



David A. Walker

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Mr. David Andrew Walker, age 56, died peacefully at his home on Duck Lake Thursday afternoon, June 14, 2007. He was born June 19, 1950 in Muskegon to Robert Gladstone & Ruth Eva (Adkins) Walker and had been a life resident of the area. David was a 1968 graduate of Muskegon High School and then of Western Michigan University. Following graduation he taught at Muskegon Heights High School for 6 years and then taught business and marketing for 22 years at Mona Shores High School, until his retirement one year ago. He was a State Runner-Up as a Golden Gloves Boxer; and loved Duck Lake, sailing, traveling and fishing with his children and family. He had a passion for flowers, especially petunias; and had an unbelievable love of life. David was a problem solver for many. He often quoted the saying "What the mind of a man can conceive and believe, the mind of a man can achieve-with a positive mental attitude." David was a member of St. Francis deSales Catholic Church and was very involved with D.E.C.A. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his loving wife, the former Janet Marie Walukonis, whom he married August 11, 1972; 2 children, Susan Marie and David Andrew Walker, Jr.; his mother, Ruth Walker; 1 sister, Sandra (Orin) Wolters of Norton Shores; 2 special nieces, Lisa (Andrew) Hoffman and Jennifer (Robert III) Cross and by several more nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews; his father and mother-in-law, Richard and Jackie Walukonis and many family members. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Gladstone Walker on March 9, 1999 and by his brother, Bob Walker on June 19, 2006. THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be celebrated 11 AM Tuesday at St. Francis deSales Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Thomas G. Simons presiding. Entombment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. VISITATION with David's family will be 2-4 & 7-9 PM Monday at The Walburn Chapel of Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc., 1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon, MI 49441 (231-759-8565) where The Rosary will be prayed at 4PM. For a more lasting memorial you are



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asked to consider The Children's Educational Fund (National City Bank) or the Muskegon County Catholic Education Foundation



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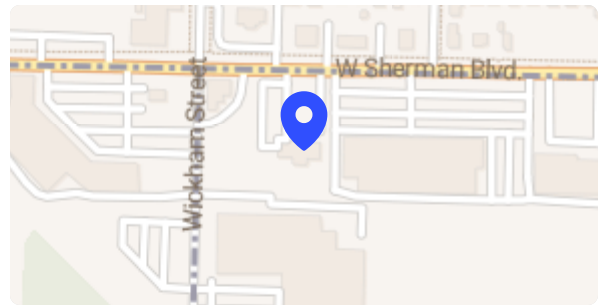
Visitation

 **Monday**, June 18, 2007

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel**


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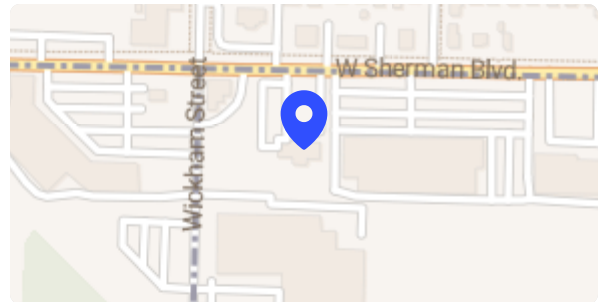
Visitation

 **Monday**, June 18, 2007

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Gerald Kowalski posted:

Mackloski66@gmail.com for Janet

December 15 at 10:27 AM



Gerald Kowalski posted:

So many years ago a man that remains in my memory. His smile, attitude and view on life kept me alive. I don't know Janet is still alive but I would love to write her just once to share some things she may not have known

December 15 at 10:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our condolences to you and the family. I can still see David's face while he lay at the BMT ward at the U of M Hospital. He always seemed calm and was happy with you around him. Meena and Sibu##imported-begin##Meena##imported-end##

July 9 at 8:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our hearts and prayers go out to you Janet, Susan and little David. We were so sorry to hear the news. We will keep all of you in our prayers and hope you will find some comfort in knowing that David/Dad has gone to a very special and peaceful place. God Bless all of you and if you are ever in Traverse City we insist you stay with us! Lots of Love, Shane & Lee Ann Max, Riley Byron & Holly Bullough##imported-begin##Shane, Lee Ann, Max, Riley, Byron, and Holly Bullough##imported-end##

July 4 at 9:51 AM



Anonymous posted:

I will always remember his love for "sports hats," and I will never forget the wonderful friendship we shared @ U of M hospital as my late daughter, Kelli, and David fought the good fight...we were brought together by the Lord because He knew the journey we were going to be faced with, which we now will travel together. David was blessed with a wonderful family. One day I hope you will be closer to your joy than you are to your pain! Love you...Valerie##imported-begin##Valerie Vintes Weatherly##imported-end##

June 26 at 6:41 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Janet, Susan and David, I am so sorry for your loss and I want you to know you are in my prayers. It was so great to get to know you over the years and I admired your strength in such adversity. may God bless you with His peace. Jan Weiden##imported-begin##Jan Weiden##imported-end##

June 25 at 3:05 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Janet, Susan, and David, I was so sorry that I was in Ohio and unable to attend Dave's funeral last week. As a colleague of his at Mona Shores High School for so many years, I will always remember his total dedication to his students and the DECA program. He was able to bring out the best in many students who never would have found their niche in high school had it not been for his belief and encouragement in them. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family--his legacy to the better future of this world. With God's blessings and sympathy, Sue Zack##imported-begin##Sue Zack##imported-end##

June 24 at 2:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dad I will always love and remember you. You were the best dad ever!!!!!!!!!!##imported-begin##david andrew walker jr.##imported-end##

June 22 at 3:40 PM



Anonymous posted:

Susan, Sorry that I could not be there to support you through this hard time. I am thinking of you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Sara Brush##imported-begin##Sara Brush##imported-end##

June 22 at 9:33 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Hello Janet and family;I am so sorry to hear of Davids passingHe truly was a joy to work with.His integrity, kind heart and intellegence were always evident through out his stay at the hospital.The love he had for his family was an inspiration to all of us!!! will miss you all, Please take care !Janet you are my adopte sister, keep up your smile and joy you have for life.Your friend Pam###imported-begin##Pam Kavanaugh- Carveth RN 8a###imported-end##

June 22 at 7:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

Janet, Susan, DaveyI continue to pray for each of you every day. Your husband/dad was such a special teacher to Rob and he can still quote some of his "words of wisdom". Rob considers him as one of his best, and favorite, teachers.The Mona Shores students to come are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to have him as a teacher. He truly cared about each student, challenged them to learn, and took the time to share their interests and stories.###imported-begin##Brenda Clark###imported-end##

June 22 at 7:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

Janet, Susan, Davey###imported-begin##Brenda Clark###imported-end##

June 22 at 7:07 AM



Anonymous posted:

Im very sorry to hear of Mr. Walkers passing. He was an inspirational teacher and a very upbeat person. My sympathies to Mrs Walker and Susan and David.Julie###imported-begin##Julie (Leafers) Mitchell###imported-end##

June 21 at 5:59 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janet--Sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayer and thoughts are with you. Dan & Diane Witkowski###imported-begin##Dan & Diane Witkowski###imported-end##

June 20 at 8:19 AM



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Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. May God give you peace and comfort. Dave was my mentor teacher when I first started at Mona Shores. We both had the same initials and our names were always mixed up until I added the "Smith" :) Dave will be fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Danielle Smith-Walker##imported-end##

June 20 at 4:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kathi Kissel##imported-end##

June 19 at 1:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Janet,On behalf of Steve Weidner and our family, we express our sincere condolences to you and your family on the death of David. We will all remember the good times we had when we visited David and you on Duck Lake with J.D. and Nancy Parr. We regret not being able to be there to support you at this time, however our thoughts are with you.Sincerely,Fred L. Evans, Sheila Evans, and Steve Weidner##imported-begin##Fred Evans##imported-end##

June 19 at 10:17 AM



Anonymous posted:

May God's blessings be with you and your family during this time. We will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Marvin and Connie Nash ##imported-end##

June 19 at 8:28 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Though I only knew Dave for a few years through teaching at Mona Shores, I came to like and respect him very much. Lunch became a fun time when he, Harley Dyk, and I would talk about everything BUT school above the din of hurried students in the nearby cafeteria. Dave always had a "big picture" perspective; let's be kind and respect students THEN worry about teaching. My strongest memory, though, is when Dave announced that he would have to leave to seek greater treatment: "I just want to lick this thing soon so that I can give my brother a kidney." That kind of says it all, doesn't it?##imported-begin##Brent H. Green##imported-end##

June 19 at 7:48 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Mrs. Walker and Family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I send you my thoughts and prayers. May God help you though this difficult time in your life.##imported-begin##Kristi (Martin) Sargent##imported-end##

June 19 at 6:22 AM



Anonymous posted:

I was very sad to learn of Dave's passing. I remember all the wonderful times you and Dave and Mark and I went sailing on our boat. All the fun we had at your parties. You two were great together. God bless you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Patty (Anderson) Kmiecik##imported-end##

June 19 at 5:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

It is very hard for me to believe Uncle Dave is gone. I don't understand why this has happened to such a wonderful man and to such a wonderful family. All I can say is that even though Dave's life was cut short, he did live life to its fullest. He always went all out on everything he did whether it was a day down at the lake or a family vacation. He made sure he had fun and most of all he made sure everyone else had fun. He was always thinking of others and was so very thoughtful. I will miss him so much, he was such an inspiration to me. There is no doubt in my mind that he is with his brother and father in Heaven. With love, Lisa.##imported-begin##Lisa (Wolters) Hoffman - neice##imported-end##

June 18 at 11:47 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Walker, We are sorry to hear about your husband. I know that you and your husband went through a long haul together. And he is not in pain or suffering anymore he is in God's hands now. And we would like to express our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family.##imported-begin##Ronda, Daryl, and David Schillaci##imported-end##

June 18 at 5:10 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dave was a joy to teach with.##imported-begin##Pat and Mike Walsh##imported-end##

June 18 at 12:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janet and David our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Brian, Leslie and Ryan McIntire##imported-end##

June 18 at 12:26 PM



Anonymous posted:

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. DAVID, YOU WILL BE MISSED OLD FRIEND.JIM AND NORMA MCMILLAN##imported-begin##jim mcmillan##imported-end##

June 18 at 11:18 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs. Walker,My heart is saddened to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers and thoughts at this most difficult time. It was my pleasure to get to know you and Mr. Walker through your many visits to the University of Michigan. ~Anne Kelly##imported-begin##Anne Kelly##imported-end##

June 18 at 11:14 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dave has been in our thoughts and prayers since the onset of his illness. Our deepest condolences to your entire family.##imported-begin##The Conrads##imported-end##

June 18 at 10:20 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Walker family: My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. I know David meant the world to you. He touched the hearts of everyone around him and has left behind many wonderful memories. He will be sadly missed. All my love, Julie##imported-begin##Julie Mitchell##imported-end##

June 18 at 9:33 AM



Anonymous posted:

Janet, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I'm so glad I got to know Dave while working with him my first few years at Shores. His laughter will always be remembered. ~Tracy & Matt Geoghan##imported-begin##Tracy Geoghan##imported-end##

June 18 at 9:23 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Mr. David A. WalkerMy thoughts and prayers are with you in your hour of bereavement. Mr. Walker was a great teacher that encouraged me to continue my education beyond high school in the field of business. I am a 1981 graduate of Muskegon Heights High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Walker (and Mrs. Walker)took me and two of my classmates to the D.E.C.A. nationals in Anaheim, CA and allowed us to experience things that I will always treasure.I will always remember Mr. Walker and the lessons in life that he shared.In memoriam,Edgar A. Rainey##imported-begin##Edgar A. Rainey##imported-end##

June 18 at 8:42 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Our hearts are with you and our prayers focus on your remembering the precious years and memories that you had with Dave.He was a wonderful teacher and I am so glad I was able to share a room with him. His kindness touched our lives.Be strong in faith.Love,Traci, Charlie, and Drew Hackney##imported-begin##Traci, Charlie, and Drew Hackney##imported-end##

June 18 at 7:37 AM



Anonymous posted:

Janet, With sincere sympathy...thinking of you and your family. May loving memories help you thru this time, Mardi##imported-begin##Mardi (Monroe) Williams##imported-end##

June 18 at 6:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

Janet, it's been many years since we first met and I came to know your family through you. May you feel God's divine love as you travel through this extremely difficult time in your life and those of your children and family. Be well and know that MANY people are thinking about you, wishing you well and holding you near and dear in their thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cheryl Holmen##imported-end##

June 18 at 5:18 AM



Anonymous posted:

Don and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God bless you.##imported-begin##Don and Mary Ann Scofield##imported-end##

June 17 at 6:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Chris Dion##imported-end##

June 17 at 6:15 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Oh, Janet. How we feel for you, Susan, and little David. I enjoyed teaching with Dave and interacting with him so much at school; he was always upbeat, and students always, always came first. Know that we are praying for your family's healing as well. You are so loved!##imported-begin##Bob and Judy Hunt##imported-end##

June 17 at 2:48 PM



Anonymous posted:

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." This quote by Henry Adams defines Mr. Walker's influence and inspiration on my life. Because of Mr. Walker and the wonderful guidance and experiences in his classroom and his DECA program, I am a Marketing teacher and DECA advisor today. I bring much of what he taught me into my own classroom and am thankful to have had such a caring, funny, and knowledgeable teacher. Mr. Walker and his classes defined my high school experience and continue to define who I am today. I am saddened to hear of his passing and will never forget his stories about boxing and the Baby Bell lawsuits. His contagious goofy laugh will forever echo in my heart. Thank you Mr. Walker for being my mentor and my inspiration.##imported-begin##Danielle Forberg##imported-end##

June 17 at 7:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

Uncle Dave~ your unbelievable enthusiasm for life was an inspiration to all of us! Your energy, passion, creativity, and wit was expressed in everything that you did. I will sadly miss the jokes, reminiscing, and that characteristic laugh. You were such a unique and amazing person and will absolutely never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Jennifer Cross##imported-end##

June 17 at 5:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dave, You were the Love of Our Life! You were so much help to your father and me. You made us smile and we were so proud of you. We will all miss seeing you and hearing your voice. We know that you are in Heaven cheering everyone up, and spending time with your Dad and Bob. Love Mom.##imported-begin##Ruth Walker##imported-end##

June 17 at 4:32 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dave, you were my best friend and brother. Together, we worked out the problems in the family, school, and the world. I can't believe you went to Heaven already, because you were too young. I will really miss all the phone calls, and miss seeing you, and hearing your voice. Love you forever! Sandy Wolters##imported-begin##Sandy Wolters##imported-end##

June 17 at 4:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David A. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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