



## James Christian "Chris" Walters

September 4, 1960 - March 25, 2020

James Christian (Chris) Walters of Longview passed away peacefully on March 25, 2020 at his residence after battling ALS for almost 2 years. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God helped support him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. Chris was 59 years old.

Chris was born in Santa Anna, California on September 4, 1960 to Lt. Colonel Roger D. Walters and Mary Ruth Zimmerman Walters. Chris's dad's military service took the family from California to South Carolina and many places in between and they arrived in Longview in 1978. Chris graduated from Spring Hill High School in 1978. He attended Stephen F. Austin University from 1978-1982 where he played baseball for the Lumberjacks and was president of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. Chris was a letterman for the Lumberjacks and maintained his letterman alumni status through the years. Chris graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. After working on a rig offshore and as a teacher at Pine Tree ISD, Chris started a career in finance in July of 1988 with Shearson Lehman Hutton. Chris would serve as a financial advisor in East Texas until his passing. Through his career, Chris developed a large and devoted clientele, and was serving as Senior Vice President at Wells Fargo Advisors in Longview at the time of his passing.

Chris married Linda Reynolds Powell in 1996 and immediately became Dad to Erik and Scott. Chris coached the boys on various teams and sports through the years. He enjoyed being with the boys and their friends and hanging out with them. If asked, Chris could always recall, in great detail, Erik and Scott's athletic accomplishments. One of the great joys of Chris's life was sitting on the bench serving as a coach on Scott's many baseball teams.

Chris was a member of First Baptist Church Longview, where he taught Sunday School, coached church basketball, and served on the Finance Committee. Late in life Chris purchased what became know as the CW Ranch where he spent most of his free time dabbling in the cattle business. Chris loved hanging out at the CW Ranch with family and friends. He was never in the cattle business for the money, but more to make sure that his cattle were always treated humanely and were given a good life. He was an animal lover, not just of cattle, but cats and dogs (which he and Linda accumulated in great quantity

from time to time).

The family would like to thank Dr. Kathleen Harris and all the nurses and care givers at Heart to Heart Hospice and EliteCare for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests any donations be made to Wounded Warriors, ASPCA Guardian, or Team Gleason Foundation (ALS research and assistance) which were some of the many groups Chris supported.

A celebration of life memorial will held at a later date with Tim Watson officiating.

Chris was always there for his family, friends, clients, and anyone who needed a helping hand. Chris will be missed by many.

Chris was preceded in death by his father, Roger Walters and is survived by his mother, Mary Ruth Walters; his wife, Linda; son, Erik Powell and wife, Natalie of Midland, TX, son, Scott Powell of Midland and fiancé, Shelby Otway; granddaughter, Olivia of Midland; sister, Amy Lardie and husband, Kevin of Clear Lake City; nephew and niece, Brendan and Brooke Lardie; sister, Pene Walters of Longview, nephew, Jace Smith, and brother-in-law, Steve Reynolds of Tyler.

# Comments

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“ Chris was a great man, friend and respected. YITBOS, Randy Mena

**Randy Mena** - June 09, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. I worked with him at Shearson Lehman and helped him with many mail outs to client! My fondest memory of Chris was during Administrative Assistance Day, I was out for maternity leave. I had a delivery of flowers sent to me by Chris thanking me for helping him! He was always such a thoughtful man!

He will be missed by many. Your family is in my prayers.

Lana Turner

**Lana Turner** - May 13, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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“ Chris will be missed dearly , I will hold Linda in my prayers. I enjoyed sitting with him in final days. He always would joke about how Crazy people were being and he loved fishing and hunting better than the news. My heart breaks I never said bye.

**Crystal** - May 06, 2020 at 04:20 PM

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“ Chris was a very dear family friend. He was always funny, comical and just a precious dear person and we all loved and adored him. He will be very deeply missed. My sincerest thoughts go out to you Linda and the family. May God bless you with comfort and peace.

Tammy & Jimmy White

**Tammy White** - April 23, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ This comes as a shock, as I did not know Cris was ill. When Cris was a Pine Tree teacher, I got to know him.. He was always so positive and caring and such an outstanding person. Our prayers are with the family in this great loss May God be close to you in the days to come.

Patrick and 'holley' Noon .

Patrick Noon - April 22, 2020 at 11:04 AM

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“ I am so devastated to hear about Chris. I can't believe it. He was a wonderful neighbor, but an even greater friend. He was so good to my son. When someone is good to your child you know they are a special person. He was a mess, a really wonderful mess, but he was funny and always made you laugh! He was also very kind and understanding. There are not many people in this world like Chris. He will be missed by so many. I love you Linda, and your sweet and kind boys. God Bless you all!

Annette Knight - April 20, 2020 at 09:49 AM

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“ So sad to hear about his passing. Praying for his entire family that I know and care about so much. You will remain in my thoughts and if I can do anything for you, please let me know.  
Sheryl Kidd 903-235-6123

Sheryl Kidd - April 19, 2020 at 03:20 PM

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“ Great guy ! Sorry for your loss . The Graves family

adam graves - April 19, 2020 at 02:53 PM

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“ Rest in peace Chris.

Any Gay - April 19, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ Chris was a “larger than life” presence; and trusted family friends or over 30 years. Only guy we knew with a “ Running From The Bulls” jersey in his office. He will be greatly missed; but fondly remembered. Rest In Peace, Christian Walters! Deacon Scott and Cathy Daniel

**Scott Daniel** - April 19, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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“ Linda I was so sorry to hear. Chris was a good guy and a blessing to know. Prayers to you and your family in your loss.  
Mark Dulweber

**Mark Dulweber** - April 18, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Linda I am so sorry for your loss. Chris was a good man.  
Prayers for you and your family

**Ann Reeves** - April 21, 2020 at 06:49 PM

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“ Chris was a wonderful friend, agent and backyard neighbor. He went to school with my late husband Tim and they were both good friends. I think they are heaven right now telling tales. Chris you will be very missed.

**Lori Ellison** - April 18, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ I met Chris and his mother several years back. He loved his mom and she adored him. We spoke often spiritually about life as we cared for his mom. Sending so many prayers to his wife and boys. He was a great man with a heart of gold especially when it came to his family.

**stacy duncan** - April 18, 2020 at 03:28 PM

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“ My condolences goes out to the Walter's family...I graduated spring hill high with chris I sure he will be missed by all of his classmates.....R.I.P CHRIS WALTERS

**Sharon wildt** - April 18, 2020 at 01:58 PM

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“ My prayers for Chris' family!

**Linda Morrow** - April 18, 2020 at 01:11 PM

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“ Devastated to just find out about this. I worked with Chris at Pine Tree years ago when he was a science teacher there. One of the finest friends and best individuals that I have ever known. Rest in peace my friend.

**Ronnie Humphries** - April 18, 2020 at 10:21 AM

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“ Linda, Henry and I are heart broken for you and the boys. Chris was always fun to talk to and be with. He was a gift to this world and you both were the beautiful couple. I remember when you started dating and then were to be married. Bless you as you go forward. Henry had been so saddened to know Chris had this disease. Know we love you and think of you often. Love and our prayers will be going for you.  
Jo Salmon

**Jo Salmon** - April 18, 2020 at 08:50 AM

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“ My heart breaks. “Mr. Walters” as we called him was one of the most compassionate and funnest teachers we had. Always making class fun and always had a smile on his face. Then seeing him from time to time through the years still always smiling and would always take the time to visit. He will truly be missed. My prayers are with his family



**jennifer gage** - April 18, 2020 at 07:54 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Christian "Chris" Walters.



April 17, 2020 at 02:58 PM

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“ Brendan Lardie lit a candle in memory of James Christian "Chris" Walters



**Brendan Lardie** - April 17, 2020 at 02:08 PM

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“ Kevin Lardie lit a candle in memory of James Christian "Chris" Walters



**Kevin Lardie** - April 17, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ YITBOS

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“ My favorite memories with our big brother was "soccer bopping" when our parents would go out. It was a pillow punching game, that Chris invented (along with the rules), and always made Pene and I do. I think he just liked watching us hit each other with pillows. He was always the best baby sitter and referee! He also convinced us that there were goblins living in the air vents! We always ran very quickly by all the air vents. Leave it to Chris!

**Amy Lardie** - April 17, 2020 at 02:00 PM

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“ Brooke Lardie lit a candle in memory of James Christian "Chris" Walters



**Brooke Lardie** - April 17, 2020 at 01:47 PM

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“ Pene Walters lit a candle in memory of James Christian "Chris" Walters



**Pene Walters** - April 17, 2020 at 01:25 PM

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“ Amy Lardie lit a candle in memory of James Christian "Chris" Walters



**Amy Lardie** - April 17, 2020 at 01:01 PM