



James M. "Stud" Walker

June 20, 1923 - October 14, 2012

James M. "Stud" Walker, age 89 years, retired longtime Vienna businessman, passed away Sunday morning, October 14, 2012, at 3:15 AM, at his home.

He was born June 20, 1923 in Grantsburg, Illinois. Stud was the son of James & Minnie (Trovillion) Walker.

Stud was united in marriage to Ruth E. Casper on June 14, 1945 in Vienna, Illinois. Together, they enjoyed over 50 years of marriage prior to Ruth's death on August 11, 1995.

Stud is survived by:

A Son & Daughter-in-Law – Gregory Walker & Leigh Anne DeLeonardo Walker of Woodstock, IL

A Daughter & Son-in-Law – Jill & Charles Meyer of St. Louis, MO

4 Grandchildren – Julie Schellman, and her husband Chris, of Denver, CO

Jennifer Meyer and Jamie Meyer both of St. Louis, MO

Haley Walker of Woodstock, IL

A Great Grandson – Christopher Walker Schellman of Denver, CO

A Sister – Margaret Price of Metropolis, IL

In addition to his parents and wife, Stud was preceded in death by 2 brothers – Wade Walker and D’Anson “Dee” Walker.

Stud was baptized at an early age by the Grantsburg Baptist Church. Following his marriage, however, he spent many years as a very active member of the Vienna First United Methodist Church, where he had served several terms as Sunday School Superintendent. Additionally, he served in various other positions within the church through the years.

Stud was a U. S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He formerly served as the Commander of the Harry Sullins American Legion Post and Quartermaster of the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post both in Vienna.

Stud’s first business venture was in the retail hardware business in Vienna. He hosted “Vienna On The Air” for 17 years on WMOK radio and was widely known for his folksy humor on this daily radio broadcast. Stud also served as manager of the Grand Theater in Vienna for a period of time. Later business ventures included the construction of the Vienna IGA grocery store as well as the Vienna Dairy Queen, which the family owned and operated for many years. Stud also was employed as a salesman and later sales manager for the Frank Thornber Company.

Stud was a very active and involved member of the Vienna community. He is well remembered as master of ceremonies for the local “This Is Your Life” programs. He was also a past president of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce and Vienna Kiwanis Club. He headed the committee which developed the Vienna Ball park and was a longtime supporter and promoter of baseball programs for teens and young adults.

Stud was active in Republican politics in Johnson County for many years as served as County Clerk & Recorder from 1962-1966 and then again from

1970-1974.

Stud was a 66 year member of Vienna Masonic Lodge # 150 AF&AM. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, golfing and was a devoted Chicago Cubs fan.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning, October 17, 2012, at 10 AM at the Vienna First United Methodist Church. Pastor Don Meeks will officiate.

Burial, with military flag presentation accorded by the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail, will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 PM – 8 PM Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

The preferred form of remembrance is memorials to the Vienna First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1349, Vienna, IL 62995 or to Lourdes Hospice, PO Box 7100, Paducah, KY 42002-7100.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

OCT **17.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
301 N. 4th St.
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ James M. "Stud" Walker

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Stud Walker was a vital part of my childhood. He was my Sunday School Superintendent, he would let me sit in the back of the store and watch him on the radio, and as one of my Dad's best friends he continued to look out for me as an adult after my Dad died. He would say things to me about my career that he knew my Dad would say to me if he could. Stud was a GOOD GUY who contributed to Vienna as a community in countless ways.

Myra - January 09, 2013 at 05:59 PM



“ Lorie Trovillion Hawkins lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Lorie Trovillion Hawkins - November 02, 2012 at 10:59 AM



Stud was my Dad's cousin and what a character. Loved him and will miss him.

Lorie Trovillion Hawkins - November 02, 2012 at 11:03 AM

SN

“ Sherry Thomas Nichols lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Sherry Thomas Nichols - October 19, 2012 at 10:38 AM

JY

“ I have many memories of Studs antics on "VIENNA ON THE AIR". I enjoyed being a small part of that program over the years. Jim Young WMOKRadio retired.

Jim Young - October 17, 2012 at 05:55 AM

IP

“ Imogene & Ray Phelps lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Imogene & Ray Phelps - October 16, 2012 at 10:41 PM

IP

“ Imogene Phelps lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Imogene Phelps - October 16, 2012 at 10:35 PM

CW

“ *Carmen&George Wells lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Carmen&George Wells - October 16, 2012 at 05:35 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Rodger Davis Jessica Davis Steele lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Kathy Rodger Davis Jessica Davis Steele - October 16, 2012 at 04:22 PM

D{

“ *Jill,
Sorry to hear about your Dad. I remember his radio program. " Views and News of Johnson County". May God comfort you and your family. Jane and Clearon*

Deborah Jane {Ross}Wright. - October 16, 2012 at 03:32 PM

JH

“ *Jeff And Mecca Helm lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Jeff and Mecca Helm - October 16, 2012 at 12:14 PM

JH

We will miss our dear friend in worship at Vienna United Methodist Church. Blessed for many years by his presence.

Jeff and Mecca Helm - October 16, 2012 at 12:15 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - October 16, 2012 at 03:12 AM



“ *GREG: I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. NOW, WE HAVE LOST ALL OUR PARENTS. YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY. I KNOW HOW VERY HARD IT IS TO LOSE YOUR DAD. DEBBIE HORN*



DEBBIE HORN - October 15, 2012 at 11:42 PM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Dennis and Pat Harner - October 15, 2012 at 04:04 PM

BB

“ *Bob And Sherry Belcher lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Bob and Sherry Belcher - October 15, 2012 at 02:51 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Mike and Nancy Solomon - October 15, 2012 at 01:47 PM

MS

Thinking of you at this time with thoughts and prayers

Mike and Nancy Solomon - October 15, 2012 at 01:48 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Bobby Rentfro - October 15, 2012 at 11:55 AM

BR

RIP my good friend.

Bobby Rentfro - October 15, 2012 at 11:56 AM

JH

“ Stud, I have the fondest memories of you. I will never forget you.

Julie Hayden - October 15, 2012 at 11:43 AM

JH

“ Julie Hayden lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Julie Hayden - October 15, 2012 at 11:40 AM

TT

“ Tricia Thomson lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Tricia Thomson - October 15, 2012 at 10:59 AM



“ Kathy Hupe lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Kathy Hupe - October 15, 2012 at 10:35 AM



What a neighbor we had with Stud! He was there to welcome us into our home years ago, enjoyed our kids and grandbabies visits. Steve and Stud would sit outside at Stud's and talk while watching the cars go by and Stud would yell at the cars that were speeding and got Steve to do it also. I would enjoy a cigar with him and he would give me the talk that cigars weren't good for me and then laugh. Stud will truly be missed in our neighborhood. Rest in peace with Ruth now Stud. You are finally HOME.

Kathy Hupe - October 15, 2012 at 10:41 AM

K(

“ *Kim Whatley And Melissa Riley (Arthur) lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Kim Whatley and Melissa Riley (Arthur) - October 15, 2012 at 10:24 AM

RH

“ *I will always have fond memories of Stud, He would check into the County Clerks office and give me his advice, tell me what election company I should be with and etc...LOL I went by a couple of weeks ago to take him and large board that I had everyone sign from the County Clerks office and he was very touched but most of all I got to hear some stories on each...He is finally re united with his Love Miss Ruth who I was blessed to have as my teacher in HS...Stud I will treasure the memories and stories I have had with you over the last 18 years.*



Robin Harper-Whitehead - October 15, 2012 at 09:29 AM

BW

“ *What an interesting man to loose. Did he ever meet someone he he didn't greet cheerfully? Stud, you are missed already.*



Bill Welch - October 15, 2012 at 08:48 AM

DG

“ *Donnie & Kathy Graves lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Donnie & Kathy Graves - October 15, 2012 at 08:45 AM

NW

“ *Neal&Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Neal&Carol Watkins - October 15, 2012 at 06:54 AM

ES

“ *Elaina Rentfro Scerena lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Elaina Rentfro Scerena - October 15, 2012 at 06:21 AM

MP

“ Stud was a one of a kind person. I can still remember when I was younger walking past his house as he sat in the front yard giving him a hard time about being a Chicago Cubs fan. The stories of Stud Walker will live on. Until we meet again.

Matthew Prewitt - October 15, 2012 at 12:31 AM

AW

“ Aleatha & Ryan Wright lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Aleatha & Ryan Wright - October 14, 2012 at 06:24 PM

AW

We are gonna miss you so much! We'll never forget you.

Aleatha and Ryan Wright - October 14, 2012 at 06:26 PM

RH

“ Rickey And Sandra Harner lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



rickey and sandra harner - October 14, 2012 at 05:34 PM

JR

“ *Jim & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Jim & Diane Rainbolt - October 14, 2012 at 05:15 PM

JR

You were my first employer and a true friend!! You will always have a special place in my heart!

Jim & Diane Rainbolt - October 14, 2012 at 05:20 PM

LH

“ *Lonnie Hinton lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Lonnie Hinton - October 14, 2012 at 03:08 PM

WD

“ *I always remember the many stories Stud had to offer about the time he got elected county clerk, and what man of the other side was instrumental in accomplishing his goal. He always had a great sense of humor, and a pleasure to have counted him a friend.*

Wayne Dunn - October 14, 2012 at 12:14 PM

RO

“ Will miss you Stud -- many times you have told the story about the Senior girls and the poor little Freshman Country boy ---thanks for the memories.

RoseMary Orr

RoseMary Hunt Orr - October 14, 2012 at 10:17 AM

RB

“ Richard And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Richard and Karen Brumley - October 14, 2012 at 09:50 AM

FK

“ Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



Floyd & Linda Koehler - October 14, 2012 at 08:38 AM



“ Judy Hayden lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker



judy hayden - October 14, 2012 at 08:00 AM



Peaceful rest Stud.

judy hayden - October 14, 2012 at 08:01 AM

JH

“ *Jack And Jackie Harper lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Jack and Jackie Harper - October 14, 2012 at 07:53 AM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Dorothy Bacon - October 14, 2012 at 07:50 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



October 14, 2012 at 07:50 AM

AS

“ *Angie Street lit a candle in memory of James M. "Stud" Walker*



Angie Street - October 14, 2012 at 07:02 AM