



## Walter "Walker" Meade

September 20, 1930 - February 9, 2016

Walter 'Walker' Meade, 85, of Sarasota, FL, died peacefully on February 9, 2016. A celebration of his life is planned for sometime in May. Cremation by Toale Brothers Funeral Home and Crematory.

Walker was born in Cincinnati, OH. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He began his career as a publisher and author working as an editor for Reader's Digest Magazine. He went on to hold the positions of Managing Editor of Cosmopolitan Magazine, and President of Avon Books in New York. He is the author of numerous short stories, magazine articles and a novel. For several years, he taught at Stanford University's Summer Publishing Course. Upon moving to Sarasota, he wrote frequently for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune as a contributor to the Health & Fitness and Arts & Entertainment sections.

He is survived by his husband of 25 years, Michael McClelland, a musician of the Sarasota Orchestra; a son, Luke Meade of Monterrey, California; and a grandson, Owen. Walker's vibrant personality resonated throughout the cultural communities of both New York City and Sarasota. He was also an avid gardener, loving to be outdoors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Sarasota Orchestra or Selby Gardens of Sarasota.

# Tribute Wall



“ *I dearly miss him.*

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“ *It was a pleasure knowing Walker while I lived in Sarasota. We served together on the Board of Prime Timers Sarasota.*

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**Bruce Viner** - March 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM