



## Joe Walker

December 7, 1948 - February 24, 2025

Joe Walker of Leesburg, 76, passed away peacefully on February 24, 2025. He was born on Long Island, New York on December 7, 1948 to Joe and Gloria Walker. Joe left Long Island for Upstate New York, graduating from SUNY Oswego in 1971. Upon graduation Joe worked for New York State's Division for Youth which began his lifelong career of service to others, which he truly believed was his calling.

Throughout his life Joe had a passion for music, which he passed on to his three children. Joe also loved running (he completed several marathons), coaching his kid's sports teams when they were young and volunteering in the community. Joe loved to watch all sports, with a particular passion for college basketball.

Joe and his wife Rusty moved to Florida 23 years ago. It was then that Joe became a hospice chaplain for Compassionate Care. During his time in Florida Joe developed a bit of an obsession for regular golf games; he loved playing with Rusty even when she became good enough to beat him on the course. Joe also enjoyed sailing and scuba diving. However, his favorite pastime was playing softball with "the guys". He loved that time on the field and the camaraderie he felt with the team.

Joe is survived by his wife of 23 years, Linda ("Rusty") Walker; his daughters Amy (Jeff) Jones of West Des Moines, IA and Becky Walker of Charleston,

SC; his son Joe (Diana) Walker of Charleston, SC and grandchildren Leah, Abby, Jude, William, Noah and Juniper. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Gloria Walker. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Compassionate Care Hospice of The Villages. A visitation will start at 1pm on March 15th, followed by a memorial service at 2pm at Pennbrooke Fairways Activity Center.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pennbrooke Fairways Activity Center  
501 FL-44  
Leesburg, FL 34748

## Memorial Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Walker.*



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March 10, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ *Becky, he looks handsome in this age also, I am damn sure he lived a beautiful life and I pray to God may his soul rest in heaven.*

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