



Paul E. Walker

September 23, 1924 - April 5, 2014

Walker, Paul Emerson - age 89, died at his home on Saturday, April 5th, 2014, surrounded by family and "his" dogs, after a spirited battle with declining health over the last two years. Born September 23, 1924 in Morristown, TN, to Carl Emerson and Birdie Dalton Walker, Paul attended and graduated from Morristown High School in 1943 and immediately joined the United States Army, serving with the 1251st combat engineers. He soon found himself on a Liberty Ship headed to England, participated in the Battle of the Bulge and spent two years in Germany after the end of the war. He attained the rank of Major while in Germany. He was called back to service during the Korean Conflict and joined the Tennessee National guard at the end of the conflict, serving until January of 1964. Paul was an Atomic Veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who participated in atmospheric nuclear weapons tests in under the code name Desert Rock, at the Nevada Proving Grounds. Upon returning from Europe in 1946 Paul met the love of his life Mary Francis Owens. Paul and Mary Francis were married in Bell Buckle, TN on August 30th, 1947. After, the Korean conflict Paul and Mary Francis moved to Knoxville, where Paul graduated from The University of Tennessee with a degree in engineering. After graduation, Paul worked for what is now known as Exxon, living in Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville until retiring in 1986. Paul was a faithful member of the Central Baptist Church of Bearden where he served as a deacon, serving as Chairman of the Deacons on several occasions and taught his men's Sunday School Class for several decades. Paul was especially proud of his service on the Board of Trustees at The East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, serving on a number of committees and a term as the Chairman of the Board. However, his greatest treasure was his family. He leaves behind his son, Robert (Bobby) Owen Walker and his daughter Paulette Walker Chandler (Roger, whom he considered like a second son). He was very proud of his grandchildren and took great joy in their accomplishments from their first few steps as toddlers to their successes in athletics, school and in life in general. He left with great expectations of a happy life for his grandchildren, Ryan Andrew Walker (Kandi), Amy Paulette Chandler (Aaron Fraley), Matthew Paul Walker (Kasi), and Preston Karl Chandler (Melanie). However, the real jewels in his life were his great grandchildren, Keira Jade Walker, Piper Rose Walker, Ella Ruth Fraley, and Emerson Cole Walker, who could light up his smile and raise his spirits

by just entering his presence. His wish was for a better world for them and that they come to know his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Paul was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Mary Francis Walker, his cherished infant sister, Jewel and by a beloved brother Roy Q. Walker as well as his parents, Carl and Birdie Walker. In addition to his family Paul leaves behind some special people in his life; Joy Lee Walker Smith (whom he still considered a sister after the death of his brother Roy) and special friends Charlie Rosenfelder, Benny Jones, Hank Greer, Luther Cole, and S.J. Claiborne. Services will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 8th at Central Baptist Church of Bearden with Dr. Larry Fields and Dr. Bill Bruster officiating. The family will receive friends following service. Friends and family will then gather at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for a processional to Edgewood Cemetery for an 11:00 graveside service. Memorial contributions can be made to the Gideons or to Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Henry Childs Fund, 6300 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the staff at Ben Atchley Veterans Home for the loving care they gave to Paul and to all the many friends who faithfully showed their love and support. Arrangements by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.rosemortuary.com<<http://www.rosemortuary.com>>

Events

APR **Funeral** 05:30PM

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Central Baptist Church of Bearden
6300 Deane Hill Dr., Knoxville, TN, US

APR **Visitation** 06:30PM - 08:00PM

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APR **Interment** 10:30AM

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Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel
6200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US

Comments



“ Your loved one has fallen asleep in death, the last enemy of mankind, but God almighty promises a resurrection hope. (1 Tess 4: 14) (John 5:28,29) What a comfort to know that you will see your love one again.

Judy Thorpe - May 04, 2014 at 03:50 PM



“ My husband and I knew Mr Walker from Baptist Hospital. He was always pleasant and nice to work with. I know he had a true dedication and served the Baptist Hospital well on the Board... He had a genuine smile and was jovial and friendly to all... from the nurses and doctors to the volunteers and housekeepers, he seemed to respect each one for their role in keeping that big ole' hospital rolling along... Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Kind regards, in Jesus' name, Andra and Denis Parker

Andra Parker - April 08, 2014 at 09:03 PM



“ John and I always liked Paul and send my sincere condolences to his family. Mary Beeson Mary wanted this sent for her.

Jean Whittaker - April 08, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“ Paul was a fine Christian man that Simmie and I really enjoyed knowing. He was always a delight to be with. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in their loss.
Jean Whittaker

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Jean Whittaker - April 08, 2014 at 04:06 PM



“ Paulette, I am so sorry about the loss of your Dad. My prayers for the entire Walker and Chandler families during this sad time. Thank you for sharing your memories of him with those of us who did not have the privilege of knowing him personally.
Suzanne McCarter

Suzanne McCarter - April 08, 2014 at 04:01 PM



“ Paulette and Bobby, Our whole family is thinking of you at this sad time. Paul was a wonderful man. Betty McDaris

Betty McDaris - April 08, 2014 at 01:49 PM



“ I did not know Mr Walker for very long, having just met him when my father became a resident at the Ben Atchley Veterans Home. What a great smile he had! I will always remember him sitting with Gene and Luther ... I called it the "power table." Those 3 sure had great stories!. I am very sorry for your loss, and please know that alot of others share that loss with you. Amy Ayers

Amy Ayers - April 08, 2014 at 12:52 PM



“ Dear Paulette and Bobby,
Our family has lost a dear friend. So many memories. I'm sure he and Harold are already swapping stories. Paul is with his dear Fran. We weep with you but there's joy in the morning. Sending love and prayers, Virginia Rosser

Virginia rosser - April 07, 2014 at 06:36 PM



“ We were very sorry to read of the passing of Paul Walker. Our deepest condolences to all his family. He was a wonderful guy.

Hix and Mary Slagle, Knoxville - April 07, 2014 at 04:32 PM