



Howard Walker

October 13, 1929 - September 5, 2012

Howard F. Walker (82) of Toppenish passed away in Toppenish on September 5, 2012. He was born in Prosser on October 13, 1929 to Frank H. and Anna (Gabriel) Walker. Howard graduated from Prosser High School and went to work for Boeing for a short time and later served in the U.S. Army from 1952-54 where he played on the company football team and was an accomplished boxer.

After completing his military obligation he operated a service station in Prosser for two years before moving to Toppenish in 1956 where he started his career in the tire business with a loan from a friend. After just one year and being so successful he was offered the opportunity became an OK Tire dealer in 1957. He purchased the property the business is currently on in 1966 and built the store. In 1989 he became affiliated with Tire Factory and expanded to the front end shop in 1999. They built a car wash in 2009 to better serve the Lower Valley's needs.

Howard was a businessman who developed several patents over the years. He operated Moxee Innovation Company from 1989 to 2010 and was a partner in Cascade Brush Company. Mr. Walker loved Toppenish and being a business person. He held the citizens of Toppenish, the Yakama Nation and the local farmers in very high regard. In 2007 he met Maya and she was by his side throughout his declining health. He enjoyed golfing, the casino, western and bronze artwork, traveling the world and being a businessman. He was a cub and boy scout master and took his kids on weekend campouts

when his children were young. He is survived by his companion and soulmate, Maya McCulley of Toppenish; three sons, Gary Walker of Zillah, Jim Walker of Bellingham and Randy Walker of Toppenish; one daughter, Sharon Finlay of Rockaway Beach, OR; eleven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; one brother, Earl Walker of Prosser and one sister, Ethel Sizemore of Sacramento, CA. Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Walker; one son, J. Robert; his son-in-law, Jeff and seven siblings. Visitation will be on Sunday September 9, 2012 from 1-5PM. Graveside services with military honors conducted will be at the Zillah City Cemetery on Monday September 10, 2012 at 11AM. The Walker family would like to extend a thank you to Maya, the crew at the tire store for getting Howard to his many appointments and being available at all times, Yakima Regional Home Health, Monica and Michelle, Drs. Moran, Daniels, Ricking and Olson and the staff at Toppenish Community Hospital, Farmworkers Clinic and Good Samaritan. Friends can send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Walker*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Howard, I miss you. Do you remember when all the family got together to play cards and games and have big parties?
Love you!
Your sister,
Ethel Sizemore##imported-begin##Ethel Sizemore##imported-end##*

September 13, 2012 at 10:16 PM



“ *My Condolences to Maya and the Walker Family. We will miss Howard may he rest in peace. Monica Teeters##imported-begin##Monica Teeters##imported-end##*

September 12, 2012 at 12:21 AM



“ *God bless Howard and his family.I spent many an hour with Howard at the Branding Iron,drinking coffee.I admired his toughness and independent spirit.I shall always remember Howard.##imported-begin##Lyn Dasso##imported-end##*

September 10, 2012 at 01:27 PM



“ *As time passes, may fond memories of Howard touch your hearts. And for now may caring thoughts from others help you in your sadness.##imported-begin##Dick & Sandy Rahn, Atlanta Georgia##imported-end##*

September 10, 2012 at 10:02 AM



“ *Gary and Randy, U have my sincerest condolences on the passing of your father. I must say that he was a most courteous and friendly man, as when I'd see him in the shop I usually got a smile and a head nod. I have come to know U both through the business and on the basketball court and think well of U both. This is probably because he had a big part in raising such fine sons. My best to U during this trying time.##imported-begin##Ted Donato##imported-end##*

September 10, 2012 at 09:18 AM



“ *Dear Friends..*
I am sorry for the loss of your loved one. At his first place of business he starting taking care of my farming equipment and car/pickup tires. We also had some great golf games, entered tournaments with him.. many happy memories. He will be missed. May your happy memories carry you through these difficult days. Cowboy Kearl and family##imported-begin##Ray/Mary Kearl.. Toppenish##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 11:00 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Uncle Howard will be missed but he is blessed to be pain free and having one heck of a reunion in heaven.##imported-begin##Joyce & Michael Adams##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 09:56 PM



“ Randy, Gary, Jim, and Sharon,

My thoughts and prayers are with you --

Kristi Jensen Dills

Sacramento, CA##imported-begin##Kristi Jensen Dills##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 02:50 PM



“ I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING HOWARD ON AUGUST 15th DURING MY VISIT TO THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY.##imported-begin##ABE WIEST##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 11:38 AM



“ Howard, I will miss you my friend. Thank you for all your phone calls over these last months. You always treated me with kindness ,respect and love. You took a City boy and made me a Cowboy. The Engineers at The City of New York still talk fondly about your visit,wearing cowboy boots,scarf and hat. Your stories of traveling made me a World Traveler. To me you were my John Wayne. You will be missed , my friend ,
##imported-begin##George H Gebhart of New York City.
##imported-end##

September 07, 2012 at 05:22 PM