



Walter Jackson Pollard

December 21, 1941 - May 2, 2021

Walter Jackson Pollard, Sr passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at the age of 79.

Walter was born December 21, 1941 in Farmville, North Carolina. He joined the United States Air Force out of high school where he was a combative measures instructor and completed a tour during the Vietnam War.

Walter and his wife Kay moved to Bradenton in 1968 to start a family.

Walter attended the University of South Florida and earned his teaching degree. He was an elementary school teacher in Manatee County for over 35 years. Walter volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club and was a girls volleyball referee for many years. He never passed up the opportunity to teach and encourage anyone who crossed his path, and he never met a stranger. His smile and overall presence would light up the room. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by many.

Walter was preceded in death by his father, Sam and mother, Rona and sister Alma. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Kay, son Jay (Julie), grandson Bradley (Natasha), granddaughters Ellen and Bethany (Spencer) and great grandsons Brantley and Isaac. Walter is survived by his sister Sammie Austin and brother James Pollard, nephews, a niece and extended

family.

Celebration of Life being held at First Baptist Bradenton 1306 Manatee Ave West Bradenton, Florida 34205 on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 Visitation 4:30-5:30 pm.

A service will be held at 5:30pm.

Family requests in lieu of flowers to please make a donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Manasota or a charity of your choice in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Bradenton
1306 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Service

MAY 12. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Mr.Pollard was my 5th grade Teacher in 1991 at Samoset Elementary in Bradenton Florida. Mr. Pollard gave me the Nickname "Kat" with my name begin Katrina Mr. Pollard was a Sharp Teacher he always reminded me of Elvis Mr. Pollard was a amazing Math teacher extremely brilliant teacher Truly Super Big King.... Will be missed*



Kat - January 11 at 12:07 AM

KM

“ *Mr Pollard was my 5th grade teacher at Palma Sola . He was the best teacher ever a gentle giant.*

Karen Mcqueen - October 05, 2021 at 04:59 PM

PC

“ *Mr. Pollard was my 5th grade teacher in Bradenton in probably 1978. I have since lived all over the world (currently in Hong Kong), have advanced degrees and speak 4 languages. I still tell stories about the best teacher I ever had and decided it was time to tell him. Sadly, I am too late. I am so sorry for this and sorry for your loss*

*Please accept my most sincere condolences
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Peter Cohen - June 07, 2021 at 03:34 AM

PC

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Peter Cohen - June 07, 2021 at 03:35 AM

CM

“ I will never forget the day my mom told me I would have Mr . Pollard for my 4th grade teacher I screamed so loud for excitement. Best teacher ever I even got to have him for my 5th grade teacher as well. He wasn't just a teacher he was a mentor didn't just teach us about school but taught us about life lessons that we would have to go on through as we got older in life. I will never forget him. He always joked with me about being a Florida Gators fan. But as I sit here right now wearing a Georgia Bulldogs shirt to his services. Your going to be missed by so many and you where loved by everyone you heart was so big . Jay you and your mom and family are you my prayers every night.

Love you

Until we see each other again .

Crystal Tyson Monteith

Crystal Tyson

Crystal Tyson Monteith - May 12, 2021 at 04:18 PM



“ Mr. Pollard was the most amazing 5th-grade teacher and had an amazing impact on my life. I have told my children so many stories about him, how he pushed me to become better and follow my dreams. He is the reason I am involved with computers, writing, etc. He was so much more than a teacher and would constantly teach life lessons without you even realizing it. My heart aches for him to be gone.

Kala Marie - May 12, 2021 at 11:46 AM

HN

“ Walter was one of those people you did not forget. HE was a great basket ball player in HS ,bus driver and had fun in all our classes.He always came to most of our HS class reunions and enjoyed it when he would get the scoop at what was going on our,little Moncure school area. My prayers and love to all the family. He will surely be missed by the Class of 1960. His class mate. Hilda Nelson. Sophia N C

Hilda Nelson - May 11, 2021 at 10:53 PM

RH

“ 5th grade Palma Sola elementary school Mr Pollard was the best teacher

randy hedgcock - May 08, 2021 at 08:25 PM

JJ

“ Many great memories. Loved the time we played basketball. Just having you as a friend and classmate.

john i walden, jr - May 08, 2021 at 07:59 PM

KG

“ Kay Garner lit a candle in memory of Walter Jackson Pollard



Kay Garner - May 08, 2021 at 06:00 AM

CC

“ Rubber duckie on the side.....

Charles Colson - May 07, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Walter Jackson Pollard.*



May 07, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Mr. Pollard - The GOAT*

When I think of him, I instantly think about multiplication. Is that crazy? He said we would learn them forward, backwards, upside down and sideways. I sure did too. I remember learning about the capitals of the states. This is when I learned Mr. Pollards middle name was Jackson. At the time, my last name was Jackson. He told me of all the capitals, I had better not get Mississippi's wrong. Now this has been years ago, but I still remember that capital as if my life would have depended on it. Lol. Then who can forget that famous line of his “ If you can't run with the big dogs, stay on the porch”. This line...has made me leap in so many situations just to see if I could fly! He always had words of encouragement and bravery. I wish I could've stayed in 5th grade forever!

Mr. Pollard will be truly and deeply missed!

Forever the legend...Sleep well!

Christina - May 07, 2021 at 02:29 PM

“ Mr. Pollard - The GOAT

Of all the teachers I've had, only 1 stands out. My 5th grade teacher. I remember getting so excited when I heard him come on the loud speaker with that 10-4 rubber duck!

He taught me so much and a lot of those lessons I still apply today. With his famous line being, "If you can't run with the big dogs, stay on the porch". This line alone made me want to jump to see if I could fly! He taught me my multiplication tables and I learned them just like he said; straight, sideways, upside down and backwards. I remember learning the capitals of the states with him. At the time my last name was Jackson and he told me his middle name was Jackson. So, because of this, I could never ever get the capital of Mississippi wrong. I may not remember all the capitals of the states today, but I've never forgotten Mississippi!

You Mr. Pollard will be truly and deeply missed!

Forever a legend...sleep in peace!

Christina - May 07, 2021 at 02:15 PM

TB

“If you can't run with the big Dogs - stay on the porch”

He use to say this to us all the time.

5th grade was the best year of my life! This man is the reason I became a teacher. He is the soul behind my career path and my passion and love for educating young ones. Even when I was in mid school and had science fair, I went to him and he helped give me a huge folder FULL of ideas and walked me through and guidance I needed. My heart is SO heavy right now.

Mr Pollard made the biggest impact on my life. I cannot believe I am seeing this news!

tabatha byers - May 07, 2021 at 06:42 AM

OR

OMG he was the best TEACHER at Samoset Elementary he will be missed by us all we love you Mr.Pollard i really wished i could have seen him my condolences to his family 🥺🥺🙏🙏🙏

Oralia (Brantley) Roberts - May 07, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JD

“ Anyone that knows me pollard knows about the story of the big toe at the end of the bed!!! This man taught me life lessons I didn't even know I was learning at the time. He will never be forgotten!!! Such an amazing person

James Durrance - May 07, 2021 at 02:34 AM

CG

“ My favorite teacher of all time. 5th grade Samoset elementary 97'. I learned so much from this man not just in school, but also about life. I still apply the many life lessons I learned from him to this day. This man belongs in the School Hall of Fame. Words simply can't express how great this man was. He could guide the most troubled child into an honor roll student. Not just in the classroom, but in the school of life as well. My deepest condolences go out to Jay and the rest of the family.

Chad Goodhew - May 07, 2021 at 12:37 AM

ID

“ I can still hear him in the hallways saying, Andale' Andale!' A Big Voice with a Bigger Heart. He was one of my favorites for sure. He was my teacher for a short time the year he left Palma Sola. Truly unforgettable. Rest well Mr. Pollard.



Izetta Dixon - May 06, 2021 at 10:44 PM

JE

“ One of my favorite teachers, he was unforgettable. Thoughts and prayers from a former Palma Sola fifth grade student. Still have all my States and Capitals memorized because of him.

Jeremy - May 06, 2021 at 08:30 PM

JP

“ 1974 at Palma Sola, 5th grade. He was always one of my favorite teachers. Rest in Peace

Jane Pope - May 06, 2021 at 08:19 PM

CC

“ I went to samoset 84 thru 89. Mr pollard was my 4th grade teacher. He was a huge figure at that school. I believe everyone looked up to him. No pun intended. He was a great teacher, and an excellent human being. He was stern, yet kind and a great story teller. Later in life, I remember seeing him out. He was always smiling! Always happy to chat with you. This world has lost an amazing person, and heaven has gained an Angel! Rest easy Mr. Pollard

Charles Colson - May 06, 2021 at 07:05 PM

TA

“ I went to Samoset from 1992-1998 - PreK to 5th grade graduation. He was such a great man and I'll never forget him. A fellow Samosetian - who shared the same years there - and I were JUST talking about the impact he had on us. Everything an elementary school principal should be - expectant, animated, stern, and personable. I'm so grateful to have him in childhood memories. His legacy lives on. My condolences to his family 🍷



Tatiana - May 06, 2021 at 06:21 PM