



Robert Lee Walker

August 26, 1935 - December 31, 2023

Robert Lee "Bob" Walker went home to the Lord in the early hours of Sunday, December 31, 2023. He was born on the 26th of August 1935, to his parents Fred and Helen Walker. Bob was the fourth-born of six children. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister: Exie; and brothers: Major, Richard, and Rick.

Bob is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ellen; of sixty-eight (68) years; his brother: Dan (Jackie Walker); his four (4) children: Lynn (Ron Chin), Bobby (Penny Walker), Cindy, (David Martin), and Joe; ten grandkids: Nicholas, Josh, Emily, Katie, Caleb, Luke, Jacob, Colin, Olivia, and Dylan; and thirteen great-grandkids: Jonas, Ellery, Raegan, Brayden, Kendall, Kenzlie, Kolton, Ezra, Emmett, Lincoln, Ella, Clara, and Hallie.

Bob lived a life only appropriately described as the American Dream. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in February 1954, valiantly devoting his life for the cause of freedom. In April 1955, he delivered his vows and married the love of his life, Ellen. Following his honorable discharge from the USAF, he returned to work in the private sector, being employed by Union Carbide where he would remain until his retirement. After Bob retired, he remained active around the household and was invested in the lives of each of his kids, grandkids, and later on, his great-grandkids.

Bob was an individual gifted with a wise mind. He was always someone you could call on in a time of great difficulty. He was dependable, strong-willed, and always seemed to have the answer for anything troubling your mind. He was an open-ear to troubles with your job, doubts in your Faith, or any other issue that was troubling your peace of mind.

Bob loved to tell stories of his youth. He would tell his family stories of how he met his dearest wife, Ellen; his time in the U.S. Air Force, where he worked on aircraft systems, specifically the autopilot-and would regularly perform compass swings; and other stories about how he and his friends entertained themselves growing up.

Bob devoted his life to the Lord, making that a foundational pillar of his household- something each of his four kids carried on to his/her respective household. He loved the Lord with unwavering strength, and he used his knowledge of the word to bring others closer to the gospel. At the time of his passing, he was a member of Gateway Christian Church in Teays Valley, W.Va.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 states, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

While we find it a challenge to say goodbye, we know the goodbye is only temporary. The promise of eternal life is the promise of meeting again. When our respective time comes, Bob will be waiting at the Gates of Heaven to give each of us his signature embrace of love.

We love you, Bob, Dad, Grandad.

Funeral Service for Bob will be 7:00 pm Thursday January 4, 2024 at

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Pastor Dave McCormick officiating.

Friends may visit with the family 2 hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Graveside Service for Bob will be 10:00 am Friday January 5, 2024 at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, 130 Academy Dr., Dunbar, WV 25064, with Military honors.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Bob's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to handle the Walker family arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Graveside Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery
130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Tribute Wall

JB

“ No greater gift did GOD put on earth than Bob and Ellen. They were the driving force early in my life towards my savior. Ellen I remember Bob's talks and fun times at the basketball hoop.. May GOD keep you strong. Always thinking of you. Jim & Gloria Byrnside

James E Byrnside - January 04, 2024 at 11:05 PM

CM

Thank you!

Cindy Walker Martin - January 07, 2024 at 09:12 PM

RD

“ Rodney D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Walker.

Rodney D. - January 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Robert Lee Walker, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Air Force Veteran, Robert Lee Walker, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 04, 2024 at 03:47 PM

CI

Thank you so much for your kind and thoughtful comments. My Dad was so honored to serve our great country.

Cindy - January 20, 2024 at 01:19 AM

EW

It has been a little over 7 months since I lost Bob. I never imagined the pain and loneliness I would feel. Jimmy I remember you as a young man playing basketball with Bob. I am so glad we were Christian influence on your life. It's so good to learn that. Thank you so much for sharing this. Now I have to go on alone- with God's help. 🙏

Ellen Walker - August 16, 2024 at 09:20 PM

SH

“ I always enjoyed spending time with Bob and Ellen, and my deepest condolences go out to Ellen and the family. May Bob’s memory be a blessing in your time of grief.

Sarah Holland - January 04, 2024 at 02:52 PM

LF

“ Love, Ernie & Sherry Hedrick and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Lee Walker.



Love, Ernie & Sherry Hedrick and family - January 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM

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Love, Ernie & Sherry Hedrick and family - January 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Walker.



January 03, 2024 at 07:09 PM

DE

“ He was a great friend of mine at Gateway.

David Edens - January 03, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Walker.



January 03, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Walker.



January 02, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ I had the honor of knowing “Grandad” through my friendship with his grandchildren, Caleb, Luke, & Katie and their parents Cindy (his daughter) & Dave Martin.

After coming around for quite some time, I remember calling Bob “Grandad” during a conversation as if I were one of his own. It seemed natural to do that because he had always treated me as such. He smiled ear to ear and I will never forget that. I don’t believe I ever called him by his name and I wouldn’t be able to bring myself to do that now. Grandad, you will be missed greatly by so many.

Karen Shea - January 02, 2024 at 10:01 PM

BP

“ Praying for you Ellen and your family.
Bob was a true friend and spiritual leader in my
life. My family is Blessed
to have had Bob, you and your children in our
lives. Bob has only journeyed ahead, when our
work
here is done we will see him again in Heaven 🙏🙏🙏



Bill & Diana Pauley - January 02, 2024 at 09:21 PM