



"Uncle" Bill Walker

August 31, 1922 - September 27, 2012

Bill Walker, 80, of Marietta, passed away Thursday, September 27th, at his home in West Cobb County.

Funeral Services will be held 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 5th, at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home and Crematory in Marietta with Bishop Clarence White officiating. Interment will take place at 12:30 pm at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.

Bill was born August 21, 1932 at the family home in McCaysville, GA which he shared with his four siblings. His early years were spent in McCaysville, later attending Berry School in Rome, GA.

Joining the US Air Force in 1950, he served two tours of duty in Korea. He served as an attaché in Japan for nine years, then served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He returned to work at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., completing his military career. Later, he joined the Teamsters Union, serving as labor dispute negotiator.

From 1970 until now he dedicated his life to working with alcoholics and drug addicts, opening one of the first juvenile treatment facilities (New Freedom Lodge). He was part owner of Half-Way Turn Around Facility and was a "Founding Father" in Narcotics Anonymous in Georgia.

A much loved work for him was at the Washington Cemetery in Decatur, GA where he was lovingly named "Uncle Bill" and with his bountiful knowledge of the area gave lectures to visitors and tours of the historic area.

He was described by many as the most generous and non-judgmental person they have ever known. He was a friend to all he met.

Survivors include his wife, Anne T. Walker, four daughters, Tanya Walker of Athens, TN, Melissa Walker of Atlanta, GA, JoLynn Sharpton, Cleveland, TN, Vickie Jenkins of Duluth,

GA; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 4th at the funeral home. Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory, Marietta.

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Comments



“ Bill has been my teacher and my friend since I walked through the doors of New Freedom Lodge in 1982. He has taught me so much about not being judgmental and I aspire to be more like him. When I visited him this summer he spent much of the time talking of his love for his family, He loved you so. Thank you for sharing him with us.



Kim Nunn - October 05, 2012 at 05:43 PM



“ Bill was the second person I met after landing in GA in 1990. The hours and hours we spent together at the Turnaround Office and afterward shaped what my life was to become. He had the ability to make no matter who was in front of him feel heard, loved and special. Fun in Recovery was important. I used to love his "Why Not?" and that huge smile when I would tell him why I couldn't do the things I wanted to do. These past few years he has been amazingly supportive of my family and music. I don't say this often, some people come into your life and leave, others leave footprints on your heart-Bill left footprints on my soul.

Elizabeth B. Luther - October 05, 2012 at 06:49 AM



“ Uncle Bill was in fact my Uncle, brother to my dad David Walker. I have just learned of Bill's passing and pray for all of you, may Bill be re-united with Nana and his brothers and sisters in Gods Kingdom. We are truly sorry we will not be able to attend Bill's services. To Anne and all my nieces our heartfelt condolences and may the Lord shine on your lives!

Truly yours,
Joel David and Patricia Ann Walker
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Joel D and Patricia Walker - October 03, 2012 at 07:38 PM