



Walter Leslie Russell Jr.

August 25, 1946 - July 25, 2025

Mr. Walter Leslie Russell Jr., age 78, of Anderson, South Carolina, formerly of Avon, NY, passed away on Friday, July 25, 2025.

Walter was born on August 25, 1946, in Franklin, Virginia, to the late Ruth and Walter Leslie Russell Sr.

In his free time, Walter enjoyed watching his favorite television show, CSI. In his younger years, he and his wife spent time traveling across the United States in their RV. They often wintered in Yuma, Arizona, enjoying time between Mexico, California, and Arizona. In addition to traveling, Walter was passionate about fitness and enjoyed lifting weights at the gym.

Walter is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Cheryl Russell; his children, Kristie Furguele (Pietro) and Kyle Russell (Jessica); and his grandchildren, Leonardo Furguele and Caroline Russell. He is also survived by his bonus children and grandchildren, who affectionately knew him as "Papa": Angela Purcell, Brian Purcell, and Kristen Purcell; and bonus grandchildren Cohen, Aspen, and Lynken Purcell, as well as Timothy and Aryonna Purcell. He is also survived by his brother, Ronnie Russell (Kathy).

In addition to his parents, Walter was preceded in death by his son, Chad Russell.

Graveside services for Mr. Russell will be held on September 4th at 3:00 PM at East Avon Cemetery on Lakeville Road. A gathering will follow at the Lavonia Center VFW.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 4. 3:00 PM.

East Avon Cemetery

East Avon Cemetery is located in Avon, NY on Lakeside Road.

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Happy Birthday Dad !
Love you
Miss you
Kyle L. Russell*

Kyle Russell - August 25, 2025 at 12:12 PM

LR

“ *He met my kids through two of his grandkids when they were little and he became another grandpa. They both have such respect for you too. Means a lot he will be missed.*

Lena ross - August 13, 2025 at 02:44 PM

GK

“ *What fun we had while we camped in Canandagua! We became great friends and had a lot in common. We will cherish our memories. Rest in peace dear friend. Love and prayers for you and Cheryl. Love. Cheryl and Glenn*



Glenn and Cheryl Klingenberg - August 01, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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“ my favorite memory is when Grrmama and Papa came down or when we went to go see them. Papa would always greet me by kisses, not just one but multiple and i always asked for more. He always knew what he wanted and usually got it. He was always full of joy and kindness. Missing someone when they pass is one hard thing, especially when they're family, only good thing is that he is no longer suffering and in a better place. he will be missed dearly and loved from far away and close. Grrmama is one strong woman and Papa was one very strong man and that's why they always worked, obviously other things too but what i do know is that they are both strong loving people. i will miss Grrmama bickering at Papa, i always loved watching them be together. you will be missed Papa.

aryonna - July 30, 2025 at 07:46 PM

KR

“ The Best Dad in the World!!
R.I.P You will be missed
Love you forever Dad
Kyle L. Russell

Kyle Russell - July 30, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JB

Don and I are so sorry for the loss of Walter! A wonderful fun loving person ! Love from the Butlers. To Walter and cheryl!we will always cherish the good memories!

Judy and Don Butler - July 30, 2025 at 10:18 PM

LW

So sorry you have lost your husband. Sending hugs and prayers. Take care

Lisa Mastin Ward - August 11, 2025 at 12:02 PM