



Mr. Thomas 'Tommy' Walker

January 27, 1943 - November 19, 2019

A Celebration of Life for Tommy Walker of Anniston, AL will be held Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 at First United Methodist Church Anniston. The family will receive friends at the conclusion of the service.

Tommy passed away at home, Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

He is survived by Sandra, his loving wife of 53 years, two daughters - Janet (Clay) Goff and Jennifer Walker, and a brother - Richard (RL) Walker. He also leaves behind four adoring grandsons - Andrew Walker and Caleb, Collin, and Caden Goff.

He is preceded in death by his parents - Ray and Anna Lee Walker and four siblings - Patsy Large, Don Walker, Wylene Walker and Vance Walker.

Tommy was a graduate of Alexandria High School in 1961 where he was voted most handsome and was a star on the high school basketball team. Upon graduating, he joined the Air Force and developed a love for aviation. After an honorable discharge, he returned to Anniston where he met and fell in love with Sandra, and they married in 1966. The next 53 years of his life was filled with much laughter, joy and success.

He was a history and economics teacher and basketball and track coach in

the Talladega and Calhoun County Schools Systems where he earned the nickname “Killer.” Once he retired, he started a second career in computer technology and worked for Software Technology, Inc. and installed computer systems into many school districts in the Southeast.

Tommy had a wide variety of hobbies and pursued each with drive and determination. He loved to fish and his competition with his son-in-law Clay was a source of many long-standing “fish tales.” He took up running in his 40s and completed multiple marathons with his running pals, Randy Fortune and Bob White. He had a life-long passion for music. Tommy was a music director at West Point Heights and in various gospel singing groups, like the Moore Avenue Trio and The Harmony Echoes. Later in life he enjoyed playing the bass guitar at the Friendship Community Center and with several different groups like the Anniston Bar Church Band. He spent most of his time practicing and playing with his band “On The Fence” and performing at countless community events.

His biggest dream as a teenager was to become a pilot. He was able to fulfill that dream in his early 50s. He bought his first airplane, a Cessna 175 and he and Sandra delighted in the ability to fly to different destinations instead of driving. After he retired for the second time, he and his friend Randy Fortune decided to build their own airplane. This became a consuming passion and soon after the first one was completed and sold they started on building the second one. He was in the process of working on his third plane when he passed away.

Tommy also loved to travel. He and his friend Carl Gooding were always looking for a new place to go and explore with their group of friends. Among their travels they visited New England, Boston, New York, National Historic Places in Pennsylvania and the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He always looked forward to his time spent at The Villages, going to Braves

games, and attending JSU and Georgia Southern football games.

Tommy's life was spent doing exactly what he wanted to do. Enjoying friends, telling corny jokes, and spending time with his grandsons made him a happy man. We will always remember his love and dedication to our family. "Dad," "Pappaw," "Mot Reklaw," and "Pawbird" will forever be in our hearts.

Online condolences may be left to the family at www.millerfuneralhomeoxford.com

To order flowers, please visit www.millerfloristandgifts.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church Anniston
1400 Noble St
Anniston, AL 36201

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sandra,
Richard and I are so saddened to hear of
Tommy's passing. Although we did not know
him well, we always enjoyed the time spent
together with the two of you, Carl and Ruth,
Lee and Paula, and Nancy and Tommy 2. Please accept our
heartfelt condolences, sympathies, and prayers.



Susan and Richard Williams - November 23, 2019 at 03:40 PM

MH

“ Our hearts are saddened by your sudden loss . Tommy left a great
legacy for you all to remember. Our prayers & thoughts will be with
you now & the days to come. Ps. 56:8 assures us that “God keeps
track of all our sorrows, and collected all our tears in His bottle, and
recorded each one in His book.”
Les & Mary Hatcher luka, MS

Mary Hatcher - November 22, 2019 at 11:06 PM

SN

“ Scott And Linda Norton lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Thomas 'Tommy' Walker



Scott and Linda Norton - November 22, 2019 at 08:47 PM

JA

*My deepest sympathy to the family. I have known Tommy
most of my life and he was one of the good ones. Tommy walked the
narrow path .*

Joe Aderholdt - November 27, 2019 at 08:17 PM

KW

“ Me. Walker was one of my favorite teachers at Saks Middle. He was a great teacher and had a fantastic sense of humor. He loved to tell almost funny jokes and he and I developed a good natured pick at each other relationship from that (I guess he thought my eye-rolling was better than fake laughs of my friends). Once, he showed up at a party at the Whitley’s home that his daughter and I were attending. We had water guns and when we Mr. Walker came in I got dared to get him and extra points if I got Mr. Whitley. When Mr. Walker and I saw each other we had a stare down contest where I was debating on squirting him and he was debating on killing me. He mouthed, “You wouldn’t dare!” Haha I would and did. He took it well and left many little girls giggling for years at how funny he thought that was. We laughed about that for years as his daughters and I grew up. Janet and Jennifer, I respected your dad so much. I’m so sorry to hear of his passing. I hope you know he was a great influence on many Saks kids lives and especially mine. I have three most favorite teachers in my life and they were all at that party that night. I thought of you all often and pray for peace in knowing he’s with the Lord.

Kimberly Holcomb Willingham - November 22, 2019 at 07:26 PM

JW

Sandra, Janet, & Jennifer and family,
I thought I knew Tommy but after reading this I realized I should have gotten to know him better. Such a wonderful legacy your father has given you. So sorry for your loss. I always admired his determination and commitment to complete and do all things with such perfection. He touched and influenced many lives.
RIP Tommy Walker

Jean Gidley White - November 22, 2019 at 08:49 PM

CW

“ *The Knoxville Walkers (Mary, Carole, Jack and Bob) send our heartfelt condolences to Tommy's family. Our first cousins mean a lot to us, and they are getting fewer and fewer.*

Carole Woods - November 21, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ *At first I didn't like Tommy, since I had a crush on Sandra. (I was 7 when they married.) But I soon came to admire him deeply. I remember that Corvette (Stingray?) I remember that bass guitar. I remember his wonderfully witty father. I remember wanting to grow up and be like Tommy. I'm saddened by his death.*

Travis Collins - November 21, 2019 at 08:43 PM

AH

“ *I don't think I ever seen Uncle Tommy in a bad mood. If he was in one he never let me know it. He had a great laugh. I loved his corny jokes.*

Andy Hinds - November 21, 2019 at 07:17 PM

DM

“ *Winnelle and I regret the occasion of this note deeply. We send our love and prayers to you and yours that our loving God will send His peace to you and yours quickli and completely. Dan and Winnelle Marsengill*

Dan Marsengill - November 21, 2019 at 06:40 PM

DM

“ *Sandra...this news has broken my heart. Prayers are lifted for you and your family.*

Dee Anne McDade - November 21, 2019 at 06:13 PM

MK

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Tommy. We will always remember him and his airplane, and that he loved here at Buckner Circle. May God comfort you and family as only HE can. LUV

Mike and Brenda Kimberly - November 21, 2019 at 05:37 PM

JE

“ Sandra and family. We are so sorry to learn of Tommy’s passing. Jerry has spoken about visits with Tommy when Uncle Ray and the family came to Knoxville. May you have the comfort of God” spirit and the joy in the gift of your memories. Prayers for all.

Jerry and Brenda Eubanks - November 21, 2019 at 05:16 PM

MZ

“ Lou and I are so sorry and have deepest sympathy for you and the family. Our prayers are with you! We will always remember Tommy’s sense of humor and the fun times we had getting together with y’all. And we are so grateful for the time that Tommy took us on a private flight with him! It was fantastic and we still talk about how much fun we had and appreciate that he would do that for us.
In the words of Elizabeth Kubler Ross,
“Love is really the only thing we can possess,
Keep with us, and take
With us.”
Much love,
Lou and Mary Zinola

mary and lou zinola - November 21, 2019 at 04:46 PM

AB

“ Tommy was such a character at the “Y”, always cutting up and making us laugh. He was a joy to know and will be greatly missed. God’s peace and comfort to the family. I love you, Sandra!

audrey burnett - November 21, 2019 at 04:38 PM

VT

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with your family as you go through this difficult time.

Venita Toney - November 21, 2019 at 07:45 PM

KC

“ *Sandra (and girls), I was so saddened to hear of Tommy's passing this week. I was able to visit with him this summer for a few minutes at the Jacksonville Farmer's Market and listened to his group play and sing. So many sweet memories from our years at Moore Avenue Baptist Church. My prayers and love are with you all.*

Kay Cassell - November 21, 2019 at 04:06 PM

AM

Sandra, Janet and Jennifer I am so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. My heart breaks for your family. I have a lot of memories of your family back in the day when our girls were growing up. My prayers are with each of you and Clay and the boys. Sandra I am always here for you anytime, Love you all.

Annette Morris - November 21, 2019 at 04:39 PM

ER

Sandra, I am so very sorry to hear of Tommy's passing.....our manager, our guitar picker.....we had some really good times. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you.

Elaine Rhodes - November 21, 2019 at 05:44 PM

VT

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DM

Oh my dear sister, Sandra.... I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Tommy this week. I wish we had arranged time better, that we could have met him face to face. Please know you are in our prayers and that our hearts are breaking with yours. Much love.... Debbie and Brian Marshall.

Debbie Marshall - November 21, 2019 at 08:51 PM

SU

Sandra, I am so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. What a great guy. Fine man gone too soon

Susan Ulrey - November 24, 2019 at 12:13 AM

TW

I am saddened about Tommy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I can not words find to express how you feel with the lose of Tommy. Your memories of him will remain with you forever.

Tommy Warren - November 25, 2019 at 07:53 PM