

WALT WOODWARD III

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A TRUE ROCK STAR...

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

A dark day for all of us that knew and loved Walt. Watching him slip away was the hardest thing I've ever had to endure. We were glad that all of us family members were there in the end, he did not die alone. And we like to believe he knew we were there.

I welcome anyone at all to share their thoughts about Walt here. Thank you for visiting!

Steve (Walt's "little" brother)

22 Comments 

Anonymous

Steve - what a wonderful tribute to Walter! I'm sure he would have loved it. I

like to think of it as a way for him to live on, in pictures, in comments linking family and friends together, and in all our memories and hearts. I love you cousin Walter...Rock on in Heaven!

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 - 01:03 PM

Anonymous

Oops, by the way, that last comment was from cousin Joellen! Again, always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.
Cousin Joellen

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 - 01:05 PM

Steve

Joellen,

Thanks for the kind words and for posting. I really want to do more here...have so many pictures to scan, research to do to put together a proper biography. I feel bad using canned templates for this site (I've done many web sites and prefer to design my own..), but with time being limited I just wanted to be able to focus on the content. Sorry we've been out of touch, but it was great hearing from you!

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 - 07:36 PM

Gerard de Marigny

Steve! This is a fantastic site! This is exactly what people like me need - a place where I can share my thoughts and feelings about my rock brother. I always thought of you as the younger brother and me as Walt's little brother.. 9-)

Anyway, first I want you to know that you and your mom and sister and all of Dub's friends have been continually in my and my family's prayers. I know how hard it is... just want you to know that.

My own little statement here... I'm still trying to come to terms with his passing. We weren't close enough over the last few years... I wanted Walt to come out and see my house ...see my boys!! My oldest son Jared is a good artist. He drew something yesterday and I started to cry - I realized I was crying 'cause... it reminded me of Dub's drawings... I told Jared that "Uncle Walt" would have loved his cartoons and would have taught him so much more.

I contacted every old band mate of Americade to tell them - haven't talked to some of them in a very long time - we rekindled our friendships from Walt's passing ...I think Dub would be very happy about that. Every time I get together with friends and friends of Walt's ...bandmates, etc. we toast him.

Just rambling on... but I guess I need to.

Thanks again Steve for this site. I was thinking of doing one but I couldn't... you did a great thing here!

Peace & Blessings,
g

Sunday, July 4, 2010 - 10:53 AM

Deb

My condolences to you and yours - I think I speak for many when I say that it's a great loss to us all. Words simply cannot express the feelings that many of us are going through learning that Walt has passed away. To know that we can't see his smiling face again - hear the distinct sound of his voice - I know you know...

I hadn't been in touch with Walt for many years, but I am one of many friends he had out here in California. As a matter of fact, I'm certain that I wouldn't be counted as a close friend to him in these later years - but, we were once very close.

Walt always had an entourage of friends, (of various walks of life). One of his many attributes was that he would speak and hang out with darn near anyone who wanted to talk or hang out, time permitting of course. The thing was, they didn't have to look the look; he didn't care about that as much as he cared about their integrity and what he could learn from them, or of them. He would look a person in the eye and listen intently and was genuinely interested in their lives. It amazed me since he was on a climb to stardom and yet still exemplified such wisdom at his young age. (Most young rock stars would shun the nerd with bottle thick glasses, but not Walt; he made time for them and he really wanted to know). This changed the way I looked at people. (I think now that I might have been stuck up back then). I looked up to him and his ability to create relationships effortlessly. Today, I raise my son to be as open to people as Walt was, never letting peers set your standards. (Thank the Lord, because what the heck was I thinking?)

I do remember that he also enjoyed his private time, keeping his private space to himself or sharing it only with those he most trusted. I remember we were going somewhere, (don't remember where), but he tore a little piece of paper and stuck it in between his closed door and the doorjamb. "This", he explained, "will tell me if anyone has come into my room when I am not here." At the time, I laughed, but, it was genius. I had never considered anything like it before that day. No he wasn't paranoid in those days; I think he was just curious.

I remember the occasional moody spell, where you knew that he just needed his time alone. (Don't we all....?) I respected him and his funny little quirks.

As time went on, we saw each other less and eventually, we lost touch. I never stopped thinking about him and the way he made people feel. I just want you to know that he left a mark on my life and I am certain, many others as well. He changed me for the better. Thanks Walt! ☐

He was cooler than anyone I have ever known. He has been missed in these many years, but certainly, he will be missed further.

I extend my very deepest sympathies to all of his family and friends.
Love you - miss you Walt. Muuuuaaaaaahhhhh!

Thursday, July 8, 2010 - 09:52 PM

Chris Sheridan

Although I was only in a band with him for a little over two years, I always considered Walt as a brother as well as a friend and kick ass drummer. When we first started playing together in the summer of '87, he told me he 'knew every song never written,' and he was right! First time I came to rehearsal with a new song idea, he had it pegged the first time through and filled in the missing parts on the fly. That's just one of many awesome experiences I had with Walt...I am saddened by the tragic loss of a really great guy, but grateful I had the privilege of playing with him and getting to know the man behind the drums.

As an ongoing tribute, I am putting up live videos of Walt with Sweet Savage on my youtube channel...

Chris

Sunday, July 11, 2010 - 05:50 PM

Anonymous

FROM WALTER'S MOM,
OH, SO PROUD WHAT SON STEVEN DID HERE!
WE ARE MISSING HIM WITH ALL OF OUR HEARTS!
MY LIFE NOT THE SAME WITHOUT HIM HERE AT, 360!
HE LEFT US TOO DAMN SOON!
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KIND THOUGHTS, MEANS A
LOT TO ME, HIS SAD MOM!

Sunday, July 11, 2010 - 08:55 PM

Bill Jenkins

I first met Walter in Passaic in the upstairs loft where he was rehearsing but i didn't get to know him well until the Rachel days..Every Sunday night i went to the soap factory to hear them play.and afterward.hang out and talk about music. I remember when we went to Brooklyn in the mill basin section to check out the new band he was in. We all had a good time there and they rocked the place.I was very honored when Walter told me that he put my name and our friend buddy's name in the inner sleeve of American metal album.He was a good friend to me back in those days. I know him and Rhett Forrester are tearing it up in heaven having a good time...Walter and Rhett were great musicians and good friends..When i found out Walter passed i asked my niece for a poem i know you problaby seen it before but as time passes i dont want it to get lost . so i'm reposting 1 of the 2 she wrote here.

You are written in the sky
Engraved in our hearts
Memories kept of you in our minds
Bounded by love

Death won't even keep us apart

You became a Guardian Angel
God placed a halo upon your head
You are still here in spirit
In the air we take in slowly
In the words of this poem

You are the burning fire of the candle
You are the light taken in by our lenses
That won't be blocked by the darkness
We will always remember you
By the hand-print you leave across the stars

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 - 12:24 AM

Michele Marino

Steve,
Thank you for this site. I will pass it on to friends. What a wonderful celebration of Walt's life and exceptional accomplishments. He has many a musician friend in Pasadena California; that's the era in which I met Walt. I had the pleasure of performing with him in "Mercy and the Merkettes," and grew to know and love him as a friend. Thank you again for sharing this with us.

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 - 05:55 AM

LaLa

WAAAAAALT!!!! MISS YOU!!!!!!!

Friday, July 30, 2010 - 01:31 AM

Emter

HELLO TO ALL OF OUR DEAR WALTER'S FRIENDS,
FRIOM WALTER'S MIOM, THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM
OF MY HEART, APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR THOUHTS ABOUT MY
DEAR SON WHO LEFT US TOO SOON!
MISS HIM WITH ALL MY HEART, A VERY SAD, MOM!

Friday, July 30, 2010 - 08:56 PM

Anonymous

HI FROM WALTER' MOM.
TODAY IS TWO MONTHS SINCE OUR DEAR WALTER LEFT
OUR LIVES, NOT OUR HEARTS FOR SURE!

HE IS LOVED AND MISSED SO MUCH!
STILL, HIS SAD MOM!

Sunday, August 8, 2010 - 08:38 PM

Alyson Morrow Livingston NJ

I was friends with Walt not too long ago with my ex fiancee John who he used to hang out with. Walt and I became close in such a short period of time. He was an awesome heartfelt man. Such a gentleman everytime I hung out with him. He had a charisma and a great aura about him. Such a down to earth guy. I had the pleasure of hearing the scream's un released album and it was some awesome work. I had the pleasure of also seeing him play in Americade and also Rachel. I remember him in Shark Island and also The Scream. I saw him live at Dingbatz during open mic night. Such a loss to the world this amazing drummer, and also great friend.

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 - 04:30 PM

Bill

i would like to know if anyone out there has a video or tape of Walter in Rachel.. I think of him often and also Rhett...

Sunday, October 17, 2010 - 11:40 AM

BILL

Thinking you you brother...never forgotten my friend...

Friday, January 14, 2011 - 05:33 PM

Steve Woodward

Bill,

Thanks for the post and for thinking of Walt.

Sometime soon we are going to start the sad task of going through some of Walt's things. I'm hoping that we find some photos, information, and yes, perhaps even some vintage video. Be assured that whatever we find will be made available here on this site.

Best Wishes,

Steve Woodward

Saturday, January 15, 2011 - 10:33 AM

Lindsay

I worked at Hollywood Records London briefly and during this time The Scream came over to our offices for PR events. On one of the evenings during the band's stay Nirvana were appearing in town. The band wanted to see Nirvana but Walt wanted to go around the City and take it all in. I drove him round showing him the floodlit buildings. We stopped off at a few sights so he could see them properly and he chatted to the guards at Buckingham Palace for a while. We stopped at a 16th century pub below Tower Bridge for a drink and dinner. The pub was playing old Beatles records & he really loved it. The evening has always stayed in my mind because he had the most lovely disposition, manners and was not "too cool" to be excited by the small things. He stood out as gentleman and was very gracious when I dropped him off at his hotel late at night. Upon his return to California he sent me lovely "thank you" card which I still have.

I was very upset to read of his death and my heart goes out to his widow, family and loved ones. He was truly a credit to you all. I have met and known many musicians during my career - but he was unforgettable for all the right reasons.

Thursday, January 20, 2011 - 06:20 AM

Happy Birthday Walt

Happy 1st Birthday in Heaven Walt, there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you and miss you. Walt Woodward III RIP my dear friend.
Forever a Rock Star!

Walt's Family...my thoughts and prayers are with you today and always, I know how deeply this hurts. We lost him way to young!
I hope he and your Dad/Husband are sharing a beer today in Heaven!!

Huge Hugs & Much Love,
Rose

Thursday, February 10, 2011 - 08:54 AM



Anonymous

FROM WALTER'S MOM
A SAD DAY HERE, WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAR SON'S
BIRTHDAY!
HOPE HE IS HAVING A PARTY WITH HIS DAD AND FAMILY!
I MISS HIM WITH ALL MY HEART! HIS SAD MOM

Thursday, February 10, 2011 - 08:23 PM

Bill Jenkins..

Happy Birthday in heaven Walter.. Have fun ...

Thursday, February 10, 2011 - 08:37 PM

Anonymous

Miss ya Walt - Happy Bithday! I know you're still rocking on!

Wednesday, February 23, 2011 - 06:39 PM

Jacqueline and Dakota Collins

hi steve its jacque i met u once when walt brought u over to my apt walt always talked about u and u lovely wife he said many times we should get together for a bbq . i hope i am not out of line writting to u about walt. he was the love of my life walt and i our relationship lasted nearly 8 years walt did not want upset ur mom and jan. walt asked me to marry him 2 and a half years ago he gave me a beautiful ring i will wear it for the rest of my life words cannot describe the pain that in my heart everyday. walt was the only father my son dakota has ever known and walt called him his son he taught dakota many things like peeing standing uo like a man walt was very proud of this and told all his frinds dakota and walt would sit for hours drawing walt always quoted your father saying " a man has nothing without his integretiy.walt dakota and i went to disney world it was the frist time for both of them well i feell and got hurt walt was determined that this was not going to ruin our day he wheeled me around in a wheel chair for 12 hours and went aon every ride with our son at the end of te day at disney they plyed the song ' when u wish upon a star " walt had tears streaming down his cheeks He said he wa a lucky man to have dakota and me in his life i have photos just dont know how to put them on the computer yet . everyone hates my cooking but not walt he loved everything i cooked and went back for seconds i have so many memories and stories to tell walt biggest dream was for your family to accept dakota and i as my family accepted and loved walt . dakota made his first holy communion and walt stood by his said like a prund father we were planning on a wedding date but he would not marry me unless his family gave him your blessing and his family to be there with u as best man my mom passed away april 19 she was sick for a whild and although he knew we would not be together everyday he gave me the encouragement to come to flordia and be at her side when she passed away as he was when your dad passed i just wanted you to know that walt and i were planning a life together and that loved dakota and i very much of course couples have there rough times from time to time bit we always got thru them he called me whwn was on his way to the hospital that day and promises to call me after surgery that call never came i have so many queastions about what wen wrong i hope u will find it in your heart to write me or call me 862 571 4413 anytime i need to find some closure and peace of mind i loved walt with all my heart and soul and i mis him terribly thank you for letting me share

Thursday, March 3, 2011 - 08:05 PM

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