



## Walter Reed Johnston

November 26, 1949 - September 3, 2023

Walter "Reed" Johnston, 73, passed away September 3, 2023. He was born November 26, 1949 in Washington DC to the late Donald and Bonnie (Bourque) Johnston.

Reed came to Sarasota in the early sixties from Indiana. He was the proud owner and president of Gulf Coast Drywall Installation and known by his peers as the Legend of Drywall. He enjoyed classic cars and racing. Reed was a hard working, kind and loving man who will be missed by all.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Alison Blair; son Michael Johnston and his wife Nicole and their children Alexis, Micaela, Jacob and Ava Johnston; daughter Rena Capasso and her husband Steve and their children Ned Gross (Katy), Justin Davis and Sean Butler; step-daughter Sally Ratner and her husband Adam; sister Samantha Johnston; nephew Donald Willey (Bethany) and their children Stephanie Rybolt and Lincoln Willey; niece Karen Brooks and her husband Scott and their daughter Katie Todd and her fiancé Jon Dennis; and niece Mary Lou Sapp.

In addition to his parents, Reed was predeceased by his sisters Carla Hopkins and Donna Johnston; and brother Donald Johnston.

There will be a Celebration of Life, Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 10:30 am

at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattlemen Road Sarasota, Florida 34232.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://act.alz.org>. Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home  
2401 Cattleman Road  
Sarasota, FL 34232

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Reed Johnston.*



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September 08, 2023 at 03:59 PM



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

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September 08, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Reed Johnston.*



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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Reed Johnston.*



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September 07, 2023 at 05:00 PM