



## Waldo Proffitt

December 6, 2016

Waldo Proffitt, long-time Sarasota resident and Editor of the Sarasota Herald Tribune, passed from this world on December 6, 2016 at 92 years of age.

Born in Plainview Texas, raised in Chickasha Oklahoma and a graduate of Harvard University, where he was the editor of the Harvard Crimson, Waldo Proffitt worked at several papers, and served his country in the Air Force on several different occasions before making his way some 55 years ago to the Sarasota community. An advocate of controlled growth and a strong supporter of environmental regulation, Waldo Proffitt's reasoned conversation provided an intellectual groundwork in Sarasota, in the region and in the State, for a considered approach to how the region and the country should manage the blessed world we have had bestowed upon us and from which he is now departed.

Waldo was predeceased by his wife, Anne D. Proffitt and his step-son, David Greene and step-daughter Betty Greene Salwak.

Survived by his loyal dog, Rosemary; sibling, Anneita Forrest of Hawley, Texas; Children, Ann Herbert (Bill), Deborah Proffitt (Charles), Geoffrey Proffitt (Carole), L. Scott Proffitt and Bo Proffitt (Lori); step-daughters, Douglass Greene and Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene (Larry); grandchildren, Dana (John) O'Neill, Jenai Collins, Amanda (Shawn) Swal, Faith Collins, Caleb Proffitt, Douglass Proffitt, Randy Proffitt and Sara Anne Proffitt; step-grandchildren,

Angelina Salwak, Scott Salwak and Ellis Greene; great grandchildren, Megan & Kaitlyn O'Neill, Alexander Collins, Colin & Conner Swal and Zane & Talia Collins.

A memorial for Waldo will be held Thursday, December 29th at 4:00pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home - 40 N. Orange Ave, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Thinking about you right this moment, Waldo. The Supreme Court of the United States is taking up a case about gerrymandering in Wisconsin. It's a subject that I know is near and dear to you! If you have someone's ear that can send down a mighty message to our SCOTUS, I know that you will! Peace be with you and give my regards to all of my loved ones in your good company... Your loving daughter-in-law, Carole

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**Carole Proffitt** - June 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Deborah,  
Sorry to hear of the loss of your dear father...he sounds like he was a cool guy, and a mentor to others...

*My deepest sympathy,  
Your friend in Alaska,  
Lisa*

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**Lisa Schwarzburg** - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To all of Waldo and Anne's family...I was saddened to hear of Waldo's passing, but happy that he and his "precious bride" are together again.. Waldo was a wealth of information, and such a gentleman.

*It was my pleasure to care for them before Anne's passing.. They were a true example of true love. He must have told her 25 times a day that he loved her, and the precious way she responded was indescribable .*

*They were both so proud of all of their kids and grands...Never missed a chance to share a special experience with one of the kids.. I suppose Rosemary will miss him the most as she was his constant and faithful companion. He has always been well respected and will be missed for years to come.. God bless you all*

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**Linda Hostetler** - December 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Rest in peace ,Daddy. You loved your vocation and you did a lot of good work, we are all proud of the work you did for the community. Thank you for your service, integrity and all that you shared and passed on to your children, and grandchildren.

*We laughed to remember that in your 70's you applied to Law school, to continue learning and giving to the community!!*

*We will continue to share and laugh , cry too. Until we meet again*

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**Debbie** - December 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM