



Raymond B. Walker

April 25, 1935 - January 21, 2018

Raymond B. Walker, age 82 of Dayton passed away Sunday January 21, 2018 at Life Care of Rhea County. He was born April 25, 1935 in Spring City to the late Thomas Franklin and Lillie Mae (Durham) Walker.

Raymond was a graduate of the Spring City High School class of 1955. He was a dairy farmer and worked as a Farm Bureau agent for 41 years. He was member of the First United Methodist Church of Dayton.

He was a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Speaking and Human Relations program, was Dayton's Young Man of the Year, University of Tennessee William and Mary Hale "Family of the Year", recipient of the State 4-H Alumni Recognition Award, recipient of Tennessee Primary Care Association Recognition Award and recipient of Southeast Development Legislator of the Year Award in 2004.

Raymond was a Tennessee House member of the 100, 101, 102 and 103rd General Assemblies from 1996- 2004. He represented the 25th District: Rhea, Cumberland and Bledsoe counties, was State Representative of the 25th District in the 1977 Constitutional Convention, member of House Commerce Committee, Industrial Impact of Commerce, Finance, Ways and Means and TennCare Oversight Committee. Throughout the past eight years, he helped in securing numerous grants for industries in Rhea and Cumberland Counties and was instrumental in helping with the completion of the four lanes of Highway 27 and Blythe's and Washington bridges over the Tennessee River and was instrumental in the grant to complete the road into the Industrial Park

in Spring City between Highway 27 and Highway 68. The road was named Raymond Walker Blvd. He was also instrumental in securing the location of the Southeast Tennessee Correctional Facility.

He served as a member of the Industrial Development Board for Dayton from 1973 – 1992, was Chairman of the Ground Breaking Ceremony for La-Z-Boy Chair Company in 1974, was a current member and past board member of Rhea Economic and Tourism Council Development 1992 - 2000, member and past president of Dayton Rotary Club, member and past president of Dayton Chamber of Commerce, member of Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cumberland County, member of Chamber of Commerce of Bledsoe County, past board member of Rhea County United Way, past board member of Rhea County Medical Center, past president of Dayton Jaycees, lifetime member and senator of JCI, past president of Sweetwater Valley Life Underwriters Association and Federal District Coordinator of National Association of Life Underwriters. He served as foreman of the Rhea County Grand Jury for multiple years.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sue Ann (Martin) Walker, two sons, Barry Lynn (Bonnie) Walker of Dayton and Keith Randall (Hope) Walker of Nashville and two granddaughters Abigail Grace Walker and Hannah Faith Walker as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Raymond will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at his church with Rev. Kenneth Pierce officiating. He will be laid to rest Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in Spring City Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Senior Van Fund P. O. Box 12, Dayton, TN 37321 and the Rhea County 4-H Public Speaking Program, Rhea County Extension Agent, 125 Court St., Unit 3, Dayton, TN 37321, ATTN: Rhea County 4-H.

Please share your memories of Raymond on his on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton. The family will receive friends Tuesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the

church.

Cemetery Details

Spring City Memorial Gardens
Spring City, TN 37381

Tribute Wall



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - October 17, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Raymond introduced me into the leadership class with the Chamber many years ago which help me get a start. This helped me to become a leader with the community. Berry became a very close friend of mine as I'll never forget the kindness that both of these gentlemen have shown me and we pray for the family sorry for your loss. Tessa Moody

TessaandMichael Moody - February 02, 2018 at 06:56 PM



“ I shared the arena showing dairy cattle for my first time with this guy back in the late fifties. Also bought insurance for my first car from him. Raymond was the kind of person you never forgot once you were around him. What a gentleman! He accomplished so much and is well respected by all. A good man

T. Ronald Turner -January 29 at 7:05PM

Ronald Turner - January 29, 2018 at 08:07 PM

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“ Raymond Walker was one of the finest individuals I have had the privilege to know and work with. You could always count on sound advice from him because of his wide range of experience and adherence to principle. When I decided to run for the Senate in 2008 he was one of the first persons I contacted in Rhea county for advice. He gave me sound advice about being able to work with everybody, even people who may disagree and to put the people first. I have tried to practice that wise counsel. Thank you, Raymond, and may you rest in peace. My sincere condolences to Sue and the family. Sen. Ken Yager

Sen. Ken Yager - January 24, 2018 at 11:09 AM

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“ I was acquainted with Mr. Walker while working for the UT Agricultural Extension Service. I remember him as being highly respected and a very caring man. My condolences are offered to Mrs. Walker, extended family and friends.

Susan Mobley Perrin Miller - January 23, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond B. Walker.



January 23, 2018 at 12:13 PM



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January 23, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ *A true gentleman. It was my honor to work for Raymond Walker for a time. My condolences to Sue Ann, his boys and their families.*

Becky Bodkin - January 23, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *I was deeply saddend to hear the news of Mr. Walker's passing. Please know that my heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you Barry and Family.*

Catherine Morgan - January 22, 2018 at 10:33 PM



“ *My prayers are with you Sue and your family
God Bless*

Harold Newby - January 22, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *MR.Walker was a great man,and always wanted what was best for his family,friends,and community,Barry,and Keith can be proud to know their Dad made a difference. R,I.P.*

Terry Morgan - January 22, 2018 at 08:23 PM

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It was an honor to serve with Mr. Walter in The Tennessee General Assembly. We all will miss this wonderful man we all loved.

Jimmy Eldridge - January 22, 2018 at 09:14 PM

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Spelling: Mr. Walker

Jimmy Eldridge - January 22, 2018 at 09:16 PM

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“ Sue Ann , Barry ,Kieth and all your family. The Walker & Treadway families go back to about 1963. We shared many joys and some sorrows as well. I believe I am a better person for having known Raymond Walker. May God keep you as you morn your loss. Hope is yours !!
Danny Treadway

Rev. Danny Treadway - January 22, 2018 at 07:54 PM

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“ Kathy Patton lit a candle in memory of Raymond B. Walker



kathy patton - January 22, 2018 at 02:36 PM