm so sorry that this is so late in posting. I had a memory come up and that memory took me to a specific time and place and it specifically involved Walt, or Mr. English to me, back then. Most of us had that one teacher who made an impact in their lives. For me that was Walt. Back in 1974 I was supposed to graduate East High. Due to circumstances, I didn't. Walt had been my English teacher previously. I needed to take a summer school English class to earn my diploma. When I walked into his room on day one, his jaw dropped, probably both of our jaws dropped. We had always gotten along and I guess was one of his favorite students. He starts class, some reading assignment and says to me, "Darrell, follow me." We went out into the hall and he asks me, verbatim, What the \$#%@ are you doing in here?" So I explained to him the whole deal. He goes, "OK, don't worry, we'll work it out." At the end of the 1st day's class he tells me to come to his desk. He tells me he wants a book report from me. In my mind I'm like OK, I can do that, then he hands me the Cliff Notes to Moby Dick and says, "See you next Monday." Next Monday arrives I walk in, he holds his hand out, and I give him my book report and his Cliff Notes back. Walter looks up to me, puts out his hand to shake mine smiles, and says, Have a good summer, Mr Killmer.

Walt marched to the beat of a different drummer back in the day and that beat resonated with me, he was *THE* reason that my minor in college was English.

Please accept my belated, but sincerest condolences to his family.
RIP Mr English. Thank you for being you.

Darrell Killmer, class of 1974 1/2 😊

Darrell Killmer - August 23, 2025 at 12:09 PM

JM

“ Dear Kathy and Family,
I, too, grew up in the OLGc neighborhood and knew Wally from the early days, through Marmion, and beyond. We were teammates on the Golf Team and were both in glee club. He was a very talented golfer - #1 man -and had a soaring tenor (Josh Groban) voice delivering several memorable Cadet Christmas presentations of O’ Holy Night. He was smart, quick witted, and stylish ... he was a good man.

I’m glad to have known him.

You are in my family’s thoughts and prayers.

John McEnroe

John McEnroe - April 15, 2025 at 01:06 PM

GP

“ Dear Walt, you were a loyal friend, gracious host, great competitor to John in poker and Trivia Pursuit. We always had Dr. Pepper on hand when you came by. Memories of laughter and great discussions come to the surface now. Imagining you and John enjoying a visit as I write this message.

Our deepest sympathy and love to you, Kathy, and all the family!

Much love, Gigi and family

Gigi Pasulka - April 13, 2025 at 01:12 PM

JW

“ Walt was my student at OLGc many years ago. He has been a loyal friend these many years. Rest peacefully, dear guy. Memories keep all of you in my heart. Sister Jeannine (Sister Mary Alice)

Jeannine Weidner - April 12, 2025 at 09:00 PM

KF

“ Kelly McCaddon Cook & The Collins family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Walter O. English.



Kelly McCaddon Cook & The Collins family - April 12, 2025 at 03:46 PM

KF

“ Kelly McCaddon Cook & The Collins family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter O. English.

Kelly McCaddon Cook & The Collins family - April 12, 2025 at 03:46 PM

KL

“ Kate, Will, and Lawrence purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Walter O. English.



Kate, Will, and Lawrence - April 12, 2025 at 02:10 PM

KL

“ Kate, Will, and Lawrence planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter O. English.

Kate, Will, and Lawrence - April 12, 2025 at 02:10 PM

KM

“ Karen White & Tom Merluzzi purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Walter O. English.



Karen White & Tom Merluzzi - April 12, 2025 at 12:16 PM

LT

“ Love: Joe, Cathy, Reilly, Lou, Megan, Tim purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Walter O. English.



Love: Joe, Cathy, Reilly, Lou, Megan, Tim - April 12, 2025 at 09:30 AM

LT

“ Love: Joe, Cathy, Reilly, Lou, Megan, Tim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter O. English.

Love: Joe, Cathy, Reilly, Lou, Megan, Tim - April 12, 2025 at 09:30 AM

KH

“ Kathy English Herron purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Walter O. English.



Kathy English Herron - April 11, 2025 at 02:05 PM

KH

“ Kathy English Herron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter O. English.

Kathy English Herron - April 11, 2025 at 02:05 PM

LW

“ Love from Bill, Luann, Kate and Will purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Walter O. English.



Love from Bill, Luann, Kate and Will - April 11, 2025 at 09:24 AM

MP

“ Mr.English was my teacher at OLG School. I recall he was a favorite teacher there. I'm so very sorry to learn of his passing. My sympathy to his family

Michael Propernick - April 10, 2025 at 11:28 PM

MP

“ Michael Propernick lit a candle in memory of Walter O. English



Michael Propernick - April 10, 2025 at 11:25 PM

MC

“ *As strong and beautiful as Wally's voice was, he was equally soft and tender with his actions and love for his Family. I loved Wally's great sense of humor and wicked quick mind! And he was one of the very few men who could dashingly rock the painters' style mustache! My thoughts and prayers to you, Ingg, and the entire Family. Mary Ann (Witt) Curtis*

Mary Ann Curtis - April 10, 2025 at 05:55 PM

DL

“ *Mr. English was an English teacher at East high school 1972 and will be missed. I was one of his students.*



Douglas Leden - April 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter O. English.*



April 10, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Walter O. English.*



April 09, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter O. English.

April 09, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ I send my heartfelt condolences and love to Kathy and all the family. I remember having some lively discussions with Wally when we had the chance to visit. He was a man who stood up for his convictions! But mostly I remember how much he loved Kathy and his family. Im so very sorry for your loss. Peg Sefton Bjork

Peg Bjork - April 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Our Grandma Sexton was a beloved Grandma to both Kathy's family (the McCaddon's) and my family, the Sefton's. She loved Wally! When she died, Wally and Kathy came to the funeral in Minneapolis. When the funeral was ending and the family was processing out, Wally sang Danny Boy in honor of our Grandma's Irish heritage. It was incredibly beautiful and brought tears to everyone in the church! I'll never forget that moment with Wally. We will miss him! Steve Sefton

Steve Sefton - April 09, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Walter O. English.



April 09, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Walter O. English.*



April 08, 2025 at 04:54 PM



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