



Eric Keller Walton

January 30, 1944 - June 25, 2020

Eric Keller Walton, age 76 of Upper Arlington, died Thursday, June 25, 2020 after a two year battle with cancer. Eric was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and grew up in Pittman then Glassboro, New Jersey, son of the late Paul and Mathilde Walton. He was preceded in death by his brother, David Walton. Eric was always fascinated by science and nature and thrived on learning and discovery. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Delaware and went on to complete his PhD in Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois. Eric joined The Ohio State University in 1977 and retired as Senior Research Scientist in 2014. Working at the OSU Electrical Engineering department's ElectroScience Lab, he specialized in radio and radar signal analysis. He holds 21 patents. Eric served as an instructor and mentor, guiding PhD students as they pursued research and worked to complete their degrees. He was an IEEE Fellow, and longtime member of The Antenna Measurement Techniques Association (AMTA) and earned many honors from this group including the Distinguished Achievement Award. Eric was awarded the OSU Electrosience George Sinclair Award in 2018, and earned many other professional honors. Eric will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Sharon Reich Walton; sons, John-Paul (Dawn Zidonis) Walton and Daniel (Bonnie) Walton; and other extended family members, colleagues, former students and dear friends. Due to the current health restrictions, a private online funeral service will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church where Eric was an active member. Arrangements are by SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST CHAPEL. In lieu of flowers, Eric's family requests that memorial donations be made to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, memo: Food Pantry, 35 E. Stanton Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43214. To share memories or condolences, please visit <http://www.schoedinger.com>.

Cemetery

Union Cemetery - Columbus

3349 Olentangy River Rd.

Columbus, OH, 43202

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - July 01, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ Sharon and family,
Please accept our deepest condolences.
It is about 30 years ago when we stayed in Columbus. But, the memories of Eric and beautiful Upper Arlington are vivid.
Eric continues to live in our hearts forever ...
Yasutaka and Mariko Ogawa
Sapporo, Japan

Yasutaka Ogawa - August 13, 2020 at 04:00 AM



“ Dear Walton family,
I worked at the ElectroScience Lab 10 years ago.
Dr. Walton was a wonderful, kind, and friendly man. I had no engineering knowledge and he would patiently explain to me what he and others were doing and why. He made things easy to understand and I learned quite a bit.
He also always asked about my family and he talked of all of you.
I was so sad to hear he passed. I have fond memories of him.
Please accept my condolences.
Sincerely,
Krissy Garner

Krissy Garner - July 09, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words, Krissy. I know that Eric loved working with all of the students. He was always thrilled to encourage young women to pursue engineering and was delighted to see more and more young women entering the field. Best wishes to you in your career.

Sharon Walton

Sharon Walton - July 19, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ Sharon and family,
I am sorry for your loss. Eric was a great influence and a mentor to me and many other students. His guidance during my PhD and in my career has been invaluable and he will be deeply missed.

Deepest Sympathies,
Eugene Lee



Eugene Lee - July 05, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Thank you so much for posting this video. I really appreciated seeing it again. It meant a lot for Eric to see this video when receiving this award.

Sharon Walton - July 19, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ Elizabeth Baskett lit a candle in memory of Eric Keller Walton



Elizabeth Baskett - July 05, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Thank you Elizabeth! We appreciate your remembering Eric.
Sharon and family

Sharon Walton - July 19, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ We are sad to read of losing Eric. Recall meeting you folks at RUMC, but esp. at music lessons for Deb. So glad she learned so much about music as her husband is in USA Navy Band and all three girls play at least one instrument. GodBlessYou, Dick & Margie Barrett

Margie Barrett - June 30, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ Thank you for your thoughts. Much appreciated..
Sharon

Sharon Walton - July 19, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We always enjoyed seeing you at the 4th of July parties. We enjoyed your friendly smile, humor, and crazy straw hat complete with flags!!

William James Weir - February 25 at 10:45 AM



“ I met Eric in South Africa in the late 80's/early 90's while he was giving a series of guest lectures on microwave imaging. We kept in touch over the years and it was always a joy seeing him at the annual AMTA symposium. He had a passion for many things and brought his insight to whatever the topic was, through his intelligence and enthusiasm. He will be missed. I would like to offer my condolences to Sharon and the rest of his family.

Daniel Janse van Rensburg - June 30, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Thank you so much, Daniel. Eric and I had great memories of our time in South Africa and enjoyed meeting you and so many other wonderful people. I appreciate your comments.
Sharon

Sharon Walton - July 19, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ Sharon and family,

I am so sorry about the loss of your dear Eric. He was an accomplished person who led a life to be proud of. Blessings to you and your sons.

Lindalee Brownstein

Lindalee - June 30, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ My condolences to Sharon, John-Paul, and Daniel. We will miss Eric at Gethsemane. I have especially enjoyed the book group that Sharon and Eric started and the insights Eric contributed to our discussions. I have also admired the grace with which Sharon and Eric have walked the journey of these last two or so years - a model for all of us. His memory and influence will live on.

Jane Sieberth - June 30, 2020 at 12:46 PM



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Carol Collier - June 30, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ Eric and his hat was something we looked forward to every July 4.

Carol Collier - June 30, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ Eric the aviator adventurer: I had the pleasure of spending a day flying with Eric. We flew from Delaware Ohio to Middle Bass Island Ohio. We landed on a grass strip that abutted the back yards of an aviation community. The neighborhood came out to greet us. We were uneasy about the type of greeting we would receive. But Eric's gentle demeanor and smile put everyone at ease and we spent an hour enjoying the hospitality of that community. I am glad I had that time with Eric the aviator adventurer.

Andrea and I wish to extend our condolences to Sharon and the Walton family.



Timothy Mayer - June 29, 2020 at 10:20 PM



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John-Paul Walton - June 29, 2020 at 10:10 PM



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John-Paul Walton - June 29, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ Eric played many roles in my professional life. To begin with he was my mentor and then we became colleagues and finally end up being good friends. I enjoyed all these phases with Eric and always cherish the time I spent with him. He was a great source of technical information and freely shared his knowledge with everybody. I could always walk into his office for brainstorming and never felt not welcomed. He was gentle, caring and true human being. I will miss him dearly. My condolences to Sharon, John-Paul and Daniel.

Jiti Gupta

Jit Gupta - June 28, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Eric has been a mentor and a friend since my teaching year at the Air Force Institute of Technology back in 1983. He was very open for new ideas and new ways of doing things.

Always an encouragement, it was awesome to see how he worked with students during the annual Antenna Measurement Techniques Association Meeting and Symposium. . He even invited me to watch Penn State beat The Ohio State in Columbus...except it did not work out that way. My thoughts and prayers are with Sharon and the Family.

Ed Urbanik - June 28, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ I spent a year as a post-doc under Eric 25 years ago and still have fond memories of my time in Ohio. To Sharon all our sympathy and prayers for this time from Isak and Elanza.

Isak Theron - June 28, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ We will miss Eric at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. We thank Eric and Sharon for starting our book club at Gethsemane. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rick and Diane Langner

Diane Langner - June 28, 2020 at 07:26 AM



“ Eric was a smart, thinking man! He was kind. He had a zest for life. So glad he enjoyed sailing for many years as well as spending time with his sons and daughters-in-law.

Especially to you, Sharon, and John-Paul and Daniel, I send my loving sympathy. Sharon, you and Eric were a terrific pair for many years.

Sending my sympathy,

Linda Prause

Linda Prause - June 27, 2020 at 04:37 PM