



Gary O'Neal Walker

February 19, 1948 - April 7, 2019

Gary O'Neal Walker, 71, of Woodstock, passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2019 after an extended illness.

A Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2019 in the Chapel of Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta.

Born in Palm Beach County, Florida on February 19, 1948. He attended Belle Glade High School, where he was an All State football player and was voted Most Handsome. He graduated from the University of Florida and earned a Juris Doctor from Atlanta Law School.

Gary served as a Cobb County Assistant Solicitor, and a Cobb County Assistant District Attorney, then went into private practice, specializing in criminal trials. Well loved, and well respected, Gary was often referred to as "larger than life". He wore hats, smoked cigars, and told epic stories about his early life in the Everglades. He was a tough competitor in the courtroom, and everywhere else, but was confident enough in his masculinity to gladly dance in his daughter's recitals (and was surprisingly talented). When his son played baseball and soccer, Gary was there for every game, always putting his family first. His clients loved him, and some were so grateful they even got a tattoo of his famous hat.

There is so much more we could say about Gary, but he will always be remembered as a great man, a one-of-a-kind character. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Preceded in death by parents Esther and O'Neal Walker, survived by a son, Brett O'Neal Walker (Lisa) a daughter, Jennifer Walker Ugolick (Jon), former wife Sallie Walker Paist beloved grandchildren, Liam O'Neal Walker, Catherine Ugolick, and Jackson Ugolick, a brother, Harry O' Neal Walker (Joyce) and many other extended family members.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Events

APR **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Mayes Ward-Dobbins Historic Marietta Chapel
180 Church Street, Marietta, GA, US, 30060

APR **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Back in the 1960s, a generation of youngsters in the Glades . . . including me . . . were inspired by Gary’s football and baseball abilities, his competitive spirit, and his huge heart. He was an exceptional man from his earliest years and had a positive impact on all who knew him. May God welcome him warmly and bless his beloved family.

Tom Altman

Thomas Altman - April 12 at 12:40 AM



“ Gary helped me through a very difficult time in my life. Words can never express the gratitude I feel for him. He will always hold a special place in my heart. My prayer is that he is finally at peace and free of all pain and suffering. I know he will continue to watch over his family and his strong influence will continue to live through them.

Janice (White Heran - April 11 at 10:13 PM



“ With deepest sympathy, Rose Wang & Keith Williams purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary O'Neal Walker.



With deepest sympathy, Rose Wang & Keith Williams - April 11 at 09:57 PM



“ Gary was one of a kind he was a very Special Attorney he will be missed R.I.P,

Stephen Austin - April 11 at 09:27 PM



“ Gary was a valued friend. He actually cared. He was Larger than Life and will be greatly missed. Rlp my friend.

Maria Baker - April 11 at 08:32 PM



“ Gary was a special friend in high school. We experienced many firsts and many good times. RIP dear Gary.

Georgia Cagle - April 11 at 06:47 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Gary O'Neal Walker.



April 11 at 05:41 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary O'Neal Walker.



April 11 at 05:26 PM



“ It breaks my heart to hear about Gary.he was the best man and he has done alot for me.he is my attorney now and i was gonna go find him this week because i have court coming up.i just hate this has happened.to the family i send my condolences and to Gary i love you and i wanna thank you for everything.when my son josh watts died in 2012 you were there and you helped me and i wanna thank u again.R.i.p Gary oneal walker.

Sherry Bennett - April 11 at 04:14 PM



“ Gary was my boyfriend when we were children. He always referred to me as his first girl friend. Gary was always one of the smartest and best looking Guys around. It is so sad to lose a life long friend like Gary. My deepest condolences to the entire family. Rest in peace Gary until we meet again.

Teresa Wilder Nelson - April 11 at 09:30 PM



“ RIP, my dear friend. Many a battle we fought together.

Ed Wilson - April 11 at 03:33 PM



“ Kathryn Thompson (cousin Kathy, Augusta) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary O'Neal Walker.



Kathryn Thompson (cousin Kathy, Augusta) - April 11 at 02:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary O'Neal Walker.



April 11 at 01:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary O'Neal Walker.



April 10 at 03:07 PM



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April 10 at 11:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary O'Neal Walker.



April 10 at 09:01 AM



“ So sorry to learn of Gary's passing. We have fond memories of spending time with him at Centre Stage dance recitals and competitions. He always encouraged every dancer and complimented their performance. He even helped parents breathe through their child's solo. He will be greatly missed.

Bill and Suzanne Edwards

Suzanne Edwards - April 10 at 08:58 AM



“ Will remember you. Especially dancing at Centre Stage. Rest well, Gary. Love to all those who will have a void in their lives now that you have moved on.



a redd - April 10 at 08:37 AM



“ This saddens my heart. Gary was a wonderful man.



Jamie willis - April 10 at 02:10 AM



“ So many memories beginning with dance and continuing through legal issues with my son and even me at one point where Gary just knew his secretary had the wrong name! Quite an ordeal but could always count on Gary to be there. I will always remember Gary with love and admiration. He was an incredible person and will be so missed. I pray God will keep him safe and happy until we meet again. And I hope he has lots of hats up there!

God bless you Gary! This world has lost a remarkable man.

Debbie Landry

Debbie Landry - April 09 at 10:57 PM



“ I had hoped to attend, but will be out of the State. I was saddened to hear of his passing. Gary was one of my favorite people to see up at the courthouse. His personality and courtroom ability will be missed.

God bless,

Theo Sereebutra

theo sereebutra - April 09 at 02:19 PM