



Warren T. Oates Jr.

March 5, 1945 - February 11, 2023

Warren T. Oates, Jr. entered eternal life on February 11, 2023, at Christian Healthcare in Wyckoff, New Jersey with his loving wife Corethia by his side. Warren was born in the Bronx, New York, to the late Warren T. Oates, Sr. and Eleanor Oates, and was raised in New Milford, New Jersey with his two younger siblings, Richard and Colleen A. Oates, who predeceased him. He cherished being a Grad of Lake Delaware Boys' Camp (LDBC – an Episcopal boy's camp) in Delhi, New York where he spent his summers throughout his youth. Warren's close lifelong friends, Bob Davidson, who predeceased him, and Fred Ebbesen of Neenah, WI often enjoyed taking their "husbands only trips" to places far and near; notably, China, Ireland, or the Davidson's New Jersey shore summer home.

Warren attended Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) in Teaneck, New Jersey, where he earned his BS & MBA. He served on the Board of Governors, an Alumni Board for over 30 years and retired Emeritus and past President/Trustee. Warren was the first recipient of the Elia G. Stratis CASTLE Award and received honorariums including The Pinnacle Award, the university's highest honor. He was also a Benefactor of FDU for over 25 years with the support of his wife, Corethia.

While attending FDU full-time nights and working full-time days, he became the youngest officer and retired after 25 years from Mobil Corporation as

Corporate Secretary. He then took a year off and worked at Philips Electronics North America and retired 19 years later as Corporate Secretary.

Warren also served as Trustee for Project Literacy of Bergen County, New Jersey, and former President of Literacy Volunteers of America and retired Emeritus from that Board after over 30 years. Warren met his beloved Corethia while attending a volunteer fair with his sister Colleen. Warren said that he knew he would marry Corethia the day he met her.

Warren and Corethia married at LDBC in St Joseph's Chapel Grad's Weekend of 2003, the first wedding ceremony there since the 1940s. St. Joseph's Chapel has the country's oldest pump organ, and the fairytale wedding was organized by the campers in 25 hours. The service was performed by Fr. Donahue, who was there during Warren's youth, and the camp Directors Fr. Jim Adams and his wife Susan. The campers (100 inner city boys) were in full dress in attendance, which ended with a Sabre walk.

Warren and Corethia spent many holidays in Orlando, "where dreams come true". They enjoyed traveling to Europe, most notably the Passion play in Oberammergau, Germany; France; Switzerland; Prague, and England. They were engaged in Abaco, Bahamas and spent their honeymoon in Bangkok and Hong Kong. They were known for their July 4th Cookouts with family and friends. The late Carl Posey, "the caterer to the stars" including Bob & Ziggy Marley, Superman, other movie and TV productions, but most notably Corethia's parents 60th anniversary, Warren and Corethia's wedding celebrations, and LDBC Annual Picnic.

Warren was baptized and they both joined Community Baptist Church, (CBC) of Englewood, New Jersey where they worshiped faithfully. Warren and Corethia participated in Couples Ministry, Couples Retreats, as well as other activities of the church. They traveled with Pastor, Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr. to

the Baptist Convention in New Orleans. Warren also supported his wife, an active Music Ministry member and attended her performances when Pastor Taylor brought the CBC experience to Carnegie Hall, New York.

Warren's personality and good nature were as big as his 6-foot 4 stature. He had a joke and friendly handshake for all those he came across, not to mention his Warren hug, which we all will miss.

Warren is survived by his devoted wife Corethia, father and mother-in-law Lawrence E. and Corethia M. Griffin, brothers-in-law; Lorenzo E, Larry E., And Lloyd E.Griffin and his wife Pamela, sister-in-law Muriel E. Griffin, a host of nieces and nephews, extended family, church family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Fairleigh Dickinson University (<https://support.fdu.edu/givenow>) and/or Lake Delaware Boys Camp (<https://lakedelawareboyscamp.com/donations/>) in memory of Warren T. Oates, Jr.

Viewing will be held at Community Baptist Church of Englewood, 224 First Street, Englewood, NJ 07631, on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from: 9-11AM. Homegoing Service will begin at 11AM. Repast to follow immediately after the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Baptist Church
224 1st Street
Englewood, NJ

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Community Baptist Church
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Englewood, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Warren T. Oates Jr.*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - February 17, 2023 at 02:29 PM

RS

*Corethia,
Sending you all my love and prayers during this difficult time. May God lift you up with His enduring love. Renee Shalhoub*

Renee Shalhoub - February 22, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ *Warren T. Oates Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Warren T. Oates Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *My sincere condolences in Warren's passing. May all who knew and loved him, find comfort in the joys, laughter, hugs and tears shared in the coming days and years until you meet again. RIP Warren.
Bev*

Beverly - April 04, 2023 at 08:06 AM

JR

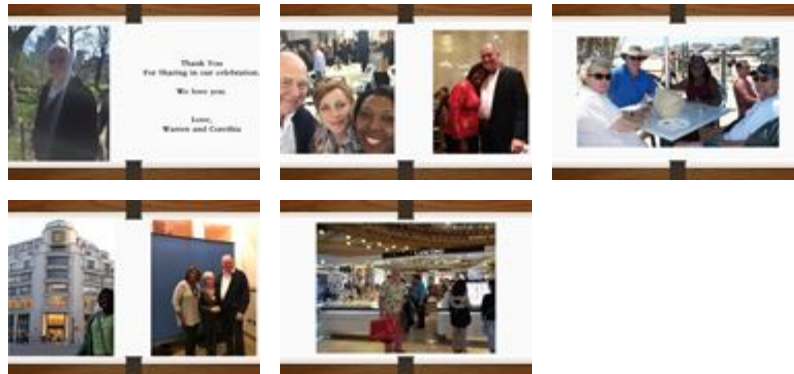
“Corethia, sincere condolences and sympathy on Warren's passing. I hope the wonderful life you had together and the memories of his love sustain you, especially at this most difficult time. Your devotion and care are an example to all of us.

"Eternal rest grant unto him Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. Amen"

Joe Roche - February 17, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“93 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - February 17, 2023 at 02:25 PM

DI

“David Ingangi lit a candle in memory of Warren T. Oates Jr.



David Ingangi - February 16, 2023 at 12:46 PM

RC

“ Dear Corethia,
Sorry to hear of Warren's passing.
I remember Warren as a dedicated camper and grad.
It was a pleasure to see the two of you at LDBC alumni reunions
where we had enjoyable conversations and you participated as my
golf partner at LDBC golf outings.

May Warren rest in eternal peace.
Richard F. Clarke(Grad1960)

Richard Clarke - February 15, 2023 at 05:56 PM

RB

“ Dearest Corethia and family.

I will miss my friend and think of him often. He
was always a good compassionate giving
man and a joy to walk, talk and reminisce with
in the great outdoors and more that we .all enjoyed over the years.



Warren was loved by all and will truly be missed.

Love, Prayers & God Bless!
Richard, Anne & Damian Burdett

Richard W Burdett - February 15, 2023 at 03:26 PM

TS

“ My Darling Corethia, I am so sorry to hear of this loss. Warren was
an absolute joy. I am lifting you and your family in prayer.

Taqwaa F. Saleem - February 15, 2023 at 11:34 AM

JL

“ Corethia, our deepest sympathies to you and your families on Warren's passing. I was blessed to have shared 5 years of my young life with Warren at LDBC. May he rest in peace.
Jory & Judy Luchsinger LDBC Grad '61

Jory Luchsinger - February 14, 2023 at 07:52 PM

RJ

“ Dear Cousin Corethia

Anne and I share our condolences and prayers as Warren has transitioned. I did not know that he and I shared the birthdate of March 5. May God grant you peace and comfort . Rupert

Rupert A. Hall, Jr - February 14, 2023 at 05:13 PM

MC

“ Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to you Corethia and all of Warrens family and devoted friends and colleagues. We know he will be deeply missed by you Corethia, you two were a force field who so deeply loved and respected each other , always honoring each others pursuits and interests and supporting one another's growth! We will always remember Warrens genuine kindness and wanting us to feel comfortable and at home at your 4th of July bbq's . Thanks Warren for making sure we had a seat at the picnic table
❤️❤️ love and prayers, Scott and Marcye

Marcy and Scott Corizzi - February 14, 2023 at 02:24 PM

RY

“ Dear friend, my deepest condolences on the loss of your husband. I said a prayer for you this morning, was hoping to have seen you on the 22 - 24 in your special place, Orlando.... Hold those good memories close my dear. Wishes there was something meaningful and practical I could do from far away. Sending love. Ruby from Northern Canada

Ruby Lougheed Yawney - February 14, 2023 at 10:38 AM

DA

“ Corethia,
Sending you love. Will miss you two at church and getting together. Warren was such a lovely person. We surround you with prayers and hugs. ❤️

Diane T Ashley - February 14, 2023 at 10:01 AM

WP

“ Dear Corethia
Sending luv and prayers to you
May the memories of your Warren give you peace and warm your heart.
With Luv
Tony & Wendy Parker



wendy parker - February 14, 2023 at 08:05 AM

S-

Sorry about the loss of your dear beloved husband Warren.He was so gentle. Stay encouraged Corethia.

Shelley Dyke -Leach - February 14, 2023 at 03:03 PM

JC

*Corethia,
My deepest thoughts and prays go out to you at this time of loss. I will carry the memories of Warren together as a camper and on the LDAA board. I do hope you will continue to support LDBC and continue to visit during grads weekend. Joe Collins 1962*

J Collins - February 16, 2023 at 12:36 PM

DI

I'm Very sorry for your loss Corethia and to Warrens Family.I was at LDBC in the early 60's as captain of B company and my brother Major John Ingangi was a Tac at that time.I remember Warren was always easy going and a big gentle bear.May he rest in peace until we meet again. David Ingangi

David Ingangi - February 16, 2023 at 12:44 PM

RS

*Corethia,
Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Warren. LDBC has lost one of its finest. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Robert and Mary Stumpf*

Robert Stumpf - February 17, 2023 at 01:01 PM

FE

Warren was so much of each stage of my life for over 70 years. It's hard to put all he means to me into words. All I can think to say is, even though I am an only child, I feel I lost a brother when Warren died. Fred Ebbesen

Fred Ebbesen - February 17, 2023 at 08:47 PM

RH

Was sorry to hear of Warren's passing. We shared nine great summers together at LDBC. He will be missed by all who knew him. Richard Henseler grad. '62

Richard Henseler - February 18, 2023 at 10:11 AM

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