



Walter Wilbur Boyles

September 1, 1947 - September 21, 2021

Walter was born in Birmingham, Alabama, September 1, 1947, (Labor Day) to K.W. and Elizabeth Perry Boyles. He attended public schools in Birmingham and graduated from Shades Valley High School. Upon graduation, he attended his beloved Auburn University (War Eagle) where he earned a BS in Wood Technology. After graduation he was employed by Georgia Pacific and later by Timber Products Inspection in Conyers, Georgia, until his retirement in 2012.

In 1979 he met and later married Nancy Farmer Boyles having been "set-up" by his cousin's wife. The rest is history. They shared a lifetime of happiness and celebrated 42 years of marriage on March 21, 2021. In 2005 Walter and Nancy built their forever home on the site of the 100-year-old property of Nancy's maternal grandparents, E.M. and Birdie Clay Moon.

In 2007 Walter developed a limp that progressed into a debilitating condition. It was not until 2013 after years of surgeons, specialists, including treatments at the Mayo Clinic and Shepherd Spinal Center, that he received an answer from Emory University Neurological Department. Walter was diagnosed with Pulmonary Lateral Sclerosis, a slow-moving form of Anthropic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). He was

a fighter, never giving up, never complaining, always with a positive spirit. After diagnosis, he continued to pursue welding bottle trees, working in his raised bed gardens, building wooden trivets and coasters, making candles, and finally handcrafting beautiful wooden bowls. No challenge was too great.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, K. W. and Elizabeth Perry Boyles. Survivors include wife, Nancy; brother, Karl; children: Kimberly Boyles Romport (Ron), Walter Wilbur Boyles, Jr. (Nikki), Jeffrey Streetman Boyles, (Elyse), Angela Bernstein Hand (Tyler), eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Walter's final gift was his body to Emory School of Medicine leaving a legacy which will ultimately save lives of others. We will celebrate his life, Sunday, October 10, 2021 at The Farm he loved so much at 2825 Black Shoals Rd. NE, Conyers, Georgia, 30012. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, 4900 Lewis Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30083.