



## Carl Frederick Walston

June 22, 1961 - February 22, 2023

Carl Frederick Walston, 61, Lenexa, KS passed away peacefully on February 22, 2023, surrounded by family, and loved ones, after a courageous nearly five-year battle with cancer.

Carl was born in Elmhurst, Illinois to Henry and Patricia Walston. Carl and his parents moved to Maryland in 1963 and he grew up in Havre de Grace, Maryland, a town he loved. Carl was a 1979 graduate of Havre de Grace Senior High. Soon thereafter Carl joined the Air Force and served our country for eight years. He began his Air Force career in Information Technology as an Information Systems Security Officer for intelligence systems covering the European Theatre of Operations. After leaving active military service, he enlisted as a reservist with the Air Force. Carl graduated from the University of Maryland in 1998 with a B.S. in Information Systems Management while working for Boeing as a Project Manager. Carl worked in various public sector projects with several government contractors in the Washington, D.C. area. He provided system analytical services to the State Department, Headquarters Army, Headquarters Federal Aviation Administration, Headquarters NASA, Department of Labor, and Goddard Space Flight Center.

Carl met his beloved wife Marisel in Maryland, and they married in 1993. They welcomed their son Henry in 2004 and Carl felt blessed to be able to nurture and watch Henry grow into the amazing young man he is today, as a

freshman studying engineering at Kansas State University. Henry is also a talented violinist and performs with the Kansas State University Symphony Orchestra.

In 2000 the Department of Labor project brought Carl and Marisel to Lenexa, KS, where they made their home. They both immediately fell in love with Kansas, its easy and comfortable lifestyle, and its many warm and friendly people. Carl continued his career with Cerner Corp., other technology companies, and finally with Kiewit Corporation as a Procurement Agent, a role he loved.

Carl was a patriotic American, and he played an active role in Kansas Republican politics. Beginning in 2010, Carl combined his love for data analysis with his love for politics and policy, and created his own company, Visolution, to assist worthy candidates for office with their data analysis needs and help them get elected. Carl worked in many local and statewide campaigns and made many friends along the way. Carl served as a Kansas Precinct Committeeman, 3rd District Delegate, and as the KS GOP 3rd District Vice Chair. Carl enjoyed politics, photography, boating, driving his 2003 Special Edition Corvette, shooting, golf, the KC Symphony, the KC Royals, the KC Chiefs, working around the house, and supporting his wife and son Henry. Carl will be dearly missed and always remembered by all who knew him and loved him.

Carl is survived by his wife, Marisel, their son Henry, his parents Henry and Patricia Walston, his brother, Dennis (Jo-Ann) Walston, his nephews Thomas Jay (Diana) Walston, and Nathan Ray (Amanda) Walston (their children Jayden, Raelyn, and Kailey) and his niece Jesica (Carlos) Castro.

Carl's request was to be cremated and to be remembered with a Celebration of Life to be held in his honor. We invite all of Carl's friends and loved ones to

join us in celebrating his wonderful life on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:30 am at College Church of the Nazarene, in Olathe, KS. Pastor Troy Snyder will officiate, with a buffet lunch to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to College Church of the Nazarene, c/o Youth Ministry, 2020 E. Sheridan Street, Olathe, KS 66062.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
2020 E Sheridan St  
Olathe, KS 66062-2326  
(913) 764-4575

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember the first time I met Carl. He was helping Dr. Colyer out by driving him to Topeka that particular day. A unique quality in Carl that I treasured most is you always knew where you stood with him. There are few like him and I'm honored to say he was a friend.

*While he had a passion for conservative politics, nothing compared to his passion for his family. He will be missed but never forgotten!*

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**Kimberly A Borchers** - March 18, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Carl Frederick Walston.



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March 16, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ I am so very saddened by Carl's passing and my heart breaks for Marisel, Henry, and all of Carl's family. Working with Carl for the past several years has been a true blessing for myself and all of us at Kiewit that got to know and love him. What an example he has been to all of us. Carl was a man of integrity that loved life, family, and God. Even when he was super sick and in pain, he still maintained a great attitude and a happy heart. Halloween has always been my least favorite holiday, you maybe changed that up a little for me when you loaned us your 30 crates of Halloween decorations and you and Henry came and helped us build and decorate our booth at Pumpkin Palooza. What a fun time that was. You will certainly be missed my friend, but I know I will see you again someday.

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**Wendy Hoover** - March 10, 2023 at 04:04 PM

“ Dear Marisel and Henry,  
I am so sorry for your loss. No one can comprehend the depth or length of your mourning. But I am here for you, always.  
Love  
Helen VanEtten

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**Helen VanEtten** - March 10, 2023 at 10:48 AM

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“ Precious Carl - I miss your friendship so much already! You were like my ‘in-town’ brother. The frustrations we shared, and the suggestions we both offered each other for twelve years bonded us deeply as dear friends. And of course, for ten of those years we played Words with Friends nonstop - daily, with days off only for travel, illness, etc., but the game always waited for us. We were perfectly matched, both very competitive, and we took no prisoners. One time you went on a roll of 20 consecutive wins, and I was forced to swallow it with a smile. 😊 But about a year later I had the same luck and gotcha back! We chatted on WWF, text, phone, and social media usually daily but no less than five days a week. I admired and adored you for the devoted husband you were to Marisel, and the amazing father you were to Henry. And I was so proud of you when your statistical data mining, analysis, and reporting skills were recognized by so many KS Republican candidates and electeds, and even some in MO; and you became invaluable to each of them. Finally, your favorite career move, when you joined Kiewit and it provided many new friends and the challenge you loved. When you were diagnosed with cancer on that sad day of August 2018, I put up a good front at the hospital but I was devastated. I’d never had anyone close to me have cancer, and to keep up with the medical jargon you’d report to me, I had to do some research and study on it. And of course all that helped me when my brother Marc was diagnosed with cancer a mere two years later. I got you two together so you could exchange cancer war stories and enjoy each other’s ribald sense of humor. If heaven is what we think it is, I hope Marc was there to welcome you on your arrival. God rest your beautiful and brilliant soul, my dearest friend in the world. I will miss you forever and pray we will someday meet again. But between now and then, I know you are comforted to know that Marisel and Henry will always be my family, too. ❤️  
xoxoxo ❤️

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Anne Hodgdon - March 09, 2023 at 03:52 PM

EJ

“ We miss you Carl more than words can say. Please know we will keep Marisel and Henry in our loving care. We met you 9yrs ago when you coached our twin boys, Matt and Jacob, in soccer. Our families quickly became friends and eventually like family. We have many wonderful memories of holidays, sporting events, special occasions and even surviving a camping trip to Colorado. Our love for your family is timeless, just like our friendship. Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand. The Jansen Family



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**Elaine Jansen** - March 09, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Carl's passing. He was so much fun to joke with on Facebook; I would often laugh so hard at something he posted, always in good cheer and never being mean. I remember having dinner at your house and listening to Henry play the violin for us. We were so impressed, and Carl was so proud. Carl will be missed.

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**Shari Wilson** - March 09, 2023 at 11:56 AM