



## Walter Crawford Jr

September 13, 1929 - May 6, 2017

No obituary found for this tribute.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Crawford family,

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my uncle Walt. He was one of the most kind and gentle people I have ever met. I know you will miss him dearly.*

*I first met uncle Walt when my aunt Stella transported us, in our Halloween costumes, to say" trick or treat" at uncle Walt's back door. I was probably about 10. I do remember he was very surprised. I don't think we got any candy though...oh well.*

*Shortly after, Uncle Walt and Aunt Stella got married. It was a hot summer day and the reception was at the DuPont Country Club. I remember the view of the golf course very well.*

*I remember the bachelor party we had for Uncle Walt. We played pool at the local pool hall. He loved my enthusiasm and called me "Willie Hop." I think that was short for the great pool player Willie Hooper.*

*The next time I saw Uncle Walt he was standing in my living room with a set of his old golf clubs. He had heard that I was interested in learning to play golf and I did not have any clubs. I played a lot as a young man at Rock Manor Country Club. And, in my senior year of high school I wanted to go out for the golf team. The tryout was at DuPont Country Club. I was not a member. But, Uncle Walt found out and invited me to play with him. I still remember his gentle encouragement during our round...."you should do fine Stevie..."*

*Little did I know then, that his thoughtfulness that day, when he gave me his old clubs, would produce one of the most enduring and special gifts I would receive my entire life. You see, I have loved the game of golf my entire life. And, I am in my early 60's. I continue to play and enjoy the game. And, believe it or not, I still have those clubs Uncle Walt gave me.*

*It is said that eternal life is realized by your dreams and aspirations being passed down to your children. I know Uncle Walt and Aunt Stella did not have children. But, Uncle Walt's love for the game of golf that he gave to me has passed on to my two boys; both of them in their late 20's. They have a passion for the game. And, many family get togethers are focused on playing a round of golf.*

*I spoke to Uncle Walt several weeks ago and shared with him that I have two sons that are crazy about golf. I could not see him through the phone. But, I envisioned that a gentle smile came across his face when I told him.*

*I am sorry I could not be there today to celebrate Uncle Walt's life. I only hope that one day I will see him again and give him a big hug and thank him properly for the best gift I have ever received.*

*I love you Uncle Walt. Rest in peace.*

*Love,*

*Stephen A. Marusco  
aka "Willie Hop"*

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**Stephen A. Marusco** - June 06, 2017 at 02:41 PM