



Mr. William Gene Walker

September 6, 1948 - April 4, 2026

William Gene Walker, age 77, of Centre, passed away April 4, 2026, at his residence.

Funeral Service will be held at 2:30 PM, graveside at Noah Baptist Church Cemetery on Thursday, April 9, 2026, with Rev. Roger Whorton officiating. The family will receive friends from 12 noon to 2 PM at the Perry Funeral Home and then leave to go to cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Nephews Eric Walker, Chad Walker, Johnny Puckett, Brad Walker, Logan Walker, and Nick Walker. Honorary pallbearers will be Friends Steve Lindsey, David Garner, Richard Lindsey, Jackie Givens, Buddy West, and Frog West.

Mr. Walker is survived by his sons, Darren (Mary Ann) Walker and Kevin (Tera) Walker; Grandchildren, Detective Matthew (Crystal) Walker, Marisa (Craig) Wilkins, Mitchel (Samantha) Langley, Amanda (Junior) Lawson, Katie (Deacon) McDaniel, Eli Walker, Nolan Walker; Great Grandchildren, Archer, Abby, Paxton, Makai, Emma, Hudson, Jade, Eva, Xander, Sylar, Naomi, and Garry; Brothers, Michael (Gail) Walker, Kenny (Glenda) Walker, Steve (Mary Ellen) Walker, Whitt (Paula) Walker, and Scott (Therisa) Walker; and Sister, Kay (Tim) Hill, as well as 16 Nieces and Nephews.

He is preceded in death by his Parents, William Huston Walker and Arnice Sue Bell Walker, And his Son, David Matthew Walker.

Mr. Walker Graduated High school and was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam war. He spent 2 years with the 73rd SAC in reconnaissance flying

aboard the OV1 Mohawk. He kept in touch with all his army buddies and never missed a reunion in 30 years.

After his service to his country, he went to work for Goodyear and married the mother of his 3 sons Wanda Chandler Pridgen; They were married for 25 years and still had an everlasting connection over the love of their children. After Goodyear he Hauled wire for lifelong friend Steve Lindsey until getting his own truck and hauling for himself.

Then he started doing what he loved the most and that was farming. He worked at Integrated at night and farmed with his father-in-law Walter Gramlin Chandler during the day. In the fall they would haul Cotton Pickers to Brownsville Texas to aid in harvesting their crops.

He worked as a farm mechanic, hauled seed, and liquid fertilizer for Lindsey Brothers.

During his years with the Floyd County Hwy Dept, he married Nina McHugh and even though they divorced they were still close friends.

After Gene Retired from the FCHD He then Hauled Modules and Mechanic for Cherokee Gin in the fall and Fertilizer for Ellis Ag in the spring.

Gene was known for his hard working do it right mentality, His laughter and his sense of humor were his charm. His favorite things to grow these last several years were delicious watermelons and the sweetest cantaloupes. He had just planted 40 hills of cantaloupes, and 80 hills of watermelons he loved to share them with everyone he could think of.

Everybody knew If you needed help all you had to do was call, he would be there. He loved hanging out with his friends and spending time with his family. He enjoyed watching all sports and played basketball and baseball in his prime. But The Alabama Crimson Tide was his favorite!

If You Knew Him You Loved Him!!!

Perry Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

www.perryfuneral.net

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.
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Centre, AL 35960
(256) 927-3222
perryfh37@gmail.com

Funeral Service

APR 9. 2:30 PM (CT)

Noah Baptist Church Cemetery
665 County Road 16
Centre, AL 35960

Tribute Wall

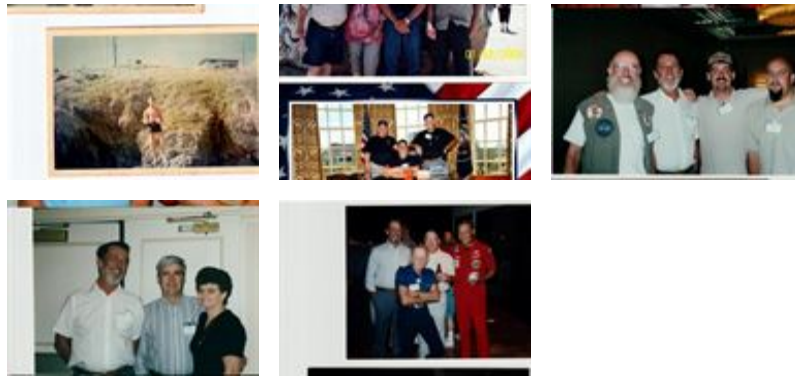


“ Sadden to read about Gene today on the OV-1 Mohawk May Notes. I considered Gene a friend and will always remember when I was new to the OV-1 reunions and he invited me over to sit at his table with Ed and Ron. I will miss his friendly welcome smile at our yearly OV-1 Mohawk Reunions. Sympathy and condolences to his entire beautiful family.

Larry Jacquez - May 23 at 11:14 PM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



Perry Funeral Home Inc. - April 09 at 09:39 AM

RW

“ Gene Walker—what a sweet guy. I will always remember how kind he was to me, my mom, and my dad after we lost my brother in Vietnam. He visited our family in Virginia, and I was fortunate to see him several times afterwards. He and his buddies, Ed and Ron, helped ease the pain of losing Jackie, and I will forever be grateful for the peace he brought to my heart. The first day the guys came to my parents’ door, it was like Jackie was standing there with them. Gene is with Jackie now, and I know they will continue their friendship forever.

May God send peace to the family, and may they know that Gene was very special to my parents and me when we were broken, through his love for us and for Jackie, along with the stories he told us. Such a good man!

Ramona (Mona) Walker - April 08 at 11:19 PM

RD

“ Ramona D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Gene Walker.

Ramona D. - April 08 at 11:05 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



April 08 at 01:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



April 08 at 09:44 AM



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April 08 at 09:44 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Gene will be remembered by all. My prayers are with his whole family 🙏🙏



Phylis Hill - April 08 at 07:59 AM



“ Christy and Joel Waddell lit a candle in memory of William Walker



Christy and Joel Waddell - April 07 at 10:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



April 07 at 05:48 PM



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April 07 at 05:48 PM



“ Family: My thoughts and prayers to each of you in the passing of Bro Gene. I always appreciated his service to this country during the Vietnam Era War. Also Gene would always help with cooking the steaks and meat at our Cherokee Co Cattlemen's Dinners. He and Steve and other members of the Walker Family have helped keep our dinners going for many years. Mr Houston Walker was the first one of the Walker's I met years ago when I moved to Cherokee Co and then met and learned his family. This family was the salt of the earth type family that worked the land and knew what it took to grow something to eat and survive. The world needs more people like the Walker Family to make our society a better place to live and work. In closing, I pray that God will bless and comfort all of his family and give them a peace and comfort they deserve. RIP Bro Gene , you will be missed by many. Resp, Wendell O Rakestraw, Centre, Al

Wendell O Rakestraw - April 07 at 05:34 PM

SO

“ Steve & Julie Owens purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



Steve & Julie Owens - April 07 at 05:28 PM

SO

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Steve & Julie Owens - April 07 at 05:28 PM

MS

“ Mr. Alfred and Jean Smith purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



Mr. Alfred and Jean Smith - April 07 at 02:20 PM

ER

“ I also served in the 73rd Surveillance Airplane Company with Gene. We have been to many Reunions of the OV-1 Mohawk Association together. It was a shock to learn of his passing.

Ed Rohner - April 07 at 02:20 PM

MM

“ Max & Peggy Crook. Jeffers Meat purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



Max & Peggy Crook. Jeffers Meat - April 07 at 02:17 PM

MM

“ Max & Peggy Crook. Jeffers Meat planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Gene Walker.

Max & Peggy Crook. Jeffers Meat - April 07 at 02:17 PM

VA

“ Gene and I and his children’s mother went to school together. The Walker men and the daughter are some of the most reputable and trustworthy people you will ever meet. Their parents were amazing parents. They taught them discipline and how to respect everyone and they have all continued to live as they were taught. My heart goes out to Kenny, my classmate, and my sister’s neighbor. My heart goes out to Michael who is always a visitor when anyone in the community passes. Steve and all of them are hardworking and honest. I will not name you all but that also applies to every person in that family. May God bless and keep you in this terribly sad time. Gene was one of a kind and will be missed by so many.



Vivian Agan - April 07 at 12:59 PM

BF

“ Betty Jean Garner (Len) & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of William Walker



Betty Jean Garner (Len) & Family - April 07 at 12:07 PM

BA

“ Bannisters purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



Bannisters - April 07 at 11:35 AM

BA

“ Bannisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Gene Walker.

Bannisters - April 07 at 11:35 AM

TF

“ The Thurmond Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



The Thurmond Family - April 07 at 11:04 AM

TF

“ The Thurmond Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Gene Walker.

The Thurmond Family - April 07 at 11:04 AM

JW

“ Jessica and Justin Whaley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



Jessica and Justin Whaley - April 07 at 10:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William Gene Walker.



April 07 at 10:14 AM



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