



Gary Don Walker

August 25, 1931 - March 25, 2017

Gary Don Walker, 85, of Heidelberg, MS lost his earthly battle to gain his heavenly wings, after a long and arduous struggle with pulmonary fibrosis Sunday, March 25 at SCRMC in Laurel. Mr. Walker was born August 25, 1931 in Oil City, LA but spent most of his life as a resident of Heidelberg.

Funeral arrangements will be as follows: visitation Tuesday, March 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. services, Wednesday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m., both at Memory Chapel in Laurel. The Reverend Dennis Ellingburg will officiate. Burial will be finalized at Memorial Gardens in Laurel.

Mr. Walker was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him. He served his military career in the U S Army and discharged with honors after serving his time in Germany. He was retired from Southland Oil Refinery and spent much of his life as a collector and restorer of broken things. His passion in later years was as a skilled woodworker and “fixer upper”.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theradore Hilliard Walker and Jessie Moore Walker, brothers, Theradore Walker, Jr. and Karl E. Walker.

Survivors include his wife and soul mate of sixty-four years, Betty Jean McDonald Walker; daughter, Sandra (Buster) Cooley of Hattiesburg; son, Joey

(Donna) Walker of Heidelberg; grandchildren, Matthew (Amber) Cooley of Sumrall, Christopher (Kathleen) Cooley of Brandon, and Joseph Walker of Heidelberg; great grandchildren, Kynleigh, Adleigh, and Zachary Cooley. In addition, he leaves behind a host of extended family members whose lives have been truly enriched from knowing him.

Notable mention is Nan Sinclair, who helped and served as a helpful special friend and caretaker during his illness.

Selected pallbearers are nephews, Joe Ellingburg, Roger McDonald, Don McDonald, Rusty McDonald, Eddie Ellingburg, and Don Wheeler.

Honorary pallbearers are Bobby Walker, Billy Morgan, Robert Joslin, and Hilton Lee.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gary Don Walker.



March 28, 2017 at 12:29 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Gary Don Walker.



March 28, 2017 at 10:42 AM