



Walter L. Swearingen

December 16, 1958 - April 10, 2026

Walter L. Swearingen, 67, of Albany, died Friday, April 10, 2026 at Willson Hospice House following an illness.

His graveside memorial service will be at 11 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Rev. John Spencer will officiate.

Walter was born in Albany and he graduated from Albany High School in the Class of 1977. He had worked with the Albany Police Department.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Walter H. Swearingen and Frances Lawson Swearingen, and a brother, Kimbrell Swearingen.

Walter is survived by a daughter, 2 grandchildren, 2 sisters, and a host of friends

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ I've known Walt since we were teenagers. We worked together at the Albany Police Department. Walt was a very good Police Officer dedicated to the job. I would see Walt some over the years and we would talk about the old days with APD. Walt was a good man who deserved better than he ended up with. He was my friend and I'll miss him. Rest peacefully.

Max Carver

Max Carver - April 18 at 07:11 AM

JD

I just heard about Walt! I am praying for the family. He was my friend! See you soon my brother.. John Daniel

John Daniel - April 20 at 05:53 PM

KA

I just found out about this and I will say this one hurts. He didn't deserve the life he had in his later years after the dedication he gave to our community and the Albany Police Department. He used to talk to us at LINCARE when he would walk through carrying his back pack that contained all he had. He would always look out for us women. Always so respectful. We would offer to help him and he would never accept, never asked for anything but a conversation and a listening ear. One of the many homeless that was so misunderstood and should not have been in the situation he was in. I know you are at peace and living the luxury life now.

Krista(Shelly) Angerame - May 07 at 08:57 PM

AJ

I was very saddened to hear this. I never knew his story. However, I have purchased him a bottle of wine begore and given him money from time to time. He was and will always be in my heart. I miss seeing him around. RIP, my dear brother.

Angela Johnson - May 28 at 08:05 AM

RS

“ It’s been a while since I’ve seen Walt. I keep up with him through friends. Walt was a good police officer. He truly enjoyed helping people...I wish I could have helped him. Rest in peace my friend!

Ray Saxon - April 15 at 05:18 PM

RM

“ Walter, my friend. Oh the conversations we had through the years. I hate we didn’t get to have one more before you passed. Though you were not understood by all I always enjoyed our times together. You were a hard worker when you came in to work with me and I appreciated your dedication to the role, and how you would run folks out of the dish area with the subtle threat of a shower from the wash sink. Rest well my friend.

Rob Martin - April 13 at 07:51 PM

TB

“ I knew Walt at Riverview Academy. He, Bill Blackburn and I were great friends. Walt asked me daily for stories about my father, who was a GBI agent. Walt always wanted to be a lawyer. His story could have been any of ours and I’m happy he no longer has to fight anyone or anything. Rest in Peace my long lost friend.

Tom Brannon - April 13 at 03:44 PM

GJ

“ We knew Walt from school days and also from the Albany Police Department. Walt was always friendly and just a likeable person. He had some struggles in life as we all do from time to time but each time we saw him he would always smile and talk with us. We’ve missed seeing him out and about but sure didn’t know he was ill. Praying for the family.

Greg and Rita Jones - April 13 at 12:44 PM

AG

“ I grew up with Walter on 12th Ave riding tricycles together. Our families have a rich history of great love. All my Walter memories are happy, fun, and good; although I know he struggled in later years. There, but for the grace of God, could be any of us.

It takes a village and I am so very thankful for those lifetime friends, community members, and organizations who helped as they could to make his life a bit easier. May Walter rest in peace and his family know the love and prayers of comfort sent their way at this sad time.

Allan Graham

Allan Graham - April 13 at 10:53 AM

DS

“ Dear Walter, My heart is so sad to hear of your passing yet I rejoice knowing you are with our Lord and no longer suffering and struggling. We got to know each other at the horse farm you worked at seeing your love for the horses and animals. You were a gentle soul for sure. Then I went to battle for you with a local church who requested you no longer come onto their property. Let's check that one off. We spent time talking about life and struggles and people we both knew and loved and trying to understand the world. Even though you chose to live out you were always clean and neat and always tried to be kind. You were a friend to many and we all loved you. Two things that always struck me though about you was your love you had for God and your daughter and grandchildren. They were your heart and soul. May you rest in peace my friend. I will for sure miss you.

Diane Urick Slomka - April 13 at 08:26 AM

LB

“ Walter you were such a kind soul and was always extremely friendly. I knew you since high school and for years afterward. I always liked you being a security guard at Phoebe when I worked there. I pray that you have found the peace that you have seeker for years. Rest easy my friend. 🙏❤️

Lenora (Jones) Bennett - April 11 at 09:47 PM

SH

“ He was a good kind soul that deserved way more than what he got. We worked together on the street and I knew he always had my back. I wish I had done more to help him. He deserved better but his demons were way too strong. I hope he has found peace and is no longer looking for a warm place to lay down. I won't forget you Walt. You were my friend and I will miss you.

Sharon Haggerty - April 11 at 09:08 PM

GR

“ Walter and I grew up together and graduated Albany High School class of 77! I would see Walter weekly and we would chat and catch up on the latest news, he knew more about what was going on with people than anyone I knew! He will be missed by so many!

greg rowe - April 11 at 08:13 PM

JC

We walked the uptown beat together in Albany on midnight shift in the early 90's, what great memories - Walt was proud to be a LEO, and he was a loyal friend - RIP, my buddy!

Julius Culp - April 16 at 03:06 PM