



## Walter Wasko Jr.

May 28, 1937 - October 8, 2025

Walter Wasko Jr.

age 88, of Butternut, died on Wednesday October 8, 2025, at Marshfield Medical Center in Park Falls. He was born on May 28, 1937, in Butternut, the son of Walter Sr. and Genevieve (Palachowsky) Wasko. He was a graduate of the Butternut High School and later in life earned a degree in Fisheries and Biology from University of Wisconsin Superior. After graduating high school, he worked for a time in Chicago and then served his country in the United States Air Force before returning to Butternut. On December 30, 1978, he married Sharon Hoefflerle-Pohle in Butternut. Walter worked for the Wisconsin DNR until his retirement in 2000. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, the outdoors, woodworking, country music, and riding his Harley Davidson. He most of all enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Sharon of Butternut, (4)children: James Wasko of Superior, Roseann (Mike) Larson of Solon Springs, Lori (Nick) Danz of Solon Springs, and Dawn (Rick) Homan of Mosinee, (5)grandchildren: Mackenzie (Dr. Kobena) McCarthy-Waters, Emily Wasko, Arianna Homan, Tyson Homan, Lily Danz, and Oscar Danz, his great-grandson Ezekiel Waters, his sister Charlotte Richter of Butternut, and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Joan Wasko, and his brother-in-law Howard Richter.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Butternut on Friday October 17, 2025, at 11:00am. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara will officiate.

Interment will follow with Military Honors under the auspices of the Butternut American Legion Post.

A visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.  
[www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com](http://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Cecelia Catholic Cemetery

Butternut, WI 54514

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

## Funeral Mass

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ Paul S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Wasko Jr..

Paul S. - October 16, 2025 at 02:47 PM

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“ I have only met Wally a few times over the years but absolutely loved him. He was always very warm and funny and inviting. I loved hearing the stories of the farm and the shenanigans that would entail with his kids and grandkids visits. I'm truly sorry for his passing. He was a genuinely nice man. Hugs to all of his family.  
Amy Michelizzi

Amy Michelizzi - October 12, 2025 at 08:47 PM

DB

“ Sharon and family, so sorry to see this. Was great running into you both in Tomahawk. He's now with the Lord and no more suffering!  
Bless you and your family  
Deacon Dave and Ginny Bablick

Deacon Dave & Ginny Bablick - October 10, 2025 at 01:06 PM