



## Walter "Wally" Lage

August 19, 2010

Walter Henry Lage (Wally), 66, of Cape Girardeau, died Thursday, August 19, 2010 at Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick, Maine. He was born the ninth of ten children on October 8, 1943, in a farm community near Jefferson City, Mo. to Andrew and Theresa Veltrop Lage. He attended St. Thomas Seminary in Hannibal Mo. and Cardinal Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He and Doris Schomberg (Dori) were married August 5, 1967, in Jefferson City at St. Peter's Cathedral and they recently celebrated their 43rd anniversary. Wally served in the army in the late 1960s. He graduated with a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri. Wally began his newspaper career in 1969 with Winsor Newspapers in Boonville, Mo. By age 25, he was publisher of the Boonville Daily News and publisher of free publications in Jefferson City and Columbia, Mo. and in 1979 he began a new weekly publication in Terre Haute, Ind. He was president of newspaper operations in the Paxton Media Group and general manager of the Paducah Sun in Paducah, Ky. from 1984-1993. He oversaw acquisitions of several daily and weekly newspapers. Wally joined Rust Communications in 1993 where he was vice president and chief operating officer through the acquisition or startup of about 50 newspaper titles in eight states, including 13 daily newspapers. He was very active in the Cape Girardeau community. Among many involvements, he was a longtime member of the Lions Club and the Saint Francis Medical Center board of directors. He served on boards of numerous newspaper organizations and was a member of the Missouri Press

Association Hall of Fame. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church. Wally's faith was central to his life and something he was proud to pass along to his children. Survivors include his wife, Dori Lage of Cape Girardeau, two sons, Joseph D. Lage and wife, Beth of Chicago, Ill, Jeffrey Lage and fiancée, Alyssa of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Gina Jones and husband, Hugh of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Jenny Shaffer and husband, Jason of Kirkwood, Mo.; four brothers, Lawrence, Paul, Ben, and Wilbur Lage all of Jefferson City, Mo.; eight grandchildren, Jacob (10) and Katie (4) Lage; Anna (7) Andrew (4) and Matthew (1) Jones; Benjamin (8) and Alexander (5) Shaffer; and Kaden Lage (10 months). He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, three sisters, and a daughter, Julie. Wally was dedicated to the newspaper business but even more to his family. He was a mentor to many. He was always the life of the party with an infectious laugh. He loved golf, convertibles, and Cardinal's baseball. He will be remembered for his many "Wallyisms," such as "Throw the Flag" and "Truck's Leaving." Friends may call 4 to 8 pm on Tuesday, August 24 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home on Mount Auburn Road in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will be Wednesday, August 25 at 11 am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with Fr. David Hulshof officiating. Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park. Full Military honors will be provided by Missouri Honors Team. Memorial Contributions may be given to the Wally Lage Memorial Fund.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Sincere Sympathy*

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**Ruth Pickens** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Wally was great to work with and an asset to your company, the newspaper industry, and his family. He will be deeply missed.*

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**Rex Kastner** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Just wanted to let you know that i was thinking of Wally and you all this Tuesday evening. God bless you tomorrow and every day afterwards.*

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**Carol Robert** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Doris: was so shocked and deeply saddened by Wally's death. I lost Sam in 1961 so I know what you are going through. Just hold on to and cherish your memories..eventually, they will help you get through the rough times. I told our oldest about Wally and he remembered being at your home and playing on your waterbed...and I will never forget Wally's help in our first Sheriff's campaign...again, I am truly so deeply sorry for your loss.....*

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**Charleyne (Morris) New** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I am so sorry to hear of my old and dear friend Wally's passing. I regret not being able to come to the services but please accept our deepest sympathies. May Our Lord and Our Lady help you through your sorrow. I will surely miss him but his memory will stay with me.  
Norm and Jackie Stegeman, your Colo friends

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**Norman Stegeman** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Dori. We missed Wally at the class reunion and will continue to miss him. We remember fondly our visits in Columbia with both of you.

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**Wayne and Karen Twiehaus** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Lage family. I only met Wally a dozen times but he was one of those people who you remember for a lifetime.

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**Dale and Carol Carr** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dori and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are out to you all. Wally was such a special person,he was a "beacon for life". Wally touched peoples lives and he will be remembered by many. Bill and Joanie Walden

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**Bill Walden** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

*“ I knew and admired Wally for more than 30 years, beginning when we worked together at Winsor Communications. He was a friend, a mentor, a leader and a great newspaper man. He lived a full life that ended too soon. Our thoughts and our prayers are with Dori and her family, as well as with Gary, Jon and Rex Rust and all of the Rust Communications family. Don and Cindy Cooper*

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**Don and Cindy Cooper** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

*“ I am crying as I write this. I was in the Lions Club in Paducah and played golf with Wally and considered him a good friend. I went through Leadership Paducah and grew close during my time there. I look forward to the time I get to see Wally again in Heaven with our LORD. God Bless you all. Joe Duncan*

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**Joe Duncan** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

*“ Our sympathies go out to Wally's family, and many friends. Kathy and I both worked for Wally in Jefferson City. He was a great boss, and person. His smile will be missed by many. God bless you all.*

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**Glenn & Kathy Hilgert** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

*“ I wish I could have come with Terry to be with all of you today and tomorrow. I am thinking of you and sending my love...Grammy*

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**Sharon Shaffer** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Dori and Family, Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. Wally was truly an amazing man who touched so many. We will keep you all in our prayers.

Neal and Ashley (Kemp) Wimberley - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ With Deepest Synpathy from Floyd & Helen Kempker and Family, Family of Tony & Lorene Kempker, Alfred & Dorothy Wittkop and Family, and from Thomas & Joyce Lage and Family

Thomas and Joyce Lage - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Will be keeping Wally's family in my thoughts and prayers. He and Brad Hollerbach interviewed and hired me for a position at the Missourian / with Rust Communications 13 years ago this past June. Have enjoyed working with Wally both directly and indirectly during this time. He was an individual I looked up to and respected as did many others. He will be truly missed. God bless and be with you all.

Todd Nolen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Doris, sympathy & prayers for you & your family. We are so sorry. We enjoyed your company on the trip to Germany. Jr & Mary

Junior & Mary Klifel - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My condolences to Wally's family by blood and his family by ink. His smile and laugh indeed were contagious. He will be missed at home, in his community and within his industry.

Dave Berry - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We were shaken to hear of Wally's sudden passing. Wally always had a warm smile and friendly hello for everyone. Our hearts go out to his family and friends. We wish we could be there to offer our sympathy in person. Rest in peace, Wally.

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**David and Betty Michel** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Condolences to Wally's family. I work with Wally from 1993 to 2001. I remember his love of golf and his blue Mustang convertible. My God bring you comfort at this difficult time.

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**Sheila Watson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Please accept our sympathies in the loss of Wally, a good friend and a great fellow. Tom Larimer Arkansas Press Association

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**Tom Larimer** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to Wally's family. Our sincere sympathy to you from Missouri newspaper publishers and the Missouri Press Association. Doug Crews

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**Doug Crews** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Wally was a true friend to so many of us. We will miss him and cling to his memory. He was truly one of the good guys.

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**Richard Clark** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *My Mother Mary P. Harrison and Paul and I were saddened to hear of Wally's passing. We always enjoyed driving up Oak Lei Drive and seeing his wooden newspaper boy in his back yard. Our deepest sympathies, The Harrison and Brinkopf Families*

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**Paul and Ann Harrison- Brinkopf** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM