



Walter Graff

June 21, 1955 - September 15, 2025

Walter "Walt" James Graff, age 70 of Monclova Township, Ohio died while sleeping in his home on Monday, September 15, 2025. Walt was born on June 21, 1955 in Toledo, Ohio to Walter John and Patricia (Wysocki) Graff. He was raised in Toledo as the oldest of four siblings. Walt attended elementary school at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, high school at Toledo's St. John's Jesuit, and undergraduate and law school at University of Toledo. Walt married his wife Sharon (Derlatka) Graff on July 23, 1977 and had one child, Cassandra Graff.

During his life time, Walt worked for State Farm as an adjuster while attending law school and at Lucas County Children's Services, first as a child support lawyer and later as an Assistant Director. Walt was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Walt loved repairing computers, fishing, coffee, writing, cooking, baking, rough collies, and, especially debating. One of his favorite things was being called Santa Claus during the Christmas season. Walt spent his free time watching collie/sheltie videos, watching Christmas movies, watching computer repair videos, telling stories, debating, spending time with his family, and, making people laugh or smile.

Walt is survived by his loving wife Sharon, his daughter Cassandra, his mother Patricia Wysocki, his brother-in-law Terry Derlatka, his brother Mark (Karen) Graff, his brother Stephen Graff, his sister Mary Ann (Ken) Rawlings, his brother John Graff, his niece Jordyn, his nephew David, his collie daughter

Sable, his begrudging cat Sasha, and his grandpurrs Ink and Shade. He is predeceased by his father-in-law Henry Derlatka, his father Walter, his mother-in-law Helen Ann Derlatka, and his brother-in-law Kenneth Derlatka. Walt will have visitation at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd on September 23, 2025 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a Rosary service at 6:30. The Funeral Mass will be held at his alma mater St. Patrick of Heatherdowns on September 24, 2025 at 10 a.m. with a graveside service following at Resurrection Cemetery on Holland Sylvania/Hill Ave. in Toledo, OH. Memorial donations may be given in Walt's name to The Lucas County Humane Society, Guide Dogs of America, or St. Jude's Hospital.

Walt would have liked people to remember some words from his two favorite characters Yoda and Eeyore that "do or do not, there is no try" and "what (else can) a poor old gray donkey do" but "do."

Please leave a condolence message for the family and view Walt's video tribute at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Vigil

SEP **23**. 6:30 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Mass

SEP **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

KN

“ I was out of the country and returned to learn of the loss of Walter. When I was a young CSEA attorney he was always kind and supportive. We attended the CSEA fall conference together and he became a friend. During the trip we played laser tag together and had the best time! Bob Kosinski, Walter and I laughed until we cried and it is an experience I will never forget! He spoke so fondly of his wife and daughter that I feel like I knew you both. My sincere condolences to you both. Walter will always be a part of CSEA history!

Kim Navarette - October 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

LM

“ Condolences to the Family of Walt Graff. I worked with Walt many years ago at CSEA . He was always kind, thoughtful, and fun. We were all lucky to have known him. May he Rest in Peace.
Sincerely, Linda Martin

Linda Martin - September 24, 2025 at 11:22 AM

DM

“ Walter was a great guy to work with! My deepest sympathy to his Wife and Daughter. May he Rest in Peace!
Diana Matuszewski

Diana Matuszewski - September 23, 2025 at 12:13 PM

GM

“ Gary and Pam McIntire purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Walter Graff.



Gary and Pam McIntire - September 22, 2025 at 04:37 PM

JA

“ I became acquainted with Walt when he came to the Consumer Response Unit at The Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency as an assistant directors
Walt gave me a chance to move into supervision and I became a supervisor in the CRU.
Walt had a laid back style of supervision and was man times open for discussion. He was willing to listen sometimes going along with suggestions.
Walt was honest, sometimes painfully so. If a subordinate was right, Walt would stand by them.
As time went by Walt became a mentor especially with computers, a subject for which he had endless patience. He also became a friend.
We shared a love of coffee and, until breaks were terminated, walked every morning for a fresh cup of coffee. We also shared weekly lunches.
Our conversations were eclectic ranging from coffee, cars, politics, travel, and of course computers.
These continued until Walt retired when they become less frequent. Our contact increased after I retired and coffee meetings resumed on a more regular basis.
Walt will be greatly missed and he leaves a hole that can never be filled.
Our deepest sympathy to Sharon and Cassie's. You are in our thoughts and prayers
Jim and Danuta Ames

Jim Ames - September 22, 2025 at 11:46 AM

CL

“ Carrie, Susanne and Greg Lemert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Walter Graff.



Carrie, Susanne and Greg Lemert - September 20, 2025 at 02:17 PM

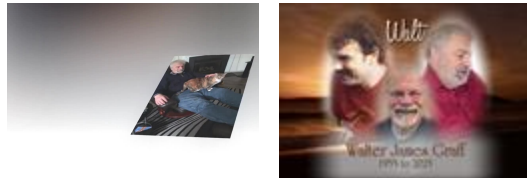
DP

“ Prayers of comfort and peace for all who knew and loved him, both two legged and four legged!

Diana Lee Parten - September 20, 2025 at 02:12 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - September 20, 2025 at 12:37 PM

KL

“ Sharon and Family,
I am so incredibly sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Walter. I know how much love you shared together and am heartbroken for this immense loss for you. Please know I am thinking of you, praying for you, and sending so much love your way.
Kristen Lowenstein



Kristen Lowenstein - September 20, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Graff.



September 20, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ Sharon and family, I was so shocked to hear of Walt's passing. He was my 1st boss at child support, and we worked together years later when he returned to the CSEA. I have fond memories of our bowling nites outside the office and working with him on various computer projects within the agency. Hw was a computer whizz. I am so sorry for your loss, He truly was a one of the good guys you meet in your life that you will never forget. Maricarol Torsok-Hrabovsky.

maricarol Torsok- Hrabovsky - September 19, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this news about Walter. We worked together for many years and from 2010 until his retirement in 2015 I thought of us as a team. Honest to a fault, Walter was a trusted confidant. He was ALWAYS there for me. In spite of weathering more than just a couple of agency storms together, our work relationship was filled with inside jokes; deep conversations in which we didn't always agree but could always return as friends; shared book reviews including the nearly 1,200 paged Atlas Shrugged; couples card club; and dinner with our spouses. Sharon, you and Cassandra were the diamonds in his eyes! The world is a better place because of Walter. Sincerely and with the deepest sympathy, Theresa and Jim Lagger

Theresa Lagger - September 19, 2025 at 12:14 PM