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Former Channel 4 News Anchor, Walter Edward Evans, 86, died at his home July 24, 2018. His parents, Russell W. and Grace R. Evans, preceded Walter in death. A native Dallasite, Walter graduated from Woodrow Wilson HS where he would later be inducted into the WWHS Hall of Fame. In 1956 he graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Broadcast Journalism thus beginning a distinguished career that would take him to KSFA Radio in Nacogdoches, Austin's KTBC Radio/TV, KTBB Radio in Tyler then returning to his beloved Dallas with WFAA Radio, KRLD Radio/TV which later became KDFW-TV. There he dedicated 28 years to anchoring the morning and noon newscasts. Walter reported the news with unquestioned integrity and was highly respected by colleagues for his sincere, steady presence on and off the air. Among his notable professional experiences include reporting on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and watching live as the siege on Waco's Branch Davidian Compound unfolded. Walter retired from KDFW in 1993. Walter was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Richardson, serving on numerous boards and committees during his 46-year membership. It was at FUMCR that he met his loving wife, Marilyn, and together they shared their joy for Christian service through the Walk to Emmaus, Stephen Ministry, and Kairos Prison Ministry, and other church activities. Walter also served as Assistant Chaplain at Medical City Plano and volunteered at Network of Community Ministries in Richardson. Walter loved music. He sang bass in FUMCR's choir for over 40 years, and while in college sang in a barbershop quartet. Walter was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed accompanying for family sing-a-longs. Before joining FUMCR, Walter played the organ for Spring Valley Methodist Church. Walter is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Marilyn. Other survivors include son, David Evans (Mamie) of St. Petersburg, FL; daughter, Laura Ezell (David) of Greensboro, NC; and his loving stepdaughters, Susan Vandiver (Ellis) of Hamilton,



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and Joni Dodson (David) of Spring. Walter adored his 8 grandchildren, Sarah Grace Rumsey (Mitch) of Denver, CO; Brooks, Teddy and Taylor Ezell all of Greensboro, NC; Stephen Eppler of Katy, Kristen Hunter (Matt) of Hamilton; Robert Dodson of Minneapolis, MN, and Kenneth Dodson of Dallas. He also leaves behind 4 great grandchildren and 2 cats. A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Richardson, Monday July 30th at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to FUMCR's Music Fund or Chapel Building Fund, or to Faith Presbyterian Hospice in Dallas. The family would like to thank the many kind, dedicated staff at Medical City Plano and San Remo Rehabilitation, giving special recognition to his Care Team from Faith Presbyterian Hospice.



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FD

Fred And Joyce Mckimball, Lisa And Diane posted:

Marilyn, am so sorry for your loss. Am remembering early days at FUMC in Richardson when our girls were small and their first day of school at Richardson Heights--still have a picture of them, standing on our front porch with big sweet smiles. We never met Walter but your life with him sounds blessed.

July 29 at 11:11 AM

WR

William Rogers posted:

I had the pleasure of sharing several Walk to Emmaus events with Walter. His leadership and love of service was an inspiration to our community, and he will be sorely missed. Enjoy your walk with our Saviour, Walter. DeColores!

July 29 at 9:42 AM

JP

Jamie Pearson posted:

Dear Evans Family, I use to watch Walter do the news and would get up in the morning just to watch him. He made it special and we as a public in Dallas/Ft.Worth will miss him as will you as a family. My deepest condolence to the Evans Family. So sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Jamie Pearson

July 29 at 4:06 AM

MP

Michael Phillips posted:

Walter was a great and dedicated fellow employee at KRLD/KDFW back in the 70's. Walter was the reporter on the very first news story I photographed professionally: Jack Ruby's Sanity Hearing at the Dallas County Courthouse. He was a great guide and mentor for this very young and inexperienced young man. He is also one of the men I knew from that era as a true journalist with reporting without bias but full of accuracy and authentication. What a Pro!! Great memories>

July 26 at 3:02 PM

MD

Mary L. (Taylor) Dean posted:

I have known Walter since we were teenagers, and I can tell you that he was always the nice guy we all knew and loved.

July 26 at 6:20 AM



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Vicki posted:

Peace be with you.

July 25 at 6:44 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Walter by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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