



James Walker

July 14, 1917 - October 28, 2009

Obituary of James Walker

James M. Walker, loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a long-time Leesburg resident passed away Wednesday, October 28, 2009, following a long, productive and happy life. Born in Townsend, Tennessee, on July 14, 1917, Jimmy moved to Florida in 1937 where he met and married the love of his life, Miriam Scarborough, his predeceased wife of 68 years. He is survived by one brother, Rufus Eugene Walker of Maryville, Tennessee, and his children, Beth Rohrer, Karen Walker, James Walker (Terri) and Joe Walker (Ouida), along with eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Jimmy enjoyed a long business career, highlighted by 15 years at Juice Fruit Buyers, followed by more than 22 years as Controller for Square G Contracting of Leesburg. He loved his professional life which was evidenced by his retirement at the age of 72. Additionally, there were scores of Central Florida residents who relied every year on Jimmie's tax consulting and preparation skills. His last year of tax preparation was 2007.

In addition to his deep commitment to his family and profession, Jimmy always found time make significant contributions to his community. As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Leesburg for over five decades, he served as secretary and represented the Leesburg chapter at state and national

conventions.

From 1954 thru 1969, he was very involved with the Leesburg Little League, first as a coach, then manager and finally as president of the Little League from 1960 thru 1969.

After his family, there was no question that his greatest love was for the First Baptist Church of Leesburg. Starting as a Sunday School teacher, he served for more than fifty years as Sunday School Secretary, Church Treasurer, Deacon, member of the pulpit search committee, along with other key roles.

Jimmy attended his last prayer breakfast less than two weeks ago. This prayer breakfast was started by several First Baptist Church members, including Jimmy, in 1958, and still meets Friday mornings at 6:00AM.

Visitation

The family will host those wishing to pay their respects during visitation hours Friday, October 30, 2009, 12:00 to 1:00PM with the service following at 1:00PM. Visitation and service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Leesburg, and interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, 1901 County Road 25A , Leesburg.

Memorials

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so may make a contribution to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Rd., Tavares, FL 32778.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Walker*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have such great memories of your precious mom (Aunt Miriam) and precious dad (Uncle Jimmy). Please know that our prayers are with each member of your family during this time. He will be missed by so many, and remembered so highly.*

Laurie (Matthews) Calloway and Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your dad has been a part of my life for almost 63 years, all the way from Meadow Street to Cottonwood Street. From Sunday school as a toddler to Royal Ambassadors, from little league to backyard basketball games to vacant lot football and thru college. He even took the time to come say hello on my trip to Leesburg last year. He will truly be missed.*

Bill & Phyllis - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Karen and all the family, I'm thinking of you all today and will keep you in my prayers. I remember your daddy as such a handsome, fine man, a stalwart of our church. I admired him. What a wonderful life of service he has had! God bless you all. Shellie*

Shellie Griffis Lyon - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM