



James Carl Walker

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After an imperishable bout with cancer, James Carl Walker 77, passed away at his home surrounded by family and friends in Lone Star, Texas on August 19, 2022. He was born in Kilgore, Texas on July 24, 1945, to George and Alice Walker. Growing up in the Cross Roads community, just outside of Kilgore, was the foundation of his family and many lifelong friends. In his childhood he was a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church and continued his faith until his passing as a member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Ore City, Texas. Mr. Walker graduated from Kilgore High School in 1965, married his first wife MaryAnn Morris and had a son Kirt, until he was drafted by the United States Army. He served as a Military Police Officer at Fort Hood Army post achieving Sharpshooter (Rifle), Marksman (Pistol) and the National Defense Service medals until he was honorably discharged in 1968. Mr. Walker and wife MaryAnn moved to Waco, Texas until graduating from Texas State Technical College, both with degrees in Dentistry as Dental Technicians when they moved to Shreveport, Louisiana in 1972. For the next five years James and MaryAnn worked for Crown Dental lab until moving to Tyler, Texas in 1976. Starting their own Dental Laboratory, they worked together until 1979 when they divorced and Mr. Walker moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas. Over the next year or so, Mr. Walker was blessed and married his second wife Beverly Barnwell and they spent the next 39 years together living in Longview, Texas and eventually settling in Lone Star, Texas. Over the course of those years, Mr. Walker started and operated a successful Dental Laboratory, Star Dental Lab, in Diana, Texas, servicing and supporting Dentists in the Northeast Texas area. He sold his business and was semi-retired but continued to work as an independent contractor providing services in the industries of Oil and Gas, Recycling, Commercial Mowing and for the State of Texas. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and true friend to all who knew him. Mr. Walker developed a reputation for giving and it was common to hear,



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“James Walker, oh he’s a great guy, if he knew you needed it, he’d give you the shirt off his back.” He had a passion and affinity for hunting and fishing and pursued this joy throughout his life while graciously sharing these skills to those who would listen. He had a sharp wit and always enjoyed lively conversation. Mr. Walker leaves behind his son, Kirt Morris (wife Morgan) and two grandchildren, Jackson (8) and Madeline (6) of Spring, Texas. He also leaves behind two sisters Sandy Roffe of Lone Star, Texas, and Pam Schutz (husband Michael) of Springdale, Arkansas, two brothers, Dwain Walker of Altus, Arkansas, and David Walker (wife Carol) of Marshall, Texas. He had many nieces and nephews with a more intimate fatherly relationship with Amanda Walker of Lone Star, Texas and Tonia Walker of Longview, Texas. We would like to acknowledge and give a very special thank you to the wonderful Hospice Nurses of Prime Care Hospice. The family is eternally grateful for your love and kindness during his last days and hours. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, with visitation beginning at 1:00 PM with the funeral following at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to donate to Prime Care Hospice in memory of James Walker.



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Cemetery Details

 **Hickory Grove Cemetery**
Kilgore TX



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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



August 23 at 8:11 AM



Candice Allmand posted:

So very sorry to learn of James' passing! I have fond memories of visiting my Uncle George and his family as a child when my mother would go "back home" to East Texas to visit family. James was always a gentleman and I remember his wonderful smile! Rest In Peace! Your cousin, Candy (Clark) Allmand

August 25 at 9:52 AM



Carolyn Roberts posted:

RIP JAMES CARL WALKER GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY

August 24 at 8:49 AM



Keith Norris posted:

James, is a long time friend, a good country boy from Crossroads/Monroe. Since I'm from the Danville community, we two ole country boys hit it off right away. What a gentleman with a Hollywood smile. I hope to meet up with you on the one side, James. God be with your family and friends. Keith Norris

August 23 at 9:05 AM



Sarah Harrison posted:

I was sad to hear of James' passing. Like James, I grew up in the Cross Roads community, attended Hickory Grove Baptist Church, and rode that same school bus that Don Kinsey mentioned in his comments; in fact, our families lived only about a mile apart. For Sandra, Dwain, David, Pam, and James' other family member that I have not met, I send my deepest sympathy. James was always fun to be around and enjoyed visiting with his old friends whenever we crossed paths again after all these years. Rest in Peace, James, from your old friend Sarah Jane Herrin Harrison.

August 23 at 5:48 AM



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DK

Don & Janell Kinsey posted:

Sandra, Dwain, David and Pam, I am so sorry to hear about James. My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of grief. I have so many memories of James and I during our growing up years. We used to walk to Kilgore and Roy Parks would drive by (15 mph) and we would jump on his truck (without him knowing it) and ride to town then jump off. One spring we were riding the bus and between James's and Sarah Herrins was a creek. It was raining really hard and the bridge over the creek was under water, so Joe Biggs our bus driver asked James and me to walk across the to see if it was still there. Being crazy as we were we did. Bridge was there and the bus made it across. I have so many memories. Love you brother. RIP DON and JANELL KINSEY

August 22 at 9:26 AM

MG

Melissa Goulden posted:

We are incredibly sad to hear about James Carl. He was a dear cousin and friend to my mom, Brenda, and I always appreciate how he stayed in contact with us after my mom's passing. You all are in our prayers! James, Melissa, Kendall, and Caleb Goulden

August 22 at 8:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Walker family.



August 22 at 6:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Walker family.



August 22 at 6:06 AM

CL

Cynthia Dianne Locke posted:

We were so sorry to hear of James passing. May God comfort each and everyone of you. In difficult times I find only beautiful memories from childhood time spent in Kilgore with the entire family. God Bless Cynthia Seay Locke and Shirley Seay

August 22 at 3:51 AM



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Troy Steelman posted:

I am so sorry to hear of James passing.I am glad I was I was able to see and talk to James recently when he came to Hickory Grove Baptist Church.I have never forgotten the good times we had in school.My prayers are with the family.Rest in peace James. Your friend Troy Steelman

August 21 at 3:49 PM



Media

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