



James C. Walker

May 20, 1944 - August 11, 2016

North Hampton - James C. Walker, 72, of North Hampton, formerly of Durham, Newton and Stratham, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, August 11, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

Jim was the son of the late George and Dorothy Walker of Durham. He attended Oyster River High School and furthered his education by graduating from Nasson College in 1966 majoring in Biology. He fulfilled his military duty by serving in the Navy as a Medical Corpsman in Vietnam. He went on to have a 36 year career as clinical laboratory director at the Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, MA before retiring in 2008.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Arlene G. (Gazda) Walker, his son Steven Walker of Washington, DC and his daughter Allison Walker Torres and her husband Ted Torres of Orlando, FL. In addition to his wife and children, Jim is survived by his sisters Janice Church of Southeast Harbor, ME and Gail Sampson of Nashua.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the United Church of Christ, 289 Atlantic Ave., North Hampton. Burial with military honors will be at 10 am on Thursday, August 18, 2016 in the Center Cemetery, North Hampton. Family and friends are respectfully invited.

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

186 Post Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Church of Christ
295 Atlantic Avenue
North Hampton, NH 03862

Committal Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Center Cemetery
186 Post Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Walker*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Your friends at News 13 / Local Programming Group purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of James C. Walker.*



Your friends at News 13 / Local Programming Group - August 17, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sincerely, The Hirsch Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James C. Walker.*



Sincerely, The Hirsch Family - August 17, 2016 at 08:03 AM



“ *Bill and Becky Dunham purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of James C. Walker.*



Bill and Becky Dunham - August 16, 2016 at 09:05 PM

PM

“ Dear Arlene, Steven and Allison,
I am so sorry your loss. Jim was truly a good and gentle soul who loved his lab family almost as much as he loved his own family! He truly cared! I feel so blessed to have worked with him for 32 years. A lot of laughs and good times were shared by all! He will be forever missed.
With love and many prayers,
Pat Murphy

Patrice Murphy - August 16, 2016 at 09:03 PM

JF

“ Dear Arlene,
I am so sorry I cannot be there in person. I, as so many others, had a great deal of respect for your husband. Jim was indeed a consummate professional, a man of integrity, an integral part of our old AJH family, and as kind and caring a friend as many of us will ever know. I missed him when he retired, and I'm saddened to learn that cancer took him away from you, your children, and extended family. Please know that I'll be thinking of you at this difficult time, and in the days ahead.
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler

Jeanine Fowler - August 16, 2016 at 08:54 PM

BD

“ A warm and wonderful human being. As a clinical laboratory director for over 35 years at the same institution (a rarity these days), Jim Walker was a testament to his profession and a true, true gentleman.

Bill and Becky Dunham

Bill and Becky Dunham - August 16, 2016 at 07:46 PM

DD

“ Dear Arlene, Steven and Allison,

There was nobody finer, kinder or more caring than Jim. I treasure every one one of the thirty years I had the honor to work with him as a colleague and a friend. Jim was truly a gentle man.

Our deepest sympathies to you all.

Fondly,

David & Terri Donsker

David Donsker - August 16, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James C. Walker.



August 16, 2016 at 11:09 AM

JS

“ *I worked with Jim Walker at AJH for years. He was such a warm, caring person. Always fair and understanding. The world was a nicer place having him in it. My condolences to the family, he will be missed.*

Jewell Stringos

J STRINGOS - August 16, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of James C. Walker.



August 15, 2016 at 11:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James C. Walker.



August 15, 2016 at 09:41 PM



“ *Cheryl Line, Weegie , Bob And Jimmy Walker* purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of James C. Walker.



Cheryl Line, Weegie , Bob And Jimmy Walker - August 15, 2016 at 02:37 PM

MC

“ Dear Arlene and family,

I remember Jim from the late 70's and early 80's when I was searching for a job after leaving the Worcester County area. Fortunately for me, he hired me even though I was a fairly "raw" lab technologist. I learned and grew in the lab at Anna Jaques in the Microbiology analyst position. Times changed and I moved on to other hospitals but the opportunity Jim gave me was a valuable start.

Later I came back as a Phlebotomist and I recall the days when we would have a patient who was a difficult draw. Jim oftentimes would come out of his office and assist or take over. The patient relieved and his staff relieved as well.

I don't know too many Lab Managers today who would come out of his/her office to help out in that way. Jim was a practical and "down to earth" person. There were times when he had difficult things to say and in his "easy way" made it less troubling.

If a long-ago employee stopped in for a visit he would always come out of his office to say hello. The Lab environment has grown more intense now and I doubt you would find a "real" personality holding the Lab Manager position who welcomed access to his/her office. Jim always stepped up regardless of the circumstances even when others did not because sometimes the task was not in their "job description."

Jim will always be warmly remembered now and in the future as a man with a sense of humor and a man who could relate to a wide spectrum of people.

Marsha L. Cleversey

Marsha L. Cleversey - August 15, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of James C. Walker.*



August 15, 2016 at 07:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James C. Walker.*



August 14, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ *Arlene, Allison and Steven, I am so sorry to read of Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.*

Maureen LeFebvre - August 14, 2016 at 04:49 PM



“ *As an ORHS classmate of Jim's, I always enjoyed our walks home from school...Good conversations often interrupted by his soft chuckles and his smiling eyes...At reunions that followed, Jim always expressed his love for his family ,the joy in his life.....See you Jim.....Sandra Fuellhart Evans*

SANDRA EVANS - August 14, 2016 at 03:58 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss. Jim was a good man to work for, he cared about our AJH lab family in a way that we will always remember. I pray that God blesses your family with closeness and good memories to get you through this time.

Jennifer Castle - August 14, 2016 at 11:30 AM

LH

“ Jim was one of the nicest people I ever met. He was a good listener and I will always have fond memories of working for him at AJH. Arlene and family, may all of your happy and wonderful memories carry you through this sad time.
Love and Hugs,
Lyn Helliesen

Lyn Helliesen - August 14, 2016 at 10:17 AM

SB

“ Arlene and family I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was the best boss and nicest man. I have been thinking a lot about him lately and the fun lab parties we had. His retirement party was a show of how well he was liked. He was always there for me and I will never forget the 34 years we worked together.

Susan Baumann - August 14, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James C. Walker.



August 13, 2016 at 08:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James C. Walker.



August 13, 2016 at 01:11 PM