



Roger M. Walker Sr.

March 19, 1927 - December 6, 2022

Roger M. Walker, Sr. was born in 1927 to William Cullen Walker and Sadie Pauline Cargill, in his paternal family home in Ozark, Alabama. He later moved to his maternal family home in Eufaula, Alabama. A few years after his mother died, when he was approximately 15, he and his father returned to Ozark to be taken care of by his granny and loving Aunt Kate.

From Ozark, he enlisted in the Navy in 1944, under a special waiver for 17 year-olds. He joined his ship in Chicago, built by the Pullman Railcar Company and the shakedown cruise went so well that they were dispatched directly to the Pacific Theatre for assignment. He served under Admiral Bull Halsey in the 3rd Fleet, performing rescue services, anti-sub picket duty and general fleet duties.

After way, at 19, he moved to Evergreen, Alabama, and graduated from high school. While in Evergreen, he met and married (Bonnie) Lanelle Gilmore and they headed off to Troy State. Several years later, his daughter, Bonnie Helen, was born. He then moved to Pensacola, Florida, to work for The Quaker Oats Company, where both his sons, Roger Jr. (Bud) and William David (Bill) were born. He later worked in Mobile, Alabama and then Tallahassee, Florida, where after over thirty years he retired at Sales Account Manager.

He loved boating and owned several over the years. He was a lifetime

member of the St. Marks Yacht Club, where he served several terms as Commodore. He was a big University of Alabama football fan, until moving to Tallahassee and began rooting for Florida State University, where he was a member of the alumni association, Booster club, and a season ticket holder for nearly 50 years. His wife of 53 years died in 2001. In 2008, he met Murlene Ward of Port St. Joe online and married a few months later. They lived in Tallahassee for a few years, but eventually moved back to her home in Port St. Joe where he lived out his remaining years in comfort and happiness.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Lanelle G. Walker; and grandson, Leon Edward (Chip) Singletary III.

He is survived by his wife, Murlene Ward Walker; step-daughter, Sandy Osborne; children, Bonnie (Leon) Singletary, Roger (Lisa) Walker, Jr. and William D. Walker; grandchildren, Noel (Nate) Cruce, Kristy (Mike) Meadows, BJ Walker, Elisabeth (Clayton) Young, and Melissa Walker; 7 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Webcast in memory of Roger M. Walker Sr.*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - December 17, 2022 at 01:02 PM

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“ *Uncle Rodge/Roge was a kind, sweet soul. We have so many wonderful memories of our trips to Florida. My Mom, his first cousin, loved him dearly and Uncle Roge fully embraced my "Yankee" :) Dad from Ohio. I can still hear his laugh/chuckle and his whistling. And his saying to Aunt Nelle, "Whoa Nellie" followed by his chuckle. I will always remember his solution to seasickness - Vienna sausages on saltine crackers as the boat pulls away from the dock. He and Aunt Nelle will always be in our hearts. Our love to Bonnie, Buddy, Bill and Murlene who provided loving care of Uncle Roge in his later years.*

Melissa McFee Stricker

Melissa Stricker - December 15, 2022 at 06:41 PM



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“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Roger M. Walker Sr..



December 12, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *First time at church we hit it off. Also finding out you knew my wife's Uncle James, from White City. It was such a blessing to know him. God bless you and comfort you and family during this time .*

Bruce Meredith - December 11, 2022 at 09:47 PM