



Joe Hurst Walker

June 23, 1944 - June 18, 2014

Joe Hurst Walker, age 69, of Harriman, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. Walker, a Harriman native and Harriman attorney since 1971, was the son of the late Ben and Myrtle Walker. He was a graduate of Harriman High School and the University of Tennessee. In the early 1970's he served as county attorney for almost six years. In 1977, Joe was a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention and he served for about 10 years as a county delinquent tax attorney. He was the first public defender in the Ninth Judicial District and has served in that position since 1989. Joe was a member of the Harriman United Methodist and the Harriman Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Andy and Deborah Walker, Josh and Dayna Walker; daughter, Veronica Suzanne Walker and fiancé Chase Ray; sister, Ruth Clabo; and grandchildren, Taylor Walker, Matthew Walker and Nathan Walker.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 2 p.m. at the Harriman United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Parker officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Rockwood. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 24, 5 – 8 p.m., at the Kyker Funeral Home Chapel in Harriman. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Harriman United Methodist Church Youth Fund, Food Pantry or Music

Fund.

Tribute Wall

KR

“ I'm so sorry for everyone's loss. I know it's been quite a few years now since Joe passed away, but I'm quite certain you all still miss him.

I had the pleasure to take care of Joe (and Andy) after their car accident for about 9 months. Joe was an extremely kind and super intelligent man. I loved talking with him and learning from him. He loved his family and he was quite loyal. It was always a pleasure watching him interact with his family and friends. He loved his community, and from what I experienced during my time with him, he did many wonderful things for his family and community. He even had a special commemorative silver coin made for the celebration of a landmark birthday of Harriman. He gave me one, too, and I treasure it as a sweet reminder of him, Andy, Deborah, Josh, Taylor, and the rest of the family. Each and everyone of them were always kind and welcoming to me. Because of Joe's encouragement, I attended nursing school and have been a nurse for over 30 years. I Googled his name today, and was extremely saddened to find his obituary. I'm ashamed for not keeping up with him and didn't take the opportunity to tell him how much he influenced my life.

The good news is, I will see him in Heaven one day, and we will rejoice in the Lord together. It will be amazing to see him standing beside me. I'm sure he will tower over me, and that's just fine by me. It will be a joyous occasion!!!

Karan Mason RN - November 25, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JO

“ Josh,
I am sorry for your loss. I am sure you have lots of beautiful memories and may they bring you the peace and comfort you need at a time like this.

I will keep you in my prayers

Joyce Dixson

Joyce Dixson - Knoxville, TN - General Counsel Office - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Josh, so sorry to hear of your loss. I will be praying for you and your family. I know how hard the next few weeks will be so if there is anything you need, please let me know.

Lynette Russell - Knoxville, TN - Josh's co-worker - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Josh and Andy,
I was sorry to hear of your father's passing. But, there is great comfort in knowing of his love of Christ and how he was a great example of that faith during his time as a father, a friend and public servant. My prayers are with you all.

Brian Graves - Harriman, TN - Friend - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Josh,

I send my deepest condolences. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of losing your dad. You spoke so highly of him and I know that he will be greatly missed. May the memories give peace and comfort now and forever and know that God will be by your side in the upcoming days.

Diana Garner - Knoxville, TN - Co-worker - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ We were very sorry to hear about Joe. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. The family is in our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time.

Wayne & Judy Thacker - Harriman, TN - Friend - June 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ We are thinking of you guys. We all know that your dad is in a better place now - free to run and dance with the angels.

Laura and Eric - Knoxville, TN - friend - June 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Thoughts and prayers for your dear family during these difficult days. Mr. Walker was an amazing man. His work ethic amazed me. Always kind to all. So sorry for your loss.

Kim - Kingston, TN - Family friend - June 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Andy and Josh,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Joe was a very courageous man, and I admired him very much. My earliest memories of Joe are when he was a young lawyer and came into my father's law practice. I was very young at the time, but I realized that Joe was a special person. I know that he will be missed by all that knew him. I will be out of town on business and will not be able to attend his services. I will always remember your father as a friend and a role model.

*Sincerely,
Bobby Qualls*

Bobby Qualls - Knoxville, TN - June 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dear Josh and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. We pray that God would give you comfort.*

Deb, Rich, Kris and Kate Holly - Knoxville, TN - friend - June 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Ruth, Andy, Josh, Suz,, Laurie and Jay, please know how sorry I am about Joe's passing. I have never met a more courageous, seemingly fearless, compassionate and amazing person, as Joe Walker. He had a heart as big as this state, loved his family and was so proud of each of his children and grand children. He loved his church and church family and unless he was physically unable to attend, he was there no matter the weather. He was as passionate about his profession as well. He had a personality like no other and could tell you stories of his childhood and young adulthood that would have you rolling on the floor. His favorite was of the rooster that would ride on the mower when he mowed. He loved wildlife and raised quail for a time, and missed them when they were mature enough to leave the roost. I will miss Joe as I know many will. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time, and with his professional family, and caregivers who came to know and love him. May the peace of our Lord and Savior be yours and may He strengthen you all in the days and weeks to come.

With much love to all,

Shirley Briggs and family.

Shirley Briggs - South Harriman, TN - friend - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joe's family. He was wonderful human being that faced life's challenges fearlessly. I attended high school with Joe and played basketball with him. He will be missed, especially in the community, where his work was tireless.

Gary Rice - Simpsonville, SC - friend - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss of such a great man,dad,husband,friend.
Prayers for the familys

Charlene taylor - harriman, TN - friend of Andy's @ Wall Mart - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry Andy. I will be thinking of you and yoyp family.

mary hamilton - powell, TN - friend - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We have know Joe for many, many years! We have been friends & co-workers. Our grandson loved to visit with him because Joe would talk with him & answer any question he had. He was a wonderful man who seemed to truly care about people. He will be dearly missed. David & Shelia Ladd

Shelia & David Ladd - Rockwood, TN - Friends - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ In sympathy to each of you for your grief. We know Joe is missed. He was a model to us all concerning strengths & inspirations in facing challenges. Sincerely,

Ron, Lea, Luke, & Samara Duncan - Harriman, TN - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Josh,

I just learned of your father's death from Diana this morning. I am so sorry. I will be praying for you and for your whole family to be comforted by God, and hope you are assured that you will be carried on His wings and the prayers of your friends and family. My deepest sympathies,

Joan Roberson

Joan Roberson - Knoxville, TN - Co-worker - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Condolences to the family.*

Chuck and Jack Brumley

Chuck Brumley - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I was sorry to hear of the passing of Joe. He was a great man with a big heart. He helped many people over the years. You will be missed Joe.*

Blake Rice Kirkland - Harriman, TN - Friend - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *I don't remember very much about Joe, but I was a friend of his son, Josh, when we were very small children. Sorry for your loss, Josh and Andy.*

Kevin Cheatham - Lewisburg, TN - Friend of the family - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Ruth, JAy, Laurie. I am sorry to here about the passing of Joe he was a good man. Most certainly the world lost a fine man. I can remember the stories Jay would tell us at work and more than half would have something about "uncle Joe" in them. Just want you all to know that i am praying for you and the walker family during this hard time. If there is anything i can do please let me know.

Colby Sandifer - harriman, TN - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM