



Laird Walker

April 29, 1943 - April 29, 2014

H. Laird Walker, 71, died, April 29, 2014, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born April 29, 1943, in Nampa, Idaho, to Clive Stevenson Walker and Ardeth Hansen Walker. Laird graduated from Nampa High School in 1961. After serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kentucky, he went on to Utah State University, graduating in 1967 with a degree in journalism.

Laird married Vicki Ann Hatch on September 9, 1965, in the Salt Lake City temple. He began his career with the Mountain Bell phone company in Salt Lake City, Utah, applying his journalism training in the public relations department and eventually moving into management positions. As Laird advanced in his career, he relocated with his family to Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona and Idaho. The family eventually settled in Great Falls, Virginia, where Laird opened the Washington, DC office for US West. After working for the phone company for 30 years, he retired and then started a consulting business.

Laird was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Throughout his life, Laird held positions of leadership and influence in business and within his church. He had opportunities to work and socialize with captains of industry and heads of state. In spite of this, Laird always believed his most important positions were husband, father, grandfather, and

friend. His greatest joy was his family and those who know and love him will dearly miss him.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Hatch Walker; his children DeeAnn (Val) Franks, Bryan (Odisa) Walker, Kari (Dan) Schriever, Lance (Kelly) Walker, Alicia (Jason) Bassett, Emily (Casey) Mueller and Trent Walker; 22 grandchildren; and by his siblings, Clive H. Walker, Aurelie Thueson, Linda Gibbs, Sherrell Higginson, Jolyon Walker, John Walker, Mary Lou Garlinghouse and Todd Walker. Laird was preceded in death by his parents, sister Kathleen Condie, and granddaughter, Clara Jane Bassett.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and Friday, May 2 from 9:30 to 10:30 am prior to the funeral service at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centerville, Virginia. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 am.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Laird Walker to the WelcomeHome Addiction Recovery Academy. Donations can be made online by visiting whrecovery.org, or alternatively, by mailing a check addressed to Welcome Home Society to 26601 S. Val Vista Dr. Gilbert, AZ 85298

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centerville Mormon Church
14150 Upperridge Dr.
Centerville, VA

Tribute Wall

KP

“ I was doing my homework when I asked my dad in the White House, and my dad said said this man worked in the White House and he baptized my Great-Grandmother. I am very glad he did. I feel thankful that he did.

Kenneth Perry - June 30, 2020 at 04:29 PM

KP

I meant about the white house not in... woops

Kenneth Perry - June 30, 2020 at 04:31 PM

KF

“ A year has gone by and my heart still aches, Happy B-Day Laird, Vicky, I send my Love to you and your wonderful family. I hope you are healing and feeling the strength of the Lord every day. I am sending a warm hug your way, I hope it gets over to you!

Love,
Kevin Flaherty

Kevin Flaherty - April 26, 2015 at 06:08 PM

KH

“ Vicki, We were so sorry to hear about Laird's passing . We have a lot of great memories of you and Laird and your young family as he was starting in the telephone business. Laird is one of kind. I enjoyed the many years we worked together. You are in our prayers. With our Love Ken and Loretta Hill P.S.Call us if you come to Utah so we can visit.

Kenneth and Loretta Hill - May 09, 2014 at 01:17 PM

LM

“ It was with sadness to learn of Laird's passing. He and I were friends starting back in 7th grade and I always appreciated his kind manner and integrity. My condolences to his family and know he will be missed.

Lon Morgan

Lon Morgan - May 09, 2014 at 08:45 AM

SB

“ I, too, was a Nampa High School Class of 1961 classmate of Laird's and the picture of him here is the way I remember him from high school. (I had to look in our annual to see if it was the same picture. It was not.) Although I have not seen him since high school, it sounds as though he was a very accomplished man. My condolences to his wife, his children and grandchildren in ;your loss.

Sharon J. Brown - May 08, 2014 at 04:40 PM

CM

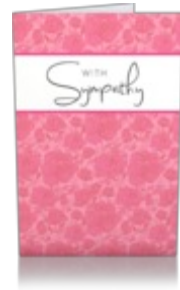
“ So sorry about the loss of Laird. I was a classmate of his in high school. This picture is exactly as I remember him. I remember him as a fun-loving guy and one who always had a smile.

*Charlene Moore Morgan,
Nampa, ID*

Charlene Morgan - May 08, 2014 at 04:25 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Laird Walker.



May 04, 2014 at 10:26 AM



“ such fun memories of being in your home as a youth enjoying good times. a great man produces a great family. we will miss you laird. lots of love to you vicki and your children and grandchildren.

sincerely

jeanna jenson hansen

jeanna - May 03, 2014 at 01:47 PM

MJ

“ Dear Vicki and family,

When we talked with Laird in January for 20-30 minutes we had no idea that he was struggling with such serious health issues. We felt such a profound loss and sat in silence for several minutes reflecting on what a unique and special friend he and you have been to our entire family.

He was instrumental in our move to Washington DC. We enjoyed many wonderful interactions with your family in Great Falls park and at the swim and tennis club and enjoying family meals together, worshipping together and enjoying trips to places like Lawnwood Gardens, WISP, and even to abandoned mining towns in the mountains west of Denver. He was always a joy to be around--so humorous, but in good taste so that he lifted everyone he came in contact with.

We feel deep sorrow at his passing and sense the extreme loss you must feel to have his wonderful personality no longer resounding through your home.

We love you. Our prayers will continue for you to be supported by the Spirit and for the assurance to come frequently that he still lives and you will be reunited in the future.

With all our respect, love and delightful memories.

*Sincerely,
Merlin and Carol Jenson*

Merlin Jenson - May 03, 2014 at 11:18 AM

EV

“ Our loss is definitely Heaven's gain. I will never think of Laird without thinking about the Pima Indians. He once told us at a Mountain Bell editors' conference that the way the Pima Indians got the stains out of their shorts was to put them over their heads and "shout" them out. That joke coming from anyone else wouldn't have even been funny, but Laird had a way of creating humor wherever he went. He will always hold a fond place in my heart. My condolences to all of you.

Eve Mary Verde - Salt Lake City

Eve Mary Verde - May 02, 2014 at 04:17 PM

GS

“ I'll always remember the Walker family Christmas photo in which everyone had an uncanny resemblance to Laird. Such a nice, gentle, funny man.

Gina Horne Sipos

Gina Horne Sipos - May 02, 2014 at 01:40 PM



“ Great guy. Great boss. Great friend. Bad jokes. Vicki and family, our deepest sympathy.

Gary and Sherrill Spendlove

Gary Spendlove - May 02, 2014 at 01:01 PM

BJ

“Laird was a fantastic boss, leader, friend and mentor! I learned so much from him that I used in my business life and will continue to use in my personal life. I have so many wonderful memories of him and will miss him dearly. Thank you so much Laird for the life you shared with me over the years. You will be missed.
Bill Johnston

Bill Johnston - May 01, 2014 at 11:23 PM

DS

“I was fortunate enough to meet Laird, Vicki, Lance and the rest of his beautiful family through a working relationship that my father shared with Laird. I will forever remember the family and our wonderful times at Christmas. I loved the recent christmas cards with the family all wearing Laird's face - I still laugh today when thinking of that! I loved his funny and sometimes quiet disposition after saying something clever to us as children. I am very thankful that my father and Laird had such a nice relationship and the blessings he provided for our family. I am thankful for you Laird, and will always remember you! D. Smiley (Jim's Son)

D Smiley - May 01, 2014 at 09:18 PM

J(

“Brother walker is one of my favorite people. He was always so witty and funny. He always made me feel comfortable and was so fun to be around. I'm sure that after his sweet reunion with family on the other side of the veil, my mom was there with a party hat and a noise maker and they ate some Chinese food and played a round of scategories. I love him and the walker family so much. So many wonderful memories with you all. Xoxo. Jessie lee miller

Jessie Miller (Lee) - May 01, 2014 at 05:16 PM

GH

“ *My heart is broken to hear that Bishop Walker has passed away. What a great man. He was such a great Bishop and friend. He opened his house to so many and always had such a great sense of humor. He was so kind and loving. Thank you for being a part of my life.*

Vicki, I am deeply saddened for your loss. I hope the funeral services are peaceful. I wish I could be there.

*Love,
Georgina*

Georgina Needham Hoggan - May 01, 2014 at 05:12 PM

GA

“ *They broke the mold. I'll miss your example, friendship and the laughs.*

Garth - May 01, 2014 at 05:12 PM

SB

“ Vicki and "The Gang",
I am so sad to hear of Lairds passing. He was really one good guy, smart, witty, patient, warm, caring, I can fill the page with accolades. It was always my pleasure taking care of your electrical needs for so many years. Thank You. I'm almost embarrassed to say I used to wish for little electrical problems and projects to pop up around the holiday season so I could be a part of the bustling house filled with delicious scents and family warmth. You always treated me and my guys with so much respect and made us feel like part of your family. There has always been a special place in my heart carved out for you guys. I know Laird is with God now looking down, watching over and smiling upon his beautiful family. I will miss him too.

*God Bless,
Steve Brace*

Steve Brace - May 01, 2014 at 04:43 PM

SP

“ *Dear Vicki, Laird's long-time (and crazy) friend Dick MacKnight passed a few years back. They had a boyish habit of pushing each other out of the booth at the "Denny's" across the street from the Mountain Bell/US WEST building in Denver each morning. (I'm sure you can visualize this...). By now, they have found a new 'booth' in heaven and are laughing and repeating this joyous task. We will ALWAYS smile when we think of Laird. I will remember the sound of his gentle voice forever.*

Sue Powers, Denver

Sue Powers - May 01, 2014 at 04:17 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Laird Walker.*



May 01, 2014 at 01:51 PM



“ *I Love ya Laird; Till we meet again. We will have to have that chilli cheese dog at the Vienna Inn later I guess. An unbelievable Roll model for me and a million dollar smile. A hand shake I remember as far back as when I was a boy, it was a handshake thru the years most people dream about having which told so much about him as a person. I will never forget you Bishop. He was such an amazing bishop and friend. I will also never forget the handshake that sealed the deal on modivating me in finding my beautiful wife one year later, when he was my Bishop in the Langley singles ward. Thankyou to you and dear Vicki for being such a great role model and friend to my parents which would play a key part in our family coming back to the church when we lived in Great Falls. For this alone we will never forget the Walker family. We love You all and send our prayers to you and your family.*

Love Kevin Flaherty

Kevin Flaherty - May 01, 2014 at 11:15 AM



“ *We will all miss Laird and his terrific sense of humor. We send our dearest condolences and sympathies to his large and loving family.*

Jim and Claudia Grisenti

James Grisenti - May 01, 2014 at 11:11 AM



Jodi
Dreher

“ Love Laird and love the Walkers. I'm sorry he's not here anymore but happy he lived and happy to have known him. I have a fond fried chicken memory of Laird; I was helping with some dutch oven cooking for the McLean Stake Trek outing and Laird was very secretly frying up pieces of freshly slaughtered chickens. With over 200 teens expected to come over the hill at any time, and not nearly enough chicken even for the adult leaders, he had to be subtle. I'll never forget when he passed me my piece of fried chicken behind his back, with the classic Laird look on his face--hushing me with one finger over his lips. Best fried chicken I've ever had.

Thank you Laird, and thank you Walker family. Our family is thinking about your family.

All our love and best wishes for peace and comfort,

Boston Drehers

Jodi Dreher - May 01, 2014 at 10:38 AM



Ryan
Dreher

“ Laird was a fixture in my growing up years, always friendly and jolly. I was lucky enough to travel with him to the Bahamas as an adult with the Scouts and spent a great week with him, Trent, Jon-Michael, and the other members of the troop. Always a great time with Laird! My heart goes out to your family.

Ryan Dreher - May 01, 2014 at 08:59 AM

TW

“Laird was always a good example of what a husband, father, grandfather, brother and priesthood holder should be. He'll be missed by many.

Todd Walker

Todd Walker - May 01, 2014 at 08:58 AM

MM

“My heart goes out to your family. I was so sorry to hear.

Mandy Hargis Martin - May 01, 2014 at 06:00 AM

KD

“My most treasured memory of Laird was when I was spending 6 months in Moscow, Russia in 1991. He was in town on business for a few days and made the effort of getting in touch with me and sharing some items from the good 'ol USA! I will always remember his very welcoming and familiar face who cheered me up that very cold, dark winter. It was a privilege to know him during my growing up years. My love to his family and those he has left behind.

Keira Dreher - May 01, 2014 at 12:14 AM

LR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Vicki, and your family. We have so many fond memories of Laird from the twenty years we spent in the Great Falls Ward. He made us laugh and just seemed to always be where he was needed. Although we have not seen you in years, we love the Christmas cards that keep us up on what is happening to you and yours. Please give everyone a hug from me and know that you are all in our prayers. I wish we could attend the service, but too many miles are between us. Our love always, Linda and Gary Rogers
Park City, Utah

Linda Rogers - April 30, 2014 at 11:40 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Laird Walker.



April 30, 2014 at 10:48 PM

SC

“ A man with a twinkle in his eyes and wit on the tongue. Every time I think of Laird, I smile.

Sharen Conley - April 30, 2014 at 07:26 PM



Heather
Curtis
Borrego

“ I have so many memories with this family, I can't even choose which one to share. My heart is broken. Sending Vicki and family our love, peace, and strength.

Heather Curtis Borrego - April 30, 2014 at 04:31 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Laird Walker.



April 30, 2014 at 04:31 PM