



## Walter V Biernacki

May 23, 1926 - December 14, 2020

Walter V. Biernacki, age 94, of Eatontown, New Jersey passed away on Monday, December 14, 2020. Walt was born in 1926 to Carl Biernacki and Rose Sutor in LaPorte, IN. At the age of 17 Walt enlisted in the Marines. He was a WWII combat veteran, serving in the Pacific, he fought on the islands of Saipan and Tinian, receiving many honors including the Purple Heart. During the Korean Conflict, he was later recalled to active duty.

In 1948, Walt married the love of his life Shirley Anderson. They moved to Eatontown, where he has lived for 71 years. Walt worked as a meat cutter for A&P. In 1967 he became a business agent, transitioning into the Vice President of UFCW 464A, United Food and Commercial Workers, retiring in March of 1993. Walt was a member of the Eatontown Fire Department and First Aid for over 60 years, becoming a life member. He served as fire chief in 1969, president of the fire company for many years, and most recently served as fire police.

Walt was an avid Notre Dame football fan. Everyone knew not to call him on Saturdays in the fall, he never missed a game. Later in life he reunited with the Marine Corps League. He enjoyed volunteering to collect for Toys for Tots. He belonged to the Marine organization the Tazmanian Devil Dogs, where he recently received the rank of Pedigree.

Walt is best remembered for his no nonsense, straight to the point honesty. He enjoyed making his presence known and sharing his opinion, whether you liked it or not. He was always up for a good debate.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Shirley Biernacki; sister Sophie Biernacki; brothers Joseph and Casmir Biernacki, and Richard Zakowski; son-in-law Richard N. Zadorozny. Walter is survived by his sister Helen Retek from South Bend, IN; children Joyce Zadorozny, Kevin Biernacki and wife Sandra; grandchildren Janice Glass, Susan Miffitt, Melinda Whitt, Aaron Biernacki; plus nine great grandchildren.

Memorial gathering will be held from 4pm to 9pm on Friday December 18, 2020 at the Bongarzone Funeral home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, N.J. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Richard N. Zadorozny Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o the Eatontown Fire Department, 45 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724 please make checks payable to Engine Truck & Hose Co. # 1 scholarship fund, or donations to Marine Toys for Tots would be appreciated.

\*\*Due to limited capacity, we ask that you keep your visit brief so that all guests will be able to offer their condolences. Masks must be worn on the nose and mouth inside the funeral home at all times. Thank you for your kindness during this difficult time.\*\*

# Cemetery Details

## Woodbine Cemetery & Mausoleum

1173 Eatontown Blvd  
Oceanport, NJ 07757

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ One of my most recent memories was when my Mom, my two brothers, one of my sisters-in-law, and I drove out to New Jersey to celebrate Uncle Walter's 90th Birthday! There are two memories from this trip. The first memory is of all the meals cousin Joyce cooked for us while we were there, Thank you Joyce! My favorite memory is the day Uncle Walter took us to a nearby race track and tried to explain how to read the racing form and how to bet on the horses! We were such amateurs, but we had a great time!

One of my memories from when we were younger is when Uncle Walter and Aunt Shirley would come to South Bend. Uncle Walter loved to go the Notre Dame football games. But also while he was here he loved going to Bonnie Doon's, (a local ice cream parlor/restaurant), and insisting that we all get BIG Banana Splits, (he always emphasized the word BIG)!

I have a lot of good memories of my Uncle and will miss him. Love and prayers to my cousins Joyce and Kevin and their families.

Julie Payne

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Julie Payne - December 18, 2020 at 09:05 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memorial Service Videos



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Bongarzone Funeral Home - December 18, 2020 at 08:15 PM

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“ I remember one of the times Uncle Walter, Aunt Shirley, Joyce, and Kevin drove to South Bend to visit. The cousins sure teased Kevin a lot. We had him go down to our basement and stand under the laundry chute. The Biernacki cousins were up in the bathroom and when Kevin was under it, they poured water down on his face. He was not a happy camper and wanted to go home. Uncle Walter just laughed and said he had to toughen up. Then other great memory was playing Button, Button, Who has the Button. The Retek and Biernacki cousins managed to convince Uncle Walter to play. Everyone (except the person who had to find the button and person hiding the button) sat around the room and had their hands in prayer form in front of them. The person with the button (whose hands were in prayer form, too) had to go around and pretend that he was putting the button in the hands before he decided who really got it and slip it into their hand. Then the person who had to find it was given one chance to say who he thought had it. If the person didn't guess who had the button, he had to try to guess again the next round and so on until he finally found it. The person who had the button then had to go around and hide the button in someone's hand. Uncle Walter hated that game and was not good at it. He never could find the button and made no bones about this was the dumbest game he had ever played. He was a great sport though and would play with us even though none of the other adults would play. He had a great sense of humor and the nieces and nephews always had a great time whenever he visited.

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**Jeanie Upmeyer** - December 16, 2020 at 02:45 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



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**Susan Miffitt** - December 16, 2020 at 12:38 PM

RH

“ *Walt was always good for a laugh! We had a lot of fun over the past few years and his wit was second to none. He will be missed by us all. Fair winds and following seas Marine.*

*Rich Hamilton, Reynolds Detachment, MC League*

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**Richard Hamilton** - December 16, 2020 at 10:02 AM

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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Walter V Biernacki*



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - December 15, 2020 at 09:58 PM

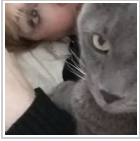
CW

“ Walter was very warm and friendly to me when I joined the Marine Corps League. We will miss him-my condolences to his family. Due to the virus and my medical issues, I will not attend the wake but I will be thinking of him at that time.

*Charlie Wilder*

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**Charles L Wilder** - December 15, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ I enjoyed talking with Walter before the 8 am Mass on Sundays, I also enjoyed his delicious homemade pies  
Enjoy your peace now my friend. You are dearly missed.

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**Linda DeLicio** - December 15, 2020 at 04:02 PM