



Richard Adrian Walker III Obituary

May 1, 1966 - March 18, 2011

Richard Adrian Walker III, 44, died at his home in Oak Ridge on March 18, 2011. Mr. Walker was born May 1, 1966, in Atlanta, Georgia, to former Oak Ridgers Richard (Dixie) Adrian Walker Jr. and the former Amelia (Mimi) Rector Bell.

Mr. Walker served in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS America; after his military service he entered the medical field. He served as a health-care professional and case manager for many years at Seton Medical Center in San Francisco, California. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from City College of San Francisco and pursued graduate studies at State University of New York.

Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his father Richard (Dixie) Adrian Walker Jr. and his aunt, Carole Walker Vale, as well as his grandparents Richard Adrian Walker, Marjorie Walker, Burwell Baxter Bell Jr., and Mary Rector Bell (all former Oak Ridgers). Survivors include his mother Amelia (Mimi) Bell Knight, stepfather Ambassador James Knight, sister Mary Amelia Walker, niece Amelia DeShay Savage, nephew Robert Daniel Williams, great-nephew Myles Miranda and uncle General Burwell Baxter Bell III, as well as his long-term friend and housemate John Wildman.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday, March 24 at Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home and will celebrate Mr. Walker's life with a memorial mass at 10:30 am on Friday, March 25th in the Chapel of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Oak Ridge. A reception will follow in Columbus Hall at St. Mary's. Family and friends are invited to attend his interment with military honors at Oak Ridge Memorial Park at 12:15 pm on Friday, March 25th following the mass and reception. Flowers and expressions of sympathy may be sent to Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home.

Comments



“ RICH, REMEMBERING YOU ON THIS SPECIAL DAY OF YOUR BIRTH. I LOVE YOU, MOM

AMELIA BELL KNIGHT - MOTHER - May 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Remembering you, my son, with love and joy. March 18, 2014. Mother

Amelia Bell Knight - Mother - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Missing you so very much - especially at Christmas, Mom

Amelia Bell Knight - Mother - December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Happy Birthday Richard ! I will celebrate today with joy in memory of a beautiful soul and a handsome, kind man with lovely blue eyes who gave so much happiness to me and those who knew him. God bless you, my son. I miss you enduringly. Love, Mother

Amelia Bell Knight - Richard's mother - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Remembering your smile and kind heart. I miss you. Your friend, Richard.

Richard Read - Philadelphia, PA - Friend - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My greatest sympathy for you for the loss of your child. So sorry to be learning the news so belatedly. What a tragic loss for you to lose a child. Our heartfelt sympathy. Love, Jo and Bob Emmert

Jo cline Emmert - Baton rouge, LA - Friend of mother - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest my friend- I know you are shining down in us from Heaven.

Richard Read - Friend - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Rick and I were friends for 20 years. We worked together as Case Managers on the same Hospital Floor. Ricky had the ability to love people unconditionally He was a great listener. and had an open and caring heart. We talked of his parents- he showed me pics of South Africa.. We talked about his fathers illness and passing. I came to visit him in his home in Oak Ridge, it was a memorable tome. I will forever remember his smile. and the way his big blue eyes twinkled when he laughed. Until we meet again my friend, I will be missing you.

Richard Read Jr. - Philadelphia, PA - Friend - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mimi, so, so sorry with your sons passing. I grew up across the street from his father Dixie. Your son is so handsome...I see his mom & dad for sure. You are in my prayers. And Mimi, I still remember your favorite perfume....it was Intimate. The last time I visited with Mrs. Walker and Carol was at my sisters funeral in 2000. Take care and please know there are many of your high school friends who still love you.

Susie Williams Taylor - Dallas, GA - friend - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Lia, I am the Godmother that you rarely saw as a young child...and, then I lost track of you, your brother and your mother. Forgive me: I did try to find you and I have thought of you 1,000's of times over the years just as I did of your mother. I am so sorry for your loss and wish I had known of it and could have been in Oak Ridge to pay my respects and to reunite with you all. You are still special to me. I am praying for you all and so hope that you, your mother and family members are well and have taken comfort from the many who knew and loved BB. May God Bless You! Barbara (Starlin) (901) 596-6688

Barbara Starlin Halliburton - Germantown, TN - Lia's Godmother - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mimi and Daughter, Amelia, I just heard of Bebe's demise through a friend on Facebook. Pls write me via FB or Email or call (901) 596-6688. This is my Cell no. because we are @ our vacation home on Walnut Mt, Ellijay, GA. My heart is broken for you & all the family members. Pls contact me.

Barbara Starlin Halliburton - Germantown, TN - Mother's (Mimi's) Friend - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mimi & Jim,

Rick and I had lost touch over the last few years, but I will always love him dearly. He was a great friend and confidante. I first met him when he came back to Oak Ridge and moved into his Grandmothers house.

We had lots of great times together...he was always a joy to be around, and I will always treasure his friendship and his beautiful smile.

I hate so much that his young life is over so soon. I wanted you both to know he loved you both so much, and often spoke of you fondly.

You and your family are in my prayers.

Donna Moody

Donna Moody - Friend - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ John,
You're in my thoughts and prayers. It was an honor to witness the miracle of Richard walking again this year. You two have been a blessing to so many people.

Love,
Sharon

Sharon Freels - oak ridge, TN - friend - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to see that Richard passed away. I always would enjoy seeing him come to the bank. Always quick with a smile and so very pleasant. He will be missed.

Jennifer Walker

Jennifer Walker - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences. To your Richard and to all the family. So sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Phillip "Mr. P." Ivey

Phillip Ivey - Mckk Member - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Rick was a great friend. He was a kind, open and honest man. I like doing simple fun things with Rick like playing scrabble and talking over having dinner. Rick you will missed.

Randall Crossing - friend - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our most sincere sympathies to all who loved and knew Richard. Such a sudden and tragic loss is so very hard to understand, and is accompanied by a grief for which no one could have prepared. Our love and prayers are with you as you travel this journey, and the hope that somehow the love and strength from we who love you will help lighten your burdens.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris - Springfield , MO - Family - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I regret that we cannot be there to personally express our condolences. My path with Richard crossed several times in recent years. We met in Norfolk when his Navy ship was here. We rekindled our friendship at BB's retirement discussing our common interest in science fiction. We exchanged emails and were writing regularly. We shared books we had read and jokes. He will be missed.

Jack

Jackson Rollins Bell, Jr. - Virginia Beach, VA - Cousin - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mimi, I was very saddened by the news of your son's passing. I didn't even know Dixie had passed away either. I have so many memories of the Walker family growing up, because my brother and Dixie were close friends. Carol did my wedding reception, and their mom sewed for me. I remember well when you had Lia while I was at UT. Your son looks so much like both of you in the picture posted. He's gorgeous like his mom and dad. I wish you every blessing and comfort and pray for things to be well with your family. Much love, Anne.

Anne Shugart Galbraith - Knoxville, TN - friend of Mimi and Dixie - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart broke when I heard the news of Uncle Richie. I find myself thinking of him and all that I remember. He helped my mom name me when I was born and because of him I have a beautiful name. The one thing I hear over in my head is his laugh. I will always remember what a wonderful laugh Uncle Richie had, it always made me smile and laugh right along with him. All my love.

Amelia Savage - niece - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry to read of your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sharon Bays Spainhour - Loudon, TN - High school friend of Mimi. - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I WILL NEVER FORGET A CHEER I GUESS RICH MADE UP BECAUSE I HAVE NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE:
"BIG APPLE
LONG BANANA
WE"RE THE TEAM FROM INDIANA"

IT STILL MAKES ME SMILE. LOVE AND HUGS ALL AROUND. . . BECKY AND TOMMY

BECKY AND TOMMY JOHNSON - RESTON , VA - BEST FRIEND FOREVER - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mimi and Jim,

Our memories of Rich are many, starting with the little 3 year old that I first met at the lake... towhead, big blue eyes. We decided at that moment that we had to have our own little boy some day with blond hair and blue eyes. With every memory of time spent with him in person or on the phone, the one thing that plays in our heads is his huge laugh; a laugh that seemed to bubble up from his toes! There was no way to keep a smile from our faces as we heard that booming, happy sound.

We will miss him. God bless him as he is now in Heaven for his rest. God bless and comfort all who love him.

General and Mrs. B. B. Bell (Aunt Katie and Uncle B. B.)

General and Mrs. B. B. Bell - Ooltewah, TN - Aunt and Uncle - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mimi

My sincere sorrow at reading this news. I've thought of you often through the years and your lovely children. May he rest in peace.

Julie

Julie Lumpkin Erwin - Kingston, TN - family friend - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mimi and family,

I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your son. May God hold you close to Himself in the days ahead. I will be praying for your peace and comfort that only He can give.

In His Love,
Karen (Wallace) Metzel

Karen (Wallace) Metzel - Winnsboro, TX - school friend & neighbor in O.R. - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mimi and Lia,

Am so sorry to here about Rich. Please know all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. It seems just like yesterday that he was running through our house laughing!

Susan Vail Maloof - Albany, GA - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM