

George William "G.W." Walker

July 19, 1964 - January 4, 2023

George William "G.W." Walker, 58, of Chattanooga, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

He was born on July 19, 1964 in Whitwell, TN to the late Thomas & Christina Patrick Walker and was a 1982 graduate of Whitwell High School. George began his lifelong career at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum at the young age of 16 and was involved with Norfolk Southern Steam program as a fireman, conductor, & engineer traveling the eastern seaboard. He met his wife in 1985 in Ashville, NC and became General Manager of TVRM in 1989. Mr. Walker was a member and elder at Silverdale Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his loving wife of 34 years, Mary A. Walker; children, Andrew William Walker & Aaron George Walker, all of Chattanooga; brother, Thomas Charles "Charlie" Walker of Whitwell, TN; sisters-in-law, Teresa, Nancy, Jeanne, & Mary Kay; brothers-in-law, Don, Gerry, Phil & Mark; several nieces & nephews.

Please share your memories and condolences at ryanfuneralhome.net.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, January 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Silverdale Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 7407 Bonny Oaks Drive, Chattanooga. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 20th from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Please consider donations to Silverdale Cumberland Presbyterian Church or the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum at 4119 Cromwell Road,

Chattanooga, TN, 37421.

Arrangements are under the care of Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory,
Trenton, GA.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Silverdale Cumberland Presbyterian Church
7407 Bonny Oaks Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421
scpchurch.com

A Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ George William "G.W." Walker

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ A true man of honor and integrity. If you knew him, your life was better for it.

Roddy Noll - January 21, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ Ms. Lambertino and TCAT Chattanooga purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George William "G.W." Walker.



Ms. Lambertino and TCAT Chattanooga - January 20, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George William "G.W." Walker.



January 19, 2023 at 10:07 PM

SB

“ I've known George for over thirty-two years and he has always been like a brother to me, as well as a fine mentor at TVRM. He was there for me when Billy passed, when my daughter, Heather, passed, and after my heart attack. The world will not be the same without his presence. My prayers are with Mary, Andrew, Aaron, and Charlie, through now and in the future, whenever times get tough.

Sandy Byrd - January 19, 2023 at 03:19 PM

CL

“ CBS MANAGEMENT LLC purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of George William "G.W." Walker.



CBS MANAGEMENT LLC - January 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM

DB

“ So sad to hear of George's passing. George, Charlie, my brother Tim Brooks and I played together all throughout our childhood. George's grandmother Patrick lived next door to our great grandmother Brooks. My thoughts and prayers for his family and friends.

Debbie Brooks - January 10, 2023 at 02:36 PM

SF

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Steve Freer - January 09, 2023 at 10:50 PM

RH

“ I’ve known George Walker for about 10 years or so. He was an authentic, open-minded, and passionate person. Since I’m a very self-driven, resilient, and passionate person, it felt like we were brothers. He put his heart into everything he did, whether that be his work duties and/ or everything else. He’ll be deeply missed. My sincere condolences go out to his family and friends. It was an honor and privilege to know Mr. Walker.

Sincerely,

Robert Holland

Robert Holland - January 09, 2023 at 02:26 PM

AP

George Walker filled many roles, all very well done. He was a leader, a mentor, a excellent engineer/fireman, and a mechanical wizard. His depth of knowledge of railroading and history was unmatched. He was a real gentleman, and above all he was a dear friend. He is sorely missed, and he will be a tough act to follow.

Al Phillips - January 12, 2023 at 01:34 PM

TG

“ George was the epitome of a leader, mentor, and friend to so many of us who had a passion for railroading and who got our start in the industry at the Tennessee Valley. He led by example. One day he would be wearing slacks and a Polo shirt teaching us a rules class. The next day he would have his signature Liberty overalls on and be up to his shoulders in grease and coal dust or repairing a toilet. He had a tireless work ethic and a witty sense of humor. George was a caring and humble man who will live in our hearts forever. During this difficult time we continue to pray for healing for his wonderful wife, kids, and brother.

Tom German - January 08, 2023 at 06:22 PM

CP

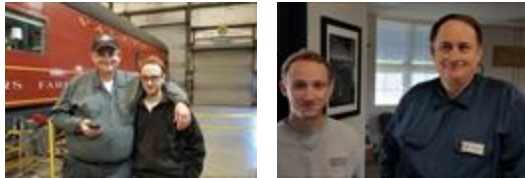
“ I had the privilege of working with George for a few weeks at the Birmingham Steam Shop in the winter of 1986. George was not only a great worker but a great person to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary and family.

May you rest in God's comforting spirit though this time.
Charlie Powell

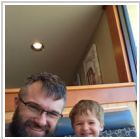
Charles Powell - January 08, 2023 at 05:13 PM



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Mike Ray - January 08, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ George was my uncle. He was a great person who touched so many lives and made them better people. He was a great roll model and will be missed tremendously. He will live on with all of us.



Colby Carr - January 08, 2023 at 10:31 AM

DT

“ Thank you Lord for the impact that George had and continues to have on the lives he touched over the last 58 years. Mine included. Thinking about and praying for your family daily. The world is a better place because George was here and his legacy of caring for others and his kindness will be long remembered. - Derek Thomas

Derek Thomas - January 08, 2023 at 09:13 AM

JT

“ Our deepest sympathy and our prayer for our Lord to comfort you, to Andrew, Charlie, and all the Walker family, Jack and Karin Traylor

Jack W. Traylor - January 08, 2023 at 07:31 AM