

Former Buff basketball player Walter dies

Three-year letter winner was on last CU Final Four team

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Dr. Wilbert (Wil) Walter, one of five seniors on the last University of Colorado basketball team that made it to the NCAA's Final Four, died in Mount Pleasant, S.C. He was 76.

Walter was a three-year letterman under coach H.B. Lee, primarily a reserve performer who saw action in 38 games in his career. He played in six games as a senior in the 1954-55 season, when the Buffaloes were Big 7 Conference champions and advanced to the Final Four in the NCAA tournament. CU lost to a Bill Russell-led San Francisco team, the eventual champion, but the Buffs defeated Iowa in the consolation game to finish third in the nation.

Walter is survived by his wife of 23 years, Margaret Satterfield (Peggy) Walter of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; two sons, Michael and Wayne, two daughters-in-law and one grandchild, in addition to four stepchildren and six step-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Adam, and sister-in-law Doris of Torrington, Wyo.

Visitation will be Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at McAlister-Smith, 1520 Rifle Range Road in Mount Pleasant, with services at 2 p.m. on Sunday at All Saints Lutheran Church, also in Mount Pleasant. Interment will be in his native Lingle, Wyo., where he was born Nov. 16, 1933.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to All Saints Lutheran Church, 2107 Hwy 17 North, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464.

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