



John R. Walker

September 22, 1940 - December 15, 2021

John R. Walker, a respected and longtime local builder, passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at the age of 81. He was a 1958 graduate of Greeneville High School where he was a member of the GHS Baseball team. After serving in the Army Reserve, he married his high school sweetheart, Shirley, to whom he was married and devoted to for 60 years.

John, along with his working partner, Joe Lynch, constructed and renovated homes throughout the community over the course of a career that spanned 55 years. Known for his honesty, diligence, thoughtful approach to construction challenges and a keen eye, John was master of the profession that he enjoyed until the age of 75 when his health prevented further construction. At various times, he would have contracts scheduled years in advance, having acquired a reputation for building quality homes and office buildings. With his business partner of nearly 30 years, Bill Cutshaw, John developed and constructed two local condominium complexes, Park Palace and Tusculum Oaks. John was faithful to his church, Christ United Methodist Church, loved baseball and horses and enjoyed reading and watching westerns. At an early age he developed a passion for horses from his father that continued throughout his life. Though a man of few words, he was a person who enjoyed people. Other favorite past times were his weekly poker games, gathering with friends over a meal and attending GHS football games. He and his wife enjoyed traveling in the west, with Santa Fe, New Mexico being a particular favorite.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife, Shirley Walker; daughter, Leigh Ann Walker Mitchell and husband Paul; two grandchildren, John Parker Mitchell and Marley Grayson Mitchell; brother and sisters, Zan Walker, Dan Walker, Nellie Ann Blevins and husband Willard; special friend of the family, Ray Ortiz; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ragan and Alta Walker; and a brother, George Walker.

The family receive will receive friends from 3 - 7 pm on Saturday at Doughty-Stevens Funeral Home with funeral services to follow at 7:00 pm in the funeral home chapel. The Rev. Cynthia Thompson will officiate.

Friends and family are asked to meet at Doughty-Stevens at 1:00 pm on Sunday to go in

procession to Cross Anchor Cemetery for the 2:00 pm committal service.

Active pallbearers will be Ray Ortiz, Brian Click, John Blevins, Joe Lynch, Buddy Yonz, Allen Jones, Glennon Brown, Mike Walker and Todd Blevins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ United Methodist Church.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Doughty-Stevens Funeral Home

1125 Tusculum Blvd, Greeneville, TN, US, 37745

DEC **Funeral Service** 07:00PM

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DEC **Committal Service** 02:00PM

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Cross Anchor Cemetery

560 Old Baileyton Road, Greeneville, TN, US, 37745

Comments



“ My deepest sympathies to the entire family. John was a great man and a friend to all that know him. Please know our prayers are with you all!

David Cowles - December 17, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of John's passing. He was a good guy, a great builder, and a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Kathy Henley - December 17, 2021 at 11:51 AM



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Kathy Henley - December 17, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ So sad to learn that my friend, John has passed away. We enjoyed many meals together and always talked a lot of sports. After having met John, we discovered that both of us were lifelong Dodger fans. And we did enjoy keeping up with the team along with our strategy for winning. Our mutual friend was Bill Cutshaw and I know Bill will also miss John so much. My sympathy goes out to all of John's family!

David Boshears - December 17, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ I never got the pleasure of meeting Mr. Walker, but I was at Tennessee Jacks Wednesday when everything occurred. My prayers are with your family....

Brandi rimer - December 16, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ Such a Great Man. He will be missed by many. Special Prayers going up for Ray & the Entire Family.

Wayne & Jenelle (Franklin) Hite



Jenelle - December 16, 2021 at 08:31 PM