

SERVICE FOR MIKE WALDMAN

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1993  
2:00 PM

DANZANSKY-GOLDBERG MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
1170 ROCKVILLE PIKE (COMING FROM DC, ON RIGHT, NEXT TO MARYLAND  
CRAB HOUSE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT)  
ROCKVILLE, MD

THEY KNOW YOU ARE UNLIKELY TO ATTEND. HOWEVER, IF YOU DO,  
THEY ASK YOU TO SIT IN ONE OF THE FIRST TWO ROWS. IF YOU WISH TO  
SPEAK, NEWSDAY BUREAU CHIEF GAYLORD SHAW SAYS HE WILL INTRODUCE  
YOU IN THE PART OF THE PROGRAM FEATURING STATEMENTS BY FORMER  
PRESIDENTS. (NOTE THAT THERE ARE ALREADY TEN SPEAKERS). DETAILS  
ATTACHED.

WIFE: JEAN  
SONS: MORRIS, DANIEL, LAWRENCE  
SISTER: ELAINE WALDMAN

*him I can see  
walking in now*

*Bow Tie - Surgeon - Best*

*Regale Staff -*

*Last Word*

*Reg. Room - Surgeon Co. Center*

*Interim -*

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Dear ---:

On behalf of the family and Newsday colleagues of Mike Waldman, I express sincere appreciation to you for agreeing to deliver remarks at Sunday's services.

The service begins at 2 p.m. at the Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapel, 1170 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. (As you travel northwest on the Pike, heading away from DC, the chapel is on the right. The easiest way to spot it is to look for the large sign of the Maryland Crab House Seafood Restaurant, which is next door.

Rabbi Reeve Brenner, who will conduct the service, said it will open with traditional readings, then move into the portion of the service where people have a chance to express themselves. Then he will conclude the ceremony with additional readings. As I understand the tradition, anyone is allowed to speak during the service. The family has specifically asked you to speak because you represent a significant aspect or period of Mike's life. The family suggests this sequence of speakers:

Elaine Waldman, Mike's sister.  
Pete Silberman, Mike's college roommate.  
Larry O'Rourke, who first knew Mike at Philly Bulletin.  
Jim Klurfeld, who worked with Mike for many years.  
Congressman Tom Downey.  
Helen Thomas, UPI White House correspondent.  
Pat Sloyan, Newsday correspondent and former bureau chief.  
Susan Milligan, New York Daily News.  
Statements of former Presidents and other national  
political leaders, read by Gaylord Shaw.  
Tony Marro, Newsday editor.

The two front rows of the auditorium's right hand section (as you face the front) are reserved for these speakers and their spouses or companions. These rows are directly across the aisle from where the family will be seated. Before the services begin, I will be positioned at these reserved rows to assist you. When it is your turn to deliver your remarks, please step forward from your seat to one of the two podiums. Please use the microphones -- the PA system extends into adjacent areas where any overflow of guests will be seated and also allows an audio recording to be made for the family. Thus, we ask that you identify yourself as you begin your remarks; it is not necessary that you close by introducing the speaker who follows you.



While your remarks can be as long or as short as you desire, a suggested appropriate length is three to five minutes. If you write it out in advance, one page of double-spaced typewriting usually equals one minute.

As for the tone: While funerals can be solemn and sober events, they also can be a time of warm fellowship and remembering. We hope this service achieves that tone and becomes one that Mike Waldman himself would have enjoyed attending -- one brimming with good stories and anecdotes that bring a chuckle and a cascade of friendly memories.

If you have questions, please call me at Newsday (202) 393-5630 or home (703) 860-0790. Again, on behalf of Mike's family and colleagues, thank you so much for helping in this effort to rekindle the joy which Mike brought to all of us.

Sincerely,

Gaylord Shaw

To friends and colleagues of Mike Waldman

Funeral services for Mike Waldman will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapels, 1170 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. There will be a viewing Thursday evening from 7 to 9 at Danzansky-Goldberg.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Holocaust Memorial or to a charity of your choice.

For those who had asked for biographical information:  
Myron S. (Mike) Waldman...age 61...Newsday's senior congressional correspondent...joined the newspaper in 1963 after working at Philadelphia Bulletin and Yonkers (NY) Herald Statesman.

Moved to Newsday's Washington bureau in 1967 after assignments as Albany correspondent and as Nassau County political and government writer...helped cover every presidential election since 1964.

Served as White House correspondent during parts of several administrations...was Newsday's lead reporter during the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment proceedings against Richard Nixon.

Graduate of New York University (B.A. in history) and University of Missouri (M.A. in journalism).

Married (wife's name Jean); three adult sons. Lived in Kensington, Md.

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## OBITUARIES

# Myron (Mike) Waldman, 61, Newsday Reporter

By Sidney C. Schaer

STAFF WRITER

Myron S. (Mike) Waldman, a Newsday reporter who roved the halls of Congress for the past quarter-century building a reputation for tireless skills and light-hearted generosity, died yesterday after a short illness. He was 61 and lived in Kensington, Md.

Mr. Waldman had entered Suburban Hospital in Bethesda on June 29, suffering from gall bladder problems. According to his wife, Jean, he subsequently developed pancreatitis. He died early yesterday morning, apparently of heart failure.

Short and stocky, with a mirthful smile above his bow ties, Mr. Waldman wrote a wide range of Washington political stories. He was perhaps proudest of a series of stories in 1986 when he was Newsday's White House correspondent.

At the time, President Ronald Reagan was planning a ceremonial visit to West Germany, a trip that included a stop at an obscure cemetery in Bitburg. By doggedly pursuing the story, Mr. Waldman helped disclose that the cemetery included the graves of former SS soldiers and that the president's original plans did not include visiting a concentration camp to honor the victims of Nazi Germany.

But Mr. Waldman was just as well recognized for his day-to-day coverage of Congress.

"I can't imagine life here on the Hill without Mike," said Larry Spinelli, an aide to Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.), whose friendship with Mr. Waldman dates back a decade to

when Spinelli worked for former House Judiciary Committee Chairman Peter Rodino of New Jersey.

"There are a lot of sad faces and tears over here today," Spinelli said. "The truth is he truly loved what he did, and that was infectious, and besides loving being a reporter, he also loved the Congress. . . . He was a warm, funny, wonderful human being and you couldn't help but like him."

To colleagues he was both a source of inspiration and humor. "Nobody could delight in a good story more than Mike, and no one could tell it better," said Newsday Editor Anthony Marro. "For 25 years he was the person we depended on most often to capture the sights and sounds of important events."

But he was just as beloved by competitors and even the people he covered.

"Mike set a standard of excellence for all Capitol Hill reporters, he was talented, he was original and he had

a great sense of humor," said Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas yesterday. "This good man from New York was a one-of-a-kind journalist."

"He would be the one guy in the room who wasn't afraid to ask the tough question,"

said former Rep. Thomas Downey, an Amityville Democrat.

Susan Milligan, White House correspondent for the New York Daily News, said it was Mr. Waldman who took her around to introduce her to the key congressional staffers whom she was first assigned to cover Capitol Hill.

"This is my competitor, please be nice to her and return all her phone calls," Milligan recalled Mr. Waldman saying. "He was truly the last of a

breed who seemed to care more about a story than his own career."

Mike Waldman grew up in the Bronx and at one time aspired to be an actor. In his 1991 autobiography, "Forgive Us Our Press Passes / The



Photo by Tim Murphy

Myron (Mike) Waldman

Memoirs of a Veteran Washington Reporter," Mr. Waldman wrote, "It was Rod Stelger, the actor, who convinced me to become a reporter" by demonstrating how a real actor would perform a speech from Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Mr. Waldman majored in history at New York University and graduated in 1964. He received a master's in journalism at the University of Missouri at Columbia, where he met his wife, and after Army service and brief stints at other papers he joined Newsday in 1969.

In the summer of 1964 he was assigned to camp in a hunting preserve near Great River in Islip. For six days Mr. Waldman sought to live by his wife in a suburban wilderness, although one editor secretly had a reporter check on his well-being each night, surreptitiously bringing him chocolate bars.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Jean, are three sons, Morris S., of Myersville, Md., Daniel B., of Gaithersburg, Md., and Lawrence E., at home; a sister, Elaine, of Manhattan; and one grandson.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Danzansky-Goldberg Funeral Home, Rockville, Md. Visiting will be Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, and the family will observe Shiva for three days after the funeral. Burial arrangements were incomplete. The family requested that contributions be made to the Holocaust Memorial in Washington or to a charity of the donor's choice.



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