



Dr. J. Alex Walker

November 20, 1931 - February 5, 2018

Dr. James Alex Walker, MD, FACS, 86, passed away Monday, February 5, 2018. Dr. Walker was born in Huntsville, Alabama on November 20, 1931 to the late John Bayless and Lila Ricketts Walker. He served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1953 until 1961 and was Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Reserves from 1982 until 1985.

He received a Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from Auburn University in March of 1953 and later graduated from Medical College of Alabama (University of Alabama) in 1959. He graduated 9th in his class of 64 and 5th in his class for the National Board Exam.

Dr. Walker served internships at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS and at the University of Alabama Hospitals and Clinics in Birmingham, AL. He practiced Family Practice and OB-GYN in Fort Payne from 1961 thru 1966 and then General Surgery Practice from 1969 to 2009. He served as Chief of Surgery at Baptist Medical Center in Fort Payne from 1969 thru 1996.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Wilson Funeral Home with Dr. Kevin McCreless officiating and eulogy given by Fred Johnson. Burial will follow in Rainsville Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends

Thursday from 11 a.m. until the 2 p.m. hour of service. The family is accepting flowers or memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel C. Walker; sons David Walker and wife, Sissy, Scott Walker and wife, Jamie, and Richard Walker; daughter, Christy Walker; step-sons, Jason Davis and Chris Harris; grandchildren, Brett Walker, Josh Walker, Cody Hawthorne, and Rachael Walker; step-grandchildren, Tyler Davis, London Davis, Rylynn Davis, Ashley Camp, and Nicole Harris; and great-grandson, Alex Walker.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Clara Smith and daughter-in-law, Karen Walker.

Pallbearers include the following, Brett Walker, Cody Hawthorn, Tyler Davis, Dr. Steve Isbell, Mack Cooper and Danny Hughes. Honorary pallbearers include the following, All Past and Present employees of Walkers-Isbell Clinic, and all present and former medical personnel.

Cemetery Details

Rainsville Memorial Park

738 McCurdy Avenue North
Rainsville, AL 35986

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home Chapel
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150
wilsonfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<http://www.wilsonfhinc.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *I truly loved Dr. Walker and loved working with him. He was the most dedicated surgeon that went above and beyond for his patients. He was a brilliant man who served and he did it well. I love you and miss your humor and always will remember you.*

Janet Darwin - December 04, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Dr. J. Alex Walker*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Scott,
Our sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family upon the loss of your father.*

Nancy and Charles Griggs

Charles Griggs - February 13, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ *Our family thought the world of Dr. Walker. He operated on three generations of our family. He will truly be missed. Dr. Walker was a wonderful man and doctor.*

*Roberta White Mellin (Deceased)
Doris (Deceased) and Raymond Groat
Ann and Jim Houston*



Ann Houston - February 11, 2018 at 09:17 AM

PS

“ We are members of Dr. Walker's son's (Dr. Richard Walker) church, Macland Baptist and have met Dr. Alex Walker at our church. Dr. Richard Walker, his son (our pastor) has spoken of his Father many times from the pulpit as a kind and loving Father. May we pass our prayers and condolences to his entire family. May God hold you up with the comfort and peace HE offers during the trials of loss. HE understands.

*Paul and Linda Stepehns
Marietta, GA*

Paul and Linda Stephens - February 09, 2018 at 10:30 AM

PS

“ Peggy Simpson lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker



peggy simpson - February 08, 2018 at 12:24 PM

AC

“ Prayers of peace and comfort to the family. His life touched so many people in a wonderful way, including mine. He will truly be missed.

Angela Chambers



Angela Chambers - February 08, 2018 at 11:11 AM

KM

“ *Kristi Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker*



Kristi Mitchell - February 08, 2018 at 10:06 AM

BF

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Took care of my mother and grandmother so well when they were ill.*

Betty Fike - February 08, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ *Every soul that lives and then dies leaves many things behind. We should be so thankful for the legacy that stays with those who live on as family, friends and those who never knew Dr. Walker. It matters not whether you ever met or knew Dr. Walker, but it does matter how God used Dr. Walker in the lives of so many people he touched and treated as a doctor, husband, father, and friend.*

I am one of those who never had the privilege to know Dr. Walker but I want to say that my life has been touched and challenged by what God did through Dr. Walker. He gave us his son, pastor Richard Walker and there is where my greatest gratitude to Dr. Walker is given.

Dr. Walker's legacy will live on in the lives that have been changed eternally through the dedicated ministry of his son, Richard Walker. Countless lives will live on eternally in heaven because of the life-giving gospel that pastor Richard Walker has so lovingly shared with thousands of listeners to his voice.

Dr. Walker, please know that you were used mightily by God through your son pastor Richard Walker. Your legacy will live on in the lives of those who have been eternally changed because of the gospel of Jesus Christ lived out in your son Richard.

Eddie Gomez - February 08, 2018 at 08:19 AM

BC

“ *BRENDA J. CARROLL lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker*



BRENDA J. CARROLL - February 08, 2018 at 05:43 AM

BC

I want to tell Dr. Walker's family that I'm praying they receive the PEACE that PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, which only comes from GOD. I LOVED & APPRECIATED Dr. Walker for saving my life when I was 25 yrs old. I had MELANOMA & he did surgery on me & checked me closely every 6 months for years. He cured me by taking out a lot of tissue around the MELANOMA & took out my axillary lump nodes. He took care of me for other sicknesses & surgeries. He also took care of my family on numerous occasions. He SAVED many lives & touched the lives of many people. I also worked w. Dr. Walker @ the hospital. He was ALWAYS KIND & friendly to me.

BRENDA J. CARROLL - February 09, 2018 at 03:26 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. J. Alex Walker.*



February 08, 2018 at 03:57 AM

SH

“ *Dr. Walker meant a great deal to our family. He was with us through the most difficult times in our lives and was our steadfast help. Rest in peace.*



Sarah Haase - February 08, 2018 at 12:08 AM

KH

“ *Kim Hackworth lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker*



Kim Hackworth - February 07, 2018 at 11:08 PM

GB

“ When I moved to Fort Payne in 1980, Dr. Walker told me that any time I needed help for a patient, he would do his best to be there. And he kept his word. He also took good care of Suzanne and I. Both of us will keep him in our memories.
Gilles Bastille MD.

Gilles Bastille - February 07, 2018 at 11:00 PM

GH

“ Gala Hester lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker

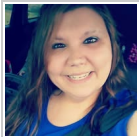


Gala Hester - February 07, 2018 at 10:57 PM

BH

“ DR. WALKER DIAGNOSED MY HUSBAND, DEWAYNE WITH HODKINS DISEASE IN 1984. HE HELPED TREAT HIM FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS. DEWAYNE THOUGHT HE HUG THE MOON. WE HAVE LOST A GREAT DOCTOR AND A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING. RIP SIR.

BRENDA HAIRSTON - February 07, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ Chrissy Willyard lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker



Chrissy Willyard - February 07, 2018 at 08:19 PM

LW

“ Our family history with Dr. Walker goes back to him delivering our daughter, Lynne, in 1962. Over the years, we were all under his care a number of times. Some of those times were minor and some were major. I believe that God used Dr. Walker's skills and vast medical knowledge to save my life in 1976. As I once told him, Dr. Walker was more than just my surgeon, he was my hero and my friend.

Lanar Wilburn

Lanar Wilburn - February 07, 2018 at 08:15 PM

DS

“ His persistence saved my dad's (Thomas L Wendorf) life. He was an amazing healer and will be remembered fondly.

Debra Sharp - February 07, 2018 at 05:59 PM

BL

“ Rachel , & Family my prayers are with you all in coming day Dr Walker was a kind and loving man , be missed by all .



Bobbie Lewis - February 07, 2018 at 05:33 PM

TN

“ I once saw a painting in a physician’s office that depicted a surgeon with divine figures beside him. It was a comforting example of the strength of a surgeon, along with support of those many of us find peace with.

Dr. Walker was a great example of that. He treated me exceptionally during a past surgery, and a few others in my large family as well.

What a contribution he made not only to our home area, but those he served in other communities. We are all thankful for that.

Wishing peace for the family at this time.

Teresa O. Norris - February 07, 2018 at 03:42 PM

KL

“ Karen Beck Lacy lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker



Karen Beck Lacy - February 07, 2018 at 03:38 PM

DO

“ Deb Overby lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker



Deb Overby - February 07, 2018 at 03:09 PM

TC

“ *The Deacon Body - Macland Baptist Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. J. Alex Walker.*



The Deacon Body - Macland Baptist Church - February 07, 2018 at 02:00 PM

MC

“ *He delivered my son, Max, in 1966! He was absolutely a terrific Doctor and an awesome Human Being.*

Marcella Campbell - February 07, 2018 at 01:31 PM

WF

“ *So sorry to hear this. He was my Dad's surgeon at the Birmingham VA to rule out stomach cancer and discovered it was just a problem with what Dad had installed when he was severely injured in a logging accident years before. Dr. Walker made the repairs. Daddy encouraged him to come to Ft Payne so they could remain in contact. Thank you Dr Walker for all you did for Dad and DeKalb Countains. Now go fly high.*

Will Wehunt Family - February 07, 2018 at 12:10 PM

FP

“ *So sorry to hear of his passing ! Prayers and thoughts go out to the family.*
Don & Faith Pickett

faith Pickett - February 07, 2018 at 11:47 AM

AC

DR. WALKER DELIVERED MY SON DR. ALAN CARR IN 1962. HE ALSO DID MY MOTHERS SURGERY. HE WAS A WONDERFUL DOCTOR AND HAD AN ABSOLUTE WONDERFUL BED SIDE MANNERS. PRAYERS FOR HIS FAMILY. MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN HIS EMBRACE AT THIS SAD TIME.

ANN CARR - February 07, 2018 at 05:00 PM

FW

“*Frankie Winkler lit a candle in memory of Dr. J. Alex Walker*



Frankie Winkler - February 07, 2018 at 10:13 AM

FW

I'm one of Dr. Walker's babies (St Patrick's Day 1962). I have always had so much respect for Dr. Walker because of how he treated ALL of his patents over the years. Thank you for your years of service to this GREAT NATION, you will be greatly missed.

Frankie Winkler - February 07, 2018 at 10:25 AM

JD

Dr Walker was a great Doctor, He had a great bedside manner, and was also so friendly. Thank you for your service in the military Doc. I could not have had a better doctor than he was to me, my wife, my mother,. I have told stories over the years about him and me all the time. Will never forget him. But, the LORD will take care of him now.!
Jimmy Dixon

JIMMY DIXON - February 07, 2018 at 12:41 PM

BS

One of the best and smartest doctors I ever worked with. He expected his patients to be taken care of even if he had just gotten home and it was 3am, you had better call him about his pt. ,even it was just for uncontrolled pain. As I have always said he probably forgot more than most doctors now would ever know. He was known as one of the best surgeons in the Southeast United States.

Betty stoner - February 07, 2018 at 09:55 PM

GP

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a great man and a good surgeon. I missed him when he retired. Rest in Peace Dr. Walker.*

Glenda Peters - February 07, 2018 at 09:58 AM

AL

Sp sorry to hear. Alex and Charles were good friends for many years He will be missed.

Amelia J. Landstreet - February 07, 2018 at 11:08 AM

PL

He was a great doctor and a great man. I probably wouldn't be here today if not for Dr. Walker. Thank you sir and RIP.

pete little - February 07, 2018 at 02:23 PM

CM

Was so sorry to hear about Dr Walker's passing. He was always very kind to me and a great doctor to me

Clark Miller - February 07, 2018 at 11:49 PM