



Walker Weathers

August 21, 1957 - July 16, 2012

A service for Walker Don Weathers will be held at West Erwin Church of Christ in Tyler at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 19th, 2012. He was received into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on July 16, 2012. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. There will be a visitation on Wednesday, July 18th, at Stewart Funeral Home in Tyler from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Walker Weathers was born in Columbus, Mississippi on August 21, 1957, and attended school in Tyler, Texas. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1975, before continuing his education at Abilene Christian University, where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1979. In 1983, he completed his formal education at Baylor Law School, receiving his Juris Doctor. Walker returned to Tyler, to pursue the practice of law and his love of aviation. He was admitted to practice law before the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. While in law school at Baylor, Walker met Rhonda Marie Sylvester, the love of his life, and wife of 28 years. He was a second year law student, and she was a senior. He saw her in the Student Union Building and came over to introduce himself. Walker was a proud father. He and Rhonda have two children, Ross Walker Weathers and Grace Marie Weathers. Both of their children are students at the University of Texas at Austin, studying business and education respectively. Ross received his private pilot's license on August 21, 2008, thirty one years and one day after his father. On July 18th, 1978, Walker took

his first flight lesson in Boulder, Colorado. After immediately discovering his passion for aviation, he received his private pilot's license thirty two days later. He also earned his helicopter license and is a charter member of the Tyler Quiet Birdmen Hangar. Walker has worked with many aircraft organizations and has been fortunate enough to fly diverse aircraft flying many interesting people from all walks of life as well as numerous sports franchises, including the Texas Rangers and Houston Rockets. He was also a Captain of Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff's Posse. After graduation from law school in 1983, Walker went to work for Saunders Law Firm in Tyler. He was a general practice lawyer and was with the firm until 1990, when he and his brother, Wade, began their own practice and started Weathers and Weathers Law Firm. He was active in his Tyler practice and worked as the Vice President and General Counsel for The Wikert Group out of Dallas, Texas. Walker was an outstanding advocate for his clients both inside and outside the court room and was well respected by the judges and his fellow lawyers. Walker was actively involved as a member of the West Erwin Church of Christ. He served as a Deacon, A member of the missions committee, and was also a Sunday school teacher. He served on the Board of Directors for Boles Home, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Ross Walker. Walker had an adventuresome spirit and loved the outdoors and wildlife. Some of his favorite pastimes were spent at his deer camp in McCullough County and tending to his farm and livestock. More important to Walker than his professional or personal accomplishments was his family. He was well known as the "peacemaker" of the family and voted the "nicest uncle". He will be remembered for his great honesty, integrity, patience, and calmness in the midst of chaos. He was a leader for the family and everyone else who knew him. Many times throughout his life Walker anonymously and generously gave to others in need. Walker loved the Lord and served him diligently. Walker touched the lives of many people both young and old with his quiet ways and sense of humor. He enjoyed working with people of all ages and backgrounds. It did not matter if you only had a nickel or a million,

he would always treat you the same. He was known for always finding the good in those around him. The pain in our hearts will only be tempered by the peace he now knows and the knowledge that he is in the presence of his heavenly father. Walker is survived by his loving wife, Rhonda, and his two children, Grace and Ross; parents, Wanda and Don Weathers; brothers, Wade Weathers and his wife Diane, and their children Caroline, Katherine, and Rebecca, and Wynne Weathers and his wife Kristi, and his children Wendy and Will. Walker is also survived by his father and mother-in-law, Bill and Wanda Sylvester; sister in law, Cindy Tye; his favorite uncle, Rex Walker of Boulder, Colorado and many others who loved him dearly. Pallbearers will be Mike Martin, Sr., Mike Martin, Jr., Scot Moore, Ron Lott, Randy Grooms, Randy Johnson, Jim Echols, and Lanier Richey. Honorary Pallbearers are his hunting family including Randy Roberts, Whit Riter, Bob Garrett, Paxton Riter, and Morris Hallman. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the West Erwin Church of Christ Missions Fund, 420 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas 75702. Rarely do we find a man who has lived by the values that he professes. His Life and family are living proof of the Lords blessing.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. We are in Colorado on vacation, but we will pray daily. In His Love, Terry & Kim Frick

Terry & Kim Frick - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Walker was a friend you could depend on. He loved his family and always put them first. He had so many talents, I am so glad that the time he was here on earth I was able to know him. He will be missed so many.

Angel Gregory - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Walker Weathers

Debbie Little - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Wanda, I am so sorry for this hard time for you and your family. I know you feel like your family circle has been broken, but one day it will be whole again. Trey has been gone 10 years, there is not a day that goes by, that I do not have him on my mind. You are strong, and your family will need you. I remember I used to babysit for your boys. Please call me should you need to talk. We love you, All of the Little Family

Debbie Little - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for your family at this time and the time to come. We have enjoyed knowing Walker through the years and will miss him. He was not only a wonderful man but a wonderful example to all of us. May God Bless your family.

Charles and Freida Starr - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am sorry to hear to hear about your husband/brother. I know he will be missed greatly. Please be at peace knowing he is in a better place, even though you were not ready to let him go. I will keep your family in my prayers.

lee farris - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Dear Don & Wanda, Rhonda & Family,

My heart is saddened by your loss. You are all loved by so many who share your hurt even though we can not begin to comprehend how hard it must be.

I pray God's arms encircle you and give you comfort.

Elaine Roberson

Elaine Roberson - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ My prayers are with you, Rhonda, Ross and Grace. You have many caring friends who will hold you up in prayer and in deed. You are loved and cared for, just as your husband and daddy was while in our midst. Rest easy that he now is in the company of our Lord.

Pam Hicks - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Weathers family,
I was so sad to hear of your loss. I haven't seen you or Walker in many years but I think of you when I come home. Walker was such a fun and happy guy. Sounds like he had the life of his dreams. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ann Montgomery Chitwood - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Wanda and Family,*

Our love and prayers are with you always.

Carol Burnett and Family - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Our hearts are heavy over learning of the death of a Dear Friend, Brother-In-Christ and Attorney. He now rests in the arms of Jesus and is with his GrandFather and GrandMother who have gone before him.*

May the Love of All Who Mourn with You Comfort His Loving Family who remain here on this earth.

Know that Mother and I will be in Prayer and Mourning with you.

Judy and Lorene Venable

Judy Venable-Grogan - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Wade and family, I am so sorry for your loss. It sounds like Walker was an amazing person. My prayers are with you.*

Smith Wimberley - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM