



# W.R. "Bob" Walker

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## **W.R. "Bob" Walker**

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**W**R. "Bob" Walker, 85, of Longview, passed away January 30, 2013. He was well known and beloved by many business associates, friends and family. Bob was born in Palestine, Texas on July 2, 1927.

He moved to Longview in 1965 and founded Delta Solvents and Chemical Company, whose home office was in Longview with branches in Dallas, Houston, and other cities in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Existing businesses include Delta Space, Inc. He served on numerous executive boards and was an active member of the community. Additionally, he was a founding member of the Longview Running Club and he continued to run races competitively for over 40 years.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Vern Walker, and son, Rob Walker, and four sisters and three brothers. He is survived by his daughter, Pam Walker of Round Rock, and son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Rita Frederick Walker of Longview. He leaves behind many loving friends and family to cherish happy times.

The family would like to express sincere thanks to Mary Butler and Sylvia Hawkins for the care and assistance they gave to Bob these past many months.

A visitation service will be held Friday, February 1, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A gathering of friends and family will be held at Turkey Creek Farm located on FM 2208 in Longview from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 2, 2013. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home, 1617 Judson Road, Longview, Texas, [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com), 903-753-3373.



## Tribute Wall

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**Rita** posted:

I lived in Longview in the 80's/90's. I was an avid runner at the time. Bob always hosted the running club at his farm. I've thought of his farm (and his refurbished train cars) from time to time. Bob was a wonderful man -and a good runner.

May 14 at 11:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We want to say how sorry we were to hear of your fathers passing. For the few years that we became part of your reunions we always felt welcome at his house. Bob was an extraordinary person and will be sorely missed by all. Sandy and I want to extend our condolences to you both and may you remember him as he was a strong and faithful father. Bill and Sandy Gilcoat

September 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Pam, we are very sorry to hear of your father's passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We are here to take care of things for you at home. No need to worry about a thing here. Love, Beth & Shawn

September 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Pam & Gary-- I have good memories of the early days when we formed Delta Solvents and I'll always be grateful to Bob for helping me understand the distribution business and giving me the opportunity to be successful. May God's Peace be with you. Art Adams

September 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Pam and Gary and extended family -- Uncle Bob was my most favorite uncle and he will be missed terribly. We know he is now with his brothers and sisters and our cousins, who left us too early. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. All our love, Janelle and Ray CA cousins

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**Anonymous** posted:

Bob Walker helped me and many other people along the way. He was a piece of work in some ways, but a true friend always. He never turned his back on a friend. We will miss him. Our condolences to family and friends of Bob Walker.##imported-begin##Bob and Vy Avent##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Me with many friends were sorry to hear of Mr. Walker's death. Robert Nipper, who went to be with the Lord a few months ago, would be sad to hear of our loss today. Robert was a long-time employee as myself, who started in 1968 with Delta. Mr. Walker was a very caring person. He was a unique, fun-loving guy, and I must agree with Daniel Weaver--they did break the mold. Condolences to the Gary, Pam and family. Nita Lindsay##imported-begin##Nita Lindsay##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear of Mr. Walker death. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sherry Boatman##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr. Walker's passing. I worked with him for several years at Delta Solvents and he was always very kind and generous to me and my family. He will be missed by many. RIP "Chief"##imported-begin##Jackie Albritton##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We were sad to hear the news of Bob's passing. When my job brought me to Longview in 1986 I met Bob at The Courtyard Fitness Center. He invited me into his running circle where I made friends that I still keep in touch with today. I even lived at Turkey Creek in the bunkhouse for awhile. He came to Maine to visit me 6 times after I left Longview. I will never forget his kindness to me. His nicknames for us were "Fast Eddy & Black Bread" Our sincerest condolences! Ed & Beverly Doughty##imported-begin##Edison Doughty##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Bob Walker was a dear friend and mentor. I am very grateful to have known him. I appreciated his great sense of humor and concern for his fellow man. Thank you for the memories, friend. They definitely broke the mold with Walker! He was a great man. Condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Daniel Weaver##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Pam and Gary, I am thinking of you today and sending my heartfelt condolences, love, and prayers. Love, Connie Johnson##imported-begin##Connie Johnson##imported-end##

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