



## Walter Richard "Dickie" Wheeler

April 5, 1949 - February 22, 2023

Walter Richard "Dickie" Wheeler 73

Beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather Walter Richard "Dickie" Wheeler, a man of Christian faith was called home at the age of 73. Dickie was battling an aggressive form of cancer when he passed away at his home in Wauchula, FL on the morning of Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Dickie was born on April 5, 1949, and was a long-time resident of Arcadia. He attended Desoto

County High School where he met the love of his life, Belinda Claire Boyette. They married on the 29th of June, 1969 in Homestead, FL. Together they raised 4 children and were the proud grandparents of 7.

After high school, Dickie Joined the U.S. Navy serving honorably for 4 years during the War in Vietnam.

He worked as a real estate agent in Arcadia before relocating to Miami to join the family business,

Boyette and Sons Land Development. Together they became prominent builders in Miami and Kendall

throughout the 1980s. He continued a career as a Civil Engineering Superintendent, specializing in road

construction throughout Miami-Dade and Broward County. In the early 2000s,

he relocated to Wauchula in anticipation of retirement and worked his final years as a State Correctional Officer, retiring in 2011.

Dickie was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arthur and Sada Wagner.

His adoptive

parents, Walter Robert Wheeler and Virginia Violet Altman. His stepmother Alene Fiegle Wheeler. His

biological mother, Velma Elizabeth Hollingsworth. His sister, Marilda Smith.

His step-brother Jerry D.

Fiegle. His step-sister Lilian Pearl Fiegle. His half-sister Sylvia "Patsy" Hansel.

Dickie is survived by his wife

of 53 years Belinda C. Boyette Wheeler. Son, Richard E. Wheeler and his

wife, Cheri K. Stobart Wheeler

of Deltona, FL, and their son Shawn D. Wheeler. Daughter, Kerri L. Gordon,

her husband Jerry Gordon

of Tamarac, FL, and their children Haley N. Gordon and Ryan J. Gordon. Son,

Brian T. Wheeler and his

wife Rebecca Hampton Wheeler of Orange City, FL, and their children Jacob

T. Wheeler and Riley J.

Wheeler. Son, Timothy A. Wheeler of Deltona, FL, and his children Timothy

Mason Wheeler and Avery E.

Wheeler. He is also survived by his sister, Velma Thomasina England of

Gaston, SC, and half-sister, Velma

Hollingsworth Vickery of Perry, FL, half-brother Vernon Hollingsworth of

Clermont, FL, step-sister,

Janette Fiegle Foley of Arcadia, FL, step-sister Inez "Cookie" Johnson, and

numerous nieces and nephews.

A service with military honors will be held on Friday, June 16th, at 11:30 am at

Sarasota National

Cemetery, 9810 State Rd 72, Sarasota, Florida.

Dickie was an amateur genealogist. A hobby he took up after reuniting with

his older sisters

Marilda and Velma Thomasina, from whom he was separated as an infant due to adoption. It was his

wish to leave his story for his descendants who would research their own ancestry. Dickie was born

Walter Pierce Reed to Velma Elizabeth (née Myers) Trump and Thomas Pierce Reed in Arcadia, FL. He

was adopted as an infant by Walter Robert Wheeler and Virginia Violet (née Wiseman) Wagner. Walter

and Virginia soon divorced and Dickie was raised by his loving grandparents Arthur L. Wagner (aka John

F. Wiseman) and Sada Rankin.

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 16. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Sarasota, FL 34241

# Tribute Wall



“ *Prayers to Belinda and Children*



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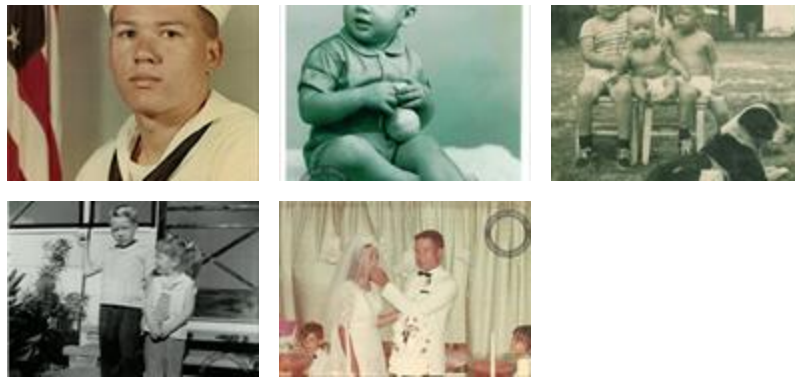


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