

R. Walter (Walt) Rauch

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He and his wife then operated Rauch Detective Agency, Inc. for a number of years, before transitioning to a consulting company, Rauch & Company, Ltd., for defense-weapon and tactical training. Rauch & Company services included expert witness testimony on firearms use and tactics.

Walt was also a writer and lecturer in the firearms field. He was published over the years in national and international publications including Combat Handguns, Guns & Weapons for Law Enforcement and other Harris Publications specialty magazines; the Outdoor Groups' Handguns magazine and Guns & Ammo specialty magazines; POLICE AND SECURITY NEWS; Cibles (France); and Visier (Germany).

He was the author of a book on self-defense titled REAL-WORLD SURVIVAL! What Has Worked For Me, as well as PRACTICALLY SPEAKING: An Illustrated Guide to The Game, Guns and Gear of the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) with Real-World Applications.

Walt is survived by his wife of 44 years, Katherine, and two children from a previous marriage, Walter M. Rauch of Raleigh, NC and Dianne Rauch Benedict of Cincinnati, OH, along with a granddaughter, Kayleigh Benedict.

A celebration of his life will be held on September 3, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Moore, Snear & Ruggiero Funeral Home, 300 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428. The service will be webcast on Facebook.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Rifle Association Foundation, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 or visit the website at NRAfoundation.org to contribute on-line.

Walter has been living in Lafayette Hill, Pa since 1989, formerly of the Andorra section of Philadelphia, Pa.

He was a free lance writer & photographer for gun magazines and Fire Arms Instructor He was a former Secret Service Agent He was a member of F. & A. M. Lodge #126 of Philadelphia, and also a member of Lower Providence Gun Club