



## Jospeh Ike Walker

October 25, 1947 - March 6, 2021

Mr. Joseph Ike Walker passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at the age of 73. He was born October 25, 1947. Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his parents (William Walker & Velino (Pat) Smith), his brother (Bill Walker), his son (Tyler Walker), and his granddaughter (Brooklyn Walker). Survivors include two daughters, Kristi Walker, Wendy Smithson (DJ); 6 grandchildren, Kaylie Schiavi (Bobby), Easton and Skylyn Walker, Addie & Walker Smithson, & Olivia Johnson; one great grandson; Bo Schiavi.

Mr. Walker ran a successful business the majority of his life. He was a native of Anniston, AL, prior to moving to Cullman, where he opened the first foreign car repair service in 1976. He enjoyed flying his airplane, riding his motorcycle, and running his snackbar boat (Snackers on the Water). Mr. Walker lived his life to the fullest. He loved and enjoyed his family, and his family loved and enjoyed him.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date for family and close friends. In lieu of money or flowers, the family simply asks for those who will, to write or type a letter of a funny memory or a meaningful story you have of Mr. Walker. This can be emailed to [wsmithson@gmail.com](mailto:wsmithson@gmail.com) or addressed to Wendy Smithson, 195 Seven Bark Dr NW Cullman, AL 35057.

The family would like to thank you for your condolences and ask that you

continue to pray during this difficult time.

# Tribute Wall



“ I am 61 now. I met my soon to be step brother Joe when I was only 15 he was 29. From the moment I met Joe and across all these years he has always treated me like real family. Joe was so smart just like his precious Mother... strong and tough as any man I've ever met and at the same time Joe had the heart of Santa Claus. He loved people. Always had a way of making me and others feel taller when we were with him. Even after our parents were divorced it did not cause a split between us because we always said to one another "but we're still gonna claim each other as brothers". He is so much a part of giving me a kind of confidence I think I never would have had otherwise. Always inspiring... I have quoted him so many times and have always given him credit when he used to share his advice on life. Am I the only one whose ever heard Joe say things like "there is plenty of money out there... all you have to do is go out there and get it"? Like everyone I was not expecting this and am still coming to the realization of what has happened. My heart hurts but it hurts much more for Wendy and Kristy and their families than for myself.. Through tears on the phone I told Wendy at least Joe will never spend a Christmas without Tyler and Brooklyn. I know he is with them right now in this very moment and I would bet anything one of Joe's first requests will be "Mama why don't you make us some biscuits". When I get there I'm gonna ask for a big bowl of her family famous homemade soup and cornbread!

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**Jerry Gibson** - March 14, 2021 at 02:51 PM

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“ My wife and I recently retired and moved to Smith Lake. We often talked with Mr. Walker at his boat over the past two summers. He was always upbeat and very friendly. The kind of man that enjoyed life and being around people. The conversations centered around our children and grandchildren. It was obvious that he loved his family. My family (in particular my 4 year old granddaughter) will miss him this summer.

*Our prayers and thoughts will be with his family during this most difficult time.*

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**David Pettey** - March 12, 2021 at 10:08 PM

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“ Please be aware of our prayers and our thoughts during this time. If you need help in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

*Delbert Freeman  
Chaplain Cullman Regional*

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**Delbert Freeman** - March 10, 2021 at 11:50 PM

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“ My husband and I attended Oxford High School and graduated with Joe. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Cathy Cospers** - March 10, 2021 at 12:09 PM

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“ I would like send condolences to the Family. Didn't know Mr Walker personally, but he sure added joy to our boating on Smith Lake. He was the type person we need more of in this world, and will be dearly missed.

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**Bert Jones** - March 10, 2021 at 09:31 AM