



George Whittit Walker, III

May 12, 1949 - January 7, 2023

George W. Walker III, age 73, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2023, surrounded by family. George is survived by Darcel, his loving wife of 51 years, his sons Brad (Diane) Walker, Bryan Walker, and daughter Stacey (Anthony) McDonald. Proud grandpa/papa of Cameron, Dylan, Aidan, Kalin, Jayden, and Devin. George is further survived by his brother Paul (Cindy) Walker and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

George was born on May 12, 1949, in Detroit, MI to the late George and Elaine Walker Jr. George graduated from Eastern Michigan University and started his career at Ford Motor Company in 1972. He met several longtime friends during this time and retired from Ford Wixom Assembly Plant after 31 years of service.

After retirement, George and Dar split their time between Caseville, MI and Jacksonville, AL. Enjoying school activities, games, and significant events of their six grandsons together was important. Spending family time on fun beach vacations or at the cottage was always a priority. George enjoyed playing his classic rock music loud. Good times were had at Friday night happy hours relaxing with friends and family.

George loved reading books, was a believer in Jesus Christ often reading the Bible, in fact he wrote a book of his own, Role Players –The Unknown

Fraternity in Major League Baseball, and a children's book. George had no shortage of friends wherever he was at and never met a stranger. He had Caseville friends, Alabama friends, work friends, college buddies and friends all over the metro Detroit Area. Those who were close to him knew him to be a "classic" and one of a kind. He could spark up a conversation with anyone and they instantly took a liking to him. George was warm and affectionate; he would often give the best bear hugs. He was loved by many especially his family and will be dearly missed.

Please share a memory or funny story to the online Guestbook. Donations can be sent to St. Jude Children Hospital or Vietnam Veterans of America in memory of George W. Walker III.

Memorial visitation February 11, 2023, at Wasik Funeral Home located at 49150 Schoenherr Rd Shelby Twp, MI 48315 from 9:30am- 12pm with service at 11:00am. Luncheon to follow at Italian American Cultural Society and Banquet Center 43843 Romeo Plank Rd #1, Clinton Twp, MI 48038.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ 7 files added to the album *George & his family June 2019*



Nancy Eichberger - February 11, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JE

“ My parents (Rick and Nancy) spent many weekends hanging out with the Walkers when I was young and I was along for the ride. We spent a lot of summers boating on Lake St. Claire or hanging out in the Walkers basement playing pool or at the Rose Bowl. I remember being happy anytime George and Darcel were around. They always made me feel welcome, made sure I was having fun, and Dar would always make something good to snack on. I always looked forward to hanging out with the Walkers and looking back on it, I always had a good time. I looked up to George (literally). He was like family to me and the coolest guy I know. That’s still true to this day.

If you want to measure the impact someone has had on your life, think about how they make you feel when you think about them. Every time I think about George I smile. To me, that speaks volumes about what kind of person George is. He is a friend, a father figure, and truest a gentle hearted man. So when you think about George, remember to smile. I think George would have wanted it that way.

God Bless You “Uncle” George and rest easy.

Jay Eichberger - February 10, 2023 at 01:48 PM

JE

Autocorrect got me...

Jay Eichberger - February 10, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of George Whittit Walker, III.



February 10, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ 383 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - February 09, 2023 at 09:24 AM

JM

“ *George is my brother in law Brad's dad. We had the privilege of getting to know him and Darcel through the years. At kids birthday parties, graduation party for Cameron and many other times. He was always warm and friendly and gave great bear hugs. I know he will be dearly missed by his family and I extend our heartfelt condolences, love and prayers to all of you. Love, Jennifer TIm and Danny Miller*

Jennifer Miller - February 07, 2023 at 02:57 PM

BS

“ I met George at Eastern Michigan University in 1968. Actually I was at the party when he met his life partner and wife Darcell.

We played sports together (basketball) and were roommates and friends for many years. He was a great guy that got along with all.

He actually helped me at 5 am in Ypsilanti to collect river and lake larvae to help me with my environmental science class. We talked about that for many years as a great memory.

Also we always spoke about our very tough basketball games at Eastern Michigan. So many great memories that will last with me forever.

Rest in Peace George

Bob Sautter

Bob Sautter - January 30, 2023 at 10:00 PM

CS

“ George was the guy who stole my college roommate Darcel from me (and he stole her heart as well). I will always fondly remember George and his crazy fun group of friends. I knew Darcel was a perfect fit for that fun group of people and especially for George. He may have been a foot taller than her, but she had him in the palm of her hand! I couldn't have been happier when they tied the knot back in the 70's. That was a great celebration! What a wonderful husband and father George turned out to be. We all grew apart when I moved away for work, but we kept in touch early on with long distance calls, Christmas cards and later in life through Face Book. I only wish we had gotten our families together more. And thank you George for expanding my listening taste in college to include Jethro Tull at full blast! RIP my old friend and hugs to Darcel and your whole family.

Connie Friese Slivensky - January 27, 2023 at 01:25 PM

JK

“ I met George at a Tiger alumni meeting with Kevin Collins. We went to lunch afterwards with a group over to Nemos where just did an interview with me for his book. I found out that both h

Jeffrey Kaiser - January 25, 2023 at 01:05 PM

JK

Finishing up, he and Kevin had places in caseville where I had just started spending summers. Needless to say, we became great friends and the first 2 people I would check in with would be George and Kevin. I remember meeting Darcel for the first time and she couldn't have been more polite and accepting!! I will miss George and all our talks about life and especially his grandchildren. RIP my friend!! Love, Kais.

Jeffrey Kaiser - January 25, 2023 at 01:11 PM

George loved people. He was a devoted, dedicated father. His kids meant the world to him, and he'd do anything for them. He adored his wife, his soul-mate Darcel. She was his heart, his world. He treasured his grandchildren and was very proud of all of them. He was a loyal and dear friend. George was a gifted writer who authored 2 books. He was a philosopher who kept an open mind to all the possibilities of the universe. He was a forward thinker. He was a home scientist who experimented with fermentation, especially the art of making wine. He attracted friends everywhere he went. He would easily strike up conversations with complete strangers. George judged people by the content of their character and by their soul. He was a devout Christian who loved Jesus and lived according to Christian doctrine. George respected all life, all people. He was the finest friend a person could have. I am honored to have him as a friend. And I thank the Lord for letting our path's cross in our life's journey. George brought joy to every gathering. We called him, "The Big Guy", not just because he was very tall, but because he had the biggest heart. He would literally give you the shirt off his back. He thought of other people's needs before his own. He was extremely compassionate, humble, truthful and very intelligent ... and in all sense of the word.... George WAS The Big Guy.

I first met George and Dar in the early 70's, through my husband Rick, who met George while attending Eastern Univ. They became life-long best friends. Brad was just weeks old when I first met the Walker family. George and Rick had a lot of funny stories to share about college days with Elmer, Dean, Kim, Bob S., Ed S. and others. A few yrs. later Rick and I moved to SCS and bought an 18 ft. bow rider boat. We'd take the Walkers & friends out for rides. Years later, George often recalled fond memories of stopping at the Frost shop, picking up subs & supplies then going out on the boat. Since the boat was small, we had to evenly distribute the weight,

consequently, George always got the bow seat. Which was usually dry, unless Rick went too close to a freighter and the surge would drive water over the bow where George was. George would jump up in a panic and we'd yell, "turn on the bilge pump" and start laughing. George was always a good sport.

We spent many weekends up at their Caseville cottage. First at Mrs. Schroeder's (Aunt) then later when Ron and Moe bought their place. We have priceless memories of socializing with Lynn & Chuck, Bruce & Nancy and visiting Aunt Aude & Uncle Eddie. Seeing Kevin pull up in his golf cart and talking about baseball during our morning coffee hour on the porch. I want to thank Darcel for those memories. For making that possible. She was always working, cooking, shopping, making sure everyone was taken care of. That must have been exhausting. Thank you, Dar.

For 15 yrs., the guys would make their annual trek to Elmer's cottage for the Elk Festival. George, Don, Elmer, Rick, Bryan D., Duane, Bob and others would go. George always looked forward to this. Us 'women folk' would hear about their crazy adventures afterwards and wonder how they all got back in one piece. Like in the winter snow, holding on to the bumper of a speeding car while riding on a sled and getting a finger stuck.

We used to meet George & Dar (and a big group of their friends) at a bowling alley on Friday nights, Walker kids were in a league. Afterwards we'd go to his house in Roseville & order a pizza. Jay wasn't in the league and George always paid special attention to Jay. He'd give him quarters to play games on the machines while his kids bowled.

Nancy Eichberger - January 23, 2023 at 11:49 AM

BS

Very well said Nancy, a great guy that will be sorely missed. Bob Sautter

Bob Sautter - January 30, 2023 at 09:49 PM

Often, we'd all trek out to Elmer's house and spend the day there. Elmer would cook up something on his wood burning stove and drive his tractor around. One time, Elmer had a bunch of guys on his tractor. Drove it to the nearby town to pick up supplies.....

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On the way back, he cut a sharp corner, George tumbled off, did a cartwheel while holding his red plastic cup, and proudly exclaimed that he didn't spill a drop! Tons of laughter on that one. Our kids loved playing together, and the adults would catch up on current events. Lots of good memories.

George treated his friends like family. George & Dar traveled all the way to New Jersey for my son's wedding 11 yrs ago. We were elated that they joined us. George was very happy b/c the priest blessed a cross and gave it to him which he treasured. Years later when we were visiting in Caseville, George pulled out the cross, told us the story and proudly showed it to us.

The last time Rick and I got together with the Walkers was at the Boat Races in St. Clair, at the end of July 2022. Bryan's work co. had their own area in the park, and he made sure his dad had a big comfortable chair. At that time George had lost a lot of weight and I think we all sensed something was very wrong. That day we were a quiet group. Even though George was not feeling his usual self, he made jokes and tried to keep things light. George didn't want anyone to worry about him. He never wanted to bother anyone with his problems. George and Dar left for Alabama soon afterwards.

I have never known anyone like George. His love of life. His respect of all people. His gift of easy gab. His belief in all things possible. His love for our Lord. His dedication to his family and friends. The joy he always carried with him. He truly was, "The Big Guy" in heart

and soul. I am honored to have known George, to call him my best friend. He was a brilliant star on life's stage. Your too early departure has left a giant hole in our lives and we all miss you terribly, my friend. I suspect you and Kevin are cruising around on a golf cart in a better place, free of pain and suffering and watching over your loved ones, still protecting them as you did here on earth.

I will see you again brother, on the flip side. Meanwhile.... I'm looking for pennies, feathers and cardinals. Until we meet again.

*Love for eternity,
Nan*

Nancy Eichberger - January 23, 2023 at 11:49 AM

JE

What a beautiful tribute. I loved reading your stories.

Jennifer - February 07, 2023 at 05:25 PM

DW

“ 4 files added to the album *George & his family June 2019*



Diane Walker - January 22, 2023 at 03:38 PM

DM

“ George was the most considerate person I've ever known.

He was a great husband, father and my good friend.

When George said something he meant it. He was a stand-up guy who did what he said.

I've known George for over 50 years and attended his marriage ceremony to Dar just a few weeks after my own wedding.

Like George, Dar is very considerate and is like a sister to my wife Laura.

We loved having them visit us in Clearwater, Florida. George loved the beach and we had great fun each time he and Dar came down.

I miss George a lot but am comforted by the thought that he is in a good place.

Rest easy Pal.

See you again one day.

Your friends,

Duane, Laura and Phil Mertz

Duane Mertz - January 21, 2023 at 09:49 AM

NE

“ A few words on the passing of my dear friend.

We can unquestionably characterize George as a family man first and foremost. He was proud of his children and grandchildren and Darcel was the love of his life.

I have known him for over 50 years, and over that time he would become my closest friend. I loved him like a brother. There were no subjects that were off limits for discussion, no matter how personal. Underlying all we know and love about George were his kindness, compassion, empathy, gentleness and great sense of humor. His passing will leave a void in our lives, but by summoning him in our memories he remains with us. The happy memories are too numerous to mention here.

May God receive and safeguard his soul. May God grant his peace, which surpasses all human understanding, to George and to all who knew and loved him.

*With deepest sympathy,
Rick Eichberger*

Nancy Eichberger - January 20, 2023 at 07:39 PM

MG

“ Oh my winemaking endeavors to our golf outings were fun was more important than score and the trip down to the city to see the Stanley Cup. In George's famous line oh for god sake's. Rest in peace my frienMike Guzik

Michael Guzik - January 20, 2023 at 01:27 PM

PW

“ Five years separated us and that was a big gap when we were younger. Like all big brothers do, George would taunt and tease me. Also flick me upside the head LOL. Well one day I grabbed his arm before he did it. I said "you're not doing this anymore so get used to it"..George always would remind me of that day and...so we were not only brothers but we were best friends and always had each other's back. That 59 Merc Doug Holmes talked about got turned over to me after he and Dar got married. It was our grandmother Walker's. It was a "classic" like George.

Paul Coulton Walker

Paul Walker - January 19, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Whittit Walker, III.



January 19, 2023 at 09:57 AM

DH

“ Some fun memories we have of George were from the summer of 1971. Every time we were together, George would always talk about the time he came to visit Dar at our house in St. Clair Shores, and he was going to spend the night. How either of us fit in the tiny twin beds in the bedroom Bruce and I shared in our boyhood room, I don't know. But George would go “so I come into the bedroom to get in bed, and, Doug - you're laying in bed with an ashtray on your chest smoking a cigarette and I say “you're smoking a cigarette? Kool” (pun intended). That same weekend George let's me borrow the car he drove over - a 1957 (?) Mercury with the big fins - to go over to Pat's. So in my infinite wisdom (stupidity really), I told her I bought a car for \$50 and I was coming over. Little did I know I would be met at the curb by not only Pat, but her father and grandfather. I just went along with the lie as they circled the car saying “wow, that's in good shape” as I numbly nodded. The night he passed, Pat & I both thought that, finally, all of the questions George asked and wondered about - and there were thousands over the years - were all answered for him. George was a hardworking, honest, fun loving and sincere man who we're proud to say was our brother-in-law. God speed, George!

Doug & Pat Holmes - January 18, 2023 at 06:31 PM