

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dr. Joseph Walsh

AUGUST 14TH, 1933 - JANUARY 13TH, 2022

Join us for an intimate gathering to celebrate his life.

Graveside Funeral Service:
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 1 PM
Mount Olivet Cemetery
65-40 Grand Avenue
Maspeth, NY 11378
Tel: (718)326-1777

The Martin Luther School family is sad to announce the death of Dr. Joseph Walsh, who passed away on Thursday, January 13th, 2022.

Dr. Walsh was born on August 14th, 1933, in Queens. Upon graduation from P.S. #93 in 1948, he was acknowledged at Brooklyn Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1952.

In 1955 Dr. Walsh started a long relationship with Columbia University. Columbia University presented Dr. Walsh with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Speech and a Minor in History, a Master of Arts Degree in History, and in 1979, a Doctorate in American History Education.

Dr. Walsh began working at Martin Luther High School in 1963. He taught English, World History, U.S. History, Government, and Economics at this stage. He found time to be an advisor to the school newspaper, start the History Club, chaperone trips to Washington D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia. Dr. Walsh became the first and only advisor of the National Honor Society through June of 1991 and served as an academic marshall for many years.

After he retired from Martin Luther High School, Dr. Walsh added another notch to his career belt in the real estate field. Dr. Walsh continued his interest in history while serving as Vice-President of the Greater Ridgewood Historical Society and an active member of the Brooklyn Historical Society.

Dr. Walsh touched the lives of over 3,000 Martin Luther School students, and this tremendous loss has saddened the Martin Luther School community. Please keep his family and friends in prayer during this difficult time.

Martin Luther High School Legend Retirees

Launching a second career after retiring from the first one is a difficult task, but that is exactly what Dr. Joseph H. Walsh has decided to do. For the past twenty-eight years, Dr. Walsh has been a professional educator at Martin Luther High School in Maspeth, Queens, but effective September 1, 1991, he elected to take the option of early retirement from his position as Chairman of the History Department. Dr. Walsh has taught American History, World History, American Government, and Economics. In addition, he also taught a college-level course, sponsored by St. Johns University, on Post-World War II America and directed the National Honor Society chapter at the school.

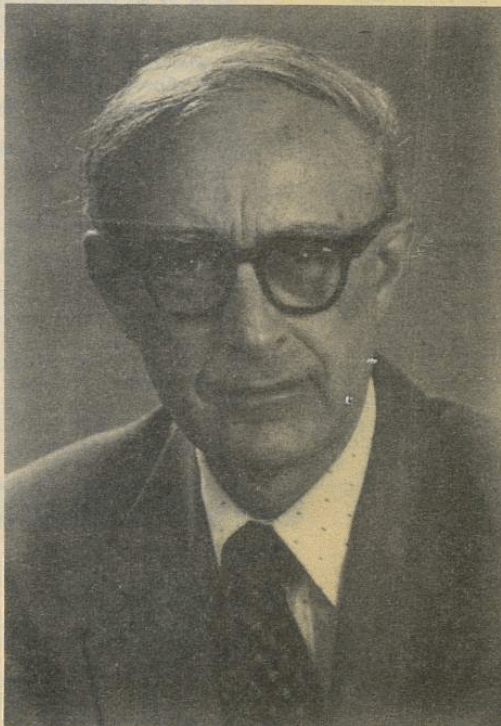
Dr. Walsh is a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School and earned three degrees from Columbia University. He is a member of the Alumni Associations of both Tech and Columbia, vice president of the Ridgewood Historical Society, and a member of the Brooklyn Historical Society.

Several years ago, one of his former students suggested that he put his extensive knowledge, experience, and talent to work in the real estate profession and Dr. Walsh decided to heed his advice. Dr. Walsh attended the New York University Real Estate Institute and obtained his salespersons license followed by the Notary Public commission.

Dr. Walsh then became associated with the well-known Century 21 Americana Realty Agency in Ridgewood, doing real estate in the evening while continuing to teach full-time. Finally, the decision was made to specialize in real estate due to the new challenges, greater income, and flexible time schedule. Dr. Walsh is a regular

participant in the Century 21 training programs and is now a member of the Long Island Board of Realtors. He is currently working with all phases of real estate including apartment rentals, home sales, and commercial property.

Dr. Walsh intends to specialize in assisting first-home buyers fledgling investors, and dealing with the real estate requirements of people in the teaching, medical or legal professions, singles, and the performing arts. He continues to be associated with Century 21 Americana of Ridgewood and urges everyone who may have a problem or need in real estate to contact him. Remember, Dr. Walsh is one doctor who still makes house calls!



"To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die."



Robert Figueroa

My condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace my dear teacher. I graduated from MLK JR HS IN 1987.

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Christopher M. O'Connor

Dr. Walsh was probably the most demanding teacher at my time at MLHS, but that was so we could succeed. He encouraged me to take the AP test for US history without even have such a course available. I did well enough that it fulfilled my history requirements for college. I was always grateful for that push. May he rest in peace. 🙏

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Cynthia Miska-Bacon

Sad news. I saw him years after I graduated ML; he was on a train platform. He was so proud telling me about his job in real estate. He was even smiling. So glad he found more joy later in life. Well, he definitely left a stamp on this world! That's all we can ever hope to accomplish while here on this rock for our short time. RIP.

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Steven Dual Parish Worker

Prayers for the family. One of my favorite teachers, even though he seemed to be a little scary and tough before I had him, he was a great teacher. Had the pleasure of having a friendship with him while I worked at Martin Luther. Even went on one of th... [See more](#)

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Micheline Hull Dolan

A wonderful co worker and mentor. I so enjoyed our visits to Columbia teachers College and to Concordia Bronxville. And of course he began my fascination with coin collecting. My prayers are with the family. Dr Walsh, you will be missed.

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Stacy NO E Pellegrino

Had the pleasure of seeing him at the MLHS grand reunion back in 2009. A true "old school" teacher.

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Kurt Grigo

I knew Dr. Walsh very well. I had him as a teacher in Martin Luther HS and my father and I did a lot of work for him at his house in Ridgewood. In school he was tough but funny at times and certainly memorable. Definitely a little eccentric but anyone ... [See more](#)

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Stacy Magnante Ritzer

RIP Dr. Walsh. He was the most memorable teacher I ever had and certainly one of the best.



Kathy M Anderson

Dr. Walsh was a special teacher. He was firm and had high expectations of his students. He brought out my interest in history I didn't know I had. To this day, I remember doing very well on his Regents exams, while those math and science tests are a not so pleasant memory. He also would sometimes be on the Triboro bus from Ridgewood with us in the mornings. I always made sure to be on my best behavior! Rest In Peace, Dr. Walsh.

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Pete Kokemueller

So sad to hear this news, he was such a wonderful teacher. We were just talking about him the other day - missed a history question in Jeopardy and looked and one another and simultaneously said, "Dr. Walsh would not be happy with us!" Rest In Peace Dr. Walsh.

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Genevieve Emily

Oh wow, good old Dr. Walsh. I can honestly say he was one of the best teachers at Marti Lu. May God wrap his arms around his family and friends in this difficult time.

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Ben Herbrich

Dr. Walsh provided consistent and effective instruction. At alumni reunions over the years, I always heard tributes as stated above. Dr. Walsh equipped students for their futures and enriched MLHS in its mission of Christian education.

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Mike Dimyan

My deepest condolences to Dr. Walsh's family and his dear friends. Dr. Walsh had tremendous, outsized positive influence on so many young and impressionable lives, and many of us look back so fondly on the memories we shared with him, whether in class or out. Dr. Walsh will be surely be missed.

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Troy Duncan

He was at first to me a intimidating teacher, until you actually got to be in his class and found out he wasn't , he knew his History and made you look at it differently, I think if you didn't have Dr Walsh in Marty Lu , you didn't get the full experience of that place, he was one of a kind and will be missed Rest In Peace Sir !

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George Mills

Tremendous loss.

Feared him from '79-'83.

It was only during the class reunions had I discovered what a warm and humorous man he was. Proud to call him my teacher. ❤️❤️

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Janet Brendel Schill

My sympathy to the family of Dr. Walsh. I remember my trip with the History Club to Williamsburg with Mr. Geisler and Dr. Walsh chaperoning. As a teacher myself, I appreciate the planning it took to offer this trip to his students! Thank you Dr. Walsh!

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John Malone

Dr Walsh was great.

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Sophia Murphy-Barnes

I'm going to miss him, I used to like the way he made us move around the room alternate chairs, so we wouldn't get bored. His class was really tough too. He was an unusual cat. But I really appreciate him now, I understand the value of history, and I respect that he was a learned individual. My condolences to his family.

Karen Martin

Doctor Walsh was definitely one of a kind! I knew I'd get 20 points off the top of every test because I didn't want to memorize dates. LOL Loving music the way I do, I will always remember he was my 1st exposure to the great Lena Horne. He was so happy tapping his toes to her music. It was cute to see him like that. ❤️

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Tracie Seib

Wow so sad great teacher!!!! but his room was always warm and dark

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Jose Martinez

I had Dr Walsh in 1966 for history. Very kind and knowledgeable. Prayers of comfort and peace for his family.

One of my favorite memories of his teaching was one day he got so excited, that he slammed his hand onto his desk and then yelled because he slammed his hand onto a thumb tack. He tried to be cool about it, but it was evident he was in pain.



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Karen Frillmann

He was memorable. My first job after college was in the Manhattan Municipal Building. I used to cut across City Hall on my way from the subway- this was before 9/11 when they fenced it off. Anyway, one morning I spotted Dr. Walsh giving a lecture on the steps of City Hall! I ran up and said hello- he remembered me! Greeted me happily! It is a lovely memory. I had always imagined that he had somehow disapproved of me. RIP Dr. Walsh.

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Amy Knight

RIP 🙏🙏🙏 DR Walsh. He was strict but very fair. Yes, entering his classroom your uniform must be in order, Yes, during class you must be on the correct page,(he could tell what page you were on from the front of the groom. He made sure everyone answered questions. But he was fair and considerate. I remember when we were taking Regents, was not feeling well, ready to pass out, he stood there fanning me till I felt better. He was tougher, strict and cared very much for his students
He will be missed!! 🙏🙏

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Stacy NO E Pellegrino

He was different. Remember the black shade on the window of his door? He commanded not demanded respect, a bit intimidating, he was so proper too, no nicknames allowed you were called by your proper name on your birth certificate . I think we can all say that we appreciate him more in our adult minds, he was completely devoted to his calling.

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Carol Seidle Hold

I had Mr. Walsh as a history teacher. I was also in the history club and on the Triangle staff where he was the advisor. He was my favorite teacher. He was stern and made sure you obeyed ther rules. I remember him saying "Don't chew gum", "roll down that skirt" to keep us in line. He was tough, but fair, and one of the best teachers I ever had. Rest in Peace, Mr. Walsh.

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Gaile Melissinos-Valcho

Dr Walsh was a born teacher. Someone who leaves an imprint on your life long after you've left them. I remember him as a strict but caring academic. "No running in the halls"! Was something he always said. R.I.P.

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Carol Wexell Wayne

Karen Frillmann I think we all felt that way. I know I did too.



George Wilson

I have a couple of Dr. Walsh outside-the-classroom experiences. One was senior year for the National Honor Society trip to Gebhardt's in Glendale for a luncheon. I had just gotten my license and borrowed my mom's car for the day figuring I'd cart a few of us to the restaurant. Somehow ended up driving with Doc just the two of us. Even though he was a stern teacher, I saw his oddly wry cool side in the 10 minute car ride to and from the restaurant.

Fast forward a few years... I'm working at Griff's. Boss hands me a delivery slip for a few bags of garden soil and bags of cement one Saturday morning. The address is in Ridgewood and the name is Walsh... I thought to myself, "Could it be? Nahhh..."

So I'm at the address, I ring the doorbell... and it's the Doc. He was all smiles and showed me his garden project in the backyard and his vintage 1963 Ford Falcon in the garage. I hung out with him catching up for at least an hour...

It was weird seeing him wearing something other than his trademark suit and pretzel tie clip.

Dude was full of surprises.



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