

Wiley Walker

September 13, 1938 - May 15, 2022

Wiley Walker Jr. 83, of Matthews, North Carolina, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Novant Health Medical Center in Matthews.

Wiley was born in the small town of Camp Ruby, TX (just outside of Lufkin, TX) to the late Wiley Sr. and Beatrice Jones Walker on September 13, 1938. He then moved to Albion, Michigan, shortly after that, where his dad got a foundry job, and remained there for the most of his youth. Wiley, met his loving wife Barbara, who cherishes his memory, in September of 1963 through the husband of her friend. They were married on March 21, 1964 at University Methodist Church, East Lansing, Michigan.

Wiley was a Personnel Manager with WIX Lumber, an Urban Renewal Planner in Saginaw, MI, as well as an insurance agent for Allstate Insurance from which he "retired". In 2001, the weekend before 9/11, he and Barbara moved to Charlotte, NC where he became a proud member of Joy Church in Matthews. In October of 2001, in his "retirement" he decided to go back to work at Lowe's, a position he held until properly retiring in 2019 after 18 years of faithful service. He also was member of the Gideons since 1999.

When not working, Wiley enjoyed gardening, landscaping, working outside, working at his church and was an avid runner, even running marathons. He

didn't start out a runner. He took up the activity when his daughter in high school started running track. Wiley decided he would start running to in order to encourage and challenge her in her own high school career. She ultimately graduated and he loved it so much, he continued to run. Wiley also loved Michigan State Basketball and most of the Michigan State sports.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Kelly Warren (husband Russell) and Gregory Walker; two brothers, Alan B. Walker (wife Marife) and Robert E. Walker (wife Annetta); grandchildren, Avery Warren and Alysha Warren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will take place for Mr. Walker, on Sunday, May 22, 2022, 2:30 pm at Joy Church, 11516 Idlewild Rd, Matthews, NC 28105, with the family to receive friends there a half hour prior.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Joy Christian Fellowship
11516 Idlewild Road
Matthews, NC 28105
<http://joychurch.org>

Celebration of Life Service

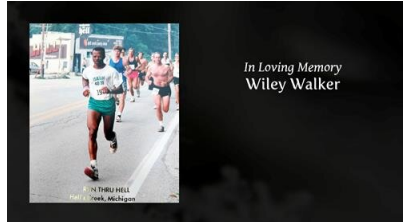
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wiley Walker*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - May 21, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Wiley Walker*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Wiley Walker*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Gregory Walker - June 07, 2022 at 01:55 PM



Due to technical difficulties the audio for the tribute video (which began the webstream and service) is missing and there is some black screen as well. The actual service with proper audio and video begins at the 9:47 mark and the tribute video in its entirety can be viewed separately above.

Gregory Walker - June 07, 2022 at 10:05 PM

WH

*“ Barb and family
Sorry to here of Wiley's passing. He is one of the most pleasant people I've ever known.
I Hope things are okay with you Barb and Greg. Sorry I don't remember toy sought.
Bill Howell*

William S Howell - May 28, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ When my husband was in the hospital, Wiley came over and cut the grass for me. Sounds simple but it meant so much, I will never forget that. Barb and Wiley were such a special part of my Ames Church family here in Saginaw. My deepest sympathy, Barb, Kelly and Greg. Love and prayers to all of you.

Patricia Hascall - May 28, 2022 at 12:36 PM

CP

*“ Sending Prayers to The Walker Family 🌹
Love The Pope Family
Johnathan, Chan, Sydney and Savannah*



Chandra Pope - May 28, 2022 at 12:43 AM

MA

“ Sweet Wiley is what I would call Kelly's father when we would talk. See, I know Wiley but I don't know Wiley. Family can be like that. So the years of conversation with Kelly, I learned of a great man and father. Sometimes Kelly would speak of Wiley as if he was bigger than life. She would use his advice as a reference point and we both would learn. I know that Kelly is a daddy's girl and she loves it. Wiley was a father that I could only dream of. The few times Wiley and I did talk. Wiley give me advice as if I was his son. The time was never long with him. So I just listen and ask for more. Because I know that it would be a long time until we would talk again. Life can be like that. So I bear witness that Wiley is a great family man and he was good towards me. He will be missed. With all due respect and love. "Sweet Wiley", a great husband, father and family man. I thank you for your kind words and advice. Rest in Peace.



Marlon - May 21, 2022 at 04:15 PM

MA

“ Sweet Wiley, that's what I would call Kelly's father when we talk. I knew him but I didn't know him. It like that sometimes with family. But the years of conversation this Kelly. I know that's she's a daddy's girl and proud of it. Kelly would always bring her father up as a reference point. Wiley was wise and loving father. Only a person could dream of a father like him. Kelly would talk about him as if he was bigger the life. The few times Wiley and I had a chance to talk. He would give me great advice as if I was him son. And I would ask for more, knowing it would be a long time until I may see him again. Life can be like that, but I'm very grateful for the times and advice I had with Wily. He is a great Husband, father and all round family man. One of the real last Man's Man in this country. I tip my hat to a man like Wiley. A man that always took care of business. This one will be missed. With love and all due respect. "Sweet Wiley", a real man. Rest in Peace.



Marlon - May 21, 2022 at 01:18 PM

TC

“ In all of the time I knew him at Joy Church and ran into him at Lowes, he was a good brother in the Lord and full of life and encouragement. It was an honor to know him. He is a good man. He will be missed but he is home now and his race is over so we will meet again one day. Blessings to his family.

Ted Cramer - May 20, 2022 at 04:44 PM

CJ

“ Chon Jones lit a candle in memory of Wiley Walker



Chon Jones - May 19, 2022 at 12:27 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wiley Walker.



May 18, 2022 at 11:03 PM

NR

“ I am so heartbroken by the passing of Mr. Walker. He was a great man and neighbor. They became family as we grew up on Sun Valley. Living across the street from them at the age of 2 until the moved about 23 years) I am always in awe of how much Mr. Walker would run, he was a machine.

My thoughts, prayers and love go out to his family and friends but especially Mrs. Walker, Kelly and Gregory

Nichol Roberts-Jackson - May 18, 2022 at 08:53 PM

RB

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Robert & Shelley Beechler - May 18, 2022 at 08:24 PM