

## **Obituary**

**Born:** Thursday, November 19, 1936

**Died:** Friday, June 23, 2017

Walter Joseph Gontarek, Jr., 80, passed away peacefully on June 23, in his home, as he wished.

Walter was born in Philadelphia, where he was the oldest of 9 children. He served in the Army National Guard, where he met his Barbara, his beloved wife, of nearly 58 years. After serving our Nation, Walt worked for Montgomery Wards and then for many years as an independent contractor for several area banks. He retired in 2004 when his health prevented him from performing the job to his standard.

Walt and Barb lived in Pasadena for many years with their children, Walt III, Diana and Sheri.

He is predeceased by his parents, Walter and Alfreda; his brother, Freddy; his sister, Arlene and his sister-in-law, Maxine.

Walt enjoyed reading, playing cards, spending time with his family and fine cigars. He also enjoyed chess games with his son, Walter and traveling with his beloved wife, Barbara.

Especially dear to him were visits from his daughters, Sheri and Diana. And he was always happy to see his daughter-in-law, Joelle and his three beautiful granddaughters, Clarisse, Camille, and Christiane.

Mr. Gontarek is survived by his wife, Barbara; his son, Walter III (and his wife Joelle), his daughter, Diana Taylor (her husband, Gene) and his daughter Sheri.

He is survived by his brothers: Richard, Eugene, Lenny (his wife, Kathy) and his sisters: Carol Horstmann (her husband Henry); Gloria Szymanski (her husband Al) and Veronica.

In following with Walt's wishes, there will be a Catholic Mass in his honor on Monday, June 26, 2017, 12 Noon at Our Lady of the Chesapeake Catholic Church, in Pasadena. There will be celebration of life in mid July.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Walters honor, to your favorite charity.

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## **Service Summary**

### **Memorial Mass**

12:00 PM Mon Jun 26, 2017

### **Our Lady of the Chesapeake**

Pasadena, Maryland 21122