



Wesley Walker Jr

February 18, 1945 - April 30, 2018

John Wesley Walker, Jr. (Age 73)

On Monday, April 30, 2018, John 'Wes' Walker, the beloved husband of Diane, loving father of Wes, Kimberley, and Alexander, granddad to Madison and Taylor, father-in-law to Robert and Nina, passed away comforted and strengthened by his faith and surrounded by family and dear friends after a difficult battle with cancer. He was born February 18, 1945 in Philadelphia, PA. He worked his entire career at Mobil Oil Corporation as a Chemical Engineer at offices in Paulsboro, NJ, New York City, and Fairfax, VA. He loved and appreciated working alongside talented researchers, engineers, refinery staff, and administrative staff. He was inspired by the collaborative atmosphere they fostered. Over the course of his career, he held a variety of roles, traveled to faraway destinations, and was instrumental in the launch of select production operations in Australia and Japan.

Wes adored dogs and was a lifelong Philadelphia Eagles fan. He often took an interest in history (particularly military history). He also enjoyed swimming, tennis, international travel, and home improvement projects for family and friends.

Friends and family will be received on Friday, May 4, at Pierce Funeral Home from 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be held on Saturday, May 5, at Manassas

Church of Christ, at 11 a.m.

Interment will be at Bright View Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Bright View Cemetery

8265 Lunsford Road
Warrenton, VA 20186

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 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 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Manassas Church of Christ
8110 Signal Hill Rd
Manassas, VA 20111

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I first met Wes in the Paulsboro Refinery in 1972. We were the first two engineers to use computer modeling (QUIKBAL) and Wes showed me how to use the beast. We both worked in R&D and I was lucky to have been assigned to his Dewaxing Tech Service group. As others have stated, he willingly shared his experience with our group members. Even in the most demanding of times, he displayed an unrivaled level of curtesy and diplomacy that set him apart from the other researchers. After he left for the NY Headquarters, our contact diminished; but not the respect and admiration I had for him. You will be greatly missed by many of your former colleagues and friends. Rest in peace, my friend. My heartfelt condolences to Diane and your family.

Bob Bortz

Bob Bortz - May 05, 2018 at 01:14 AM

MG

“ Diane my heart felt condolences. May Wes rest in heaven. Mitzie (Day) Garrison

Michelle (Mitzie Day) Garrison - May 04, 2018 at 06:04 PM

YO

“ I first met Wes at Paulsboro in 1990 and worked with him till his retirement from Mobil. He was best in everything that he did in Mobil and better yet sharing it with his colleagues. His people skills were superb. He was my mentor, guide and a dear friend in Mobil. I will cherish his memory and warm friendship.
May he rest in peace - Yogi Shukla

yogi.v.shukla@exxonmobil.com - May 04, 2018 at 09:28 AM

RG

“ I first met Wes at Paulsboro soon after joining Mobil. Wes was one of those colleagues who come along side of you and impart such wisdom that its impact lasts your entire career, yet do it with such grace and unselfishness that you don't realize it fully until years later. His willingness to share his experiences and to help others be successful, whether they were just starting out or were a "seasoned" engineer, is what I'll remember the most. His insight into technology and people was superb and I will be ever grateful for having known him.

Ron Gould

Ron Gould - May 03, 2018 at 04:48 PM

HL

“ I am saddened to learn of Wes' passing. My interaction with Wes was brief as I left the Paulsboro Refinery in 1971. However, for a year or so prior to that, he and I car pooled to the Refinery from Cherry Hill, NJ. I'll always remember the beautiful green Camaro he drove. He loved that car! In addition, I'll always remember his great personality and beautiful smile. He really was a good soul! My sincere condolences to his family. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

Herb Lesnoy

Herbert Lesnoy - May 03, 2018 at 04:36 PM

MB

“ It was hard having the Walkers leave Washington Township for Manassas, Virginia, but not as hard as this good bye. A brilliant scientist who clearly showed great love for his work, yet it was his love for his family that drew me to both him as to his wife, Diane. She and I became good friends quickly and have kept in touch despite time and distance. Fred and Wes are probably playing tennis in Heaven now. He will be sorely missed. Know this, all you Walkers who remain behind, I've got your back. Call anytime. Let's pray together that other brilliant scientists find a cure for this wretched disease. Amen!

Marjory Banta - May 03, 2018 at 11:41 AM

BH

“ Wes was outstanding at everything he did at Mobil - Refinery Operations, Research, Lube Supply. Over the course of my career Wes was a key "go to" guy whenever there were things I didn't understand. No matter what Wes always had time for me and for many others. Wes was universally well liked and totally unflappable - if I was in a crisis situation in a refinery, Wes is the one guy I would want next to me. Wes was a dear friend, and a first class human being. We have lost a very unique guy.

Bill Heaney

bill heaney - May 03, 2018 at 10:51 AM

DM

“ When I joined Mobil in 1985 (a fresh PhD) Wes's office was a few doors down from mine in Paulsboro, NJ. He was the Group Leader for MLDW and he had a wealth of experience and always had time to talk to me about commercial operation of refinery Lube Units which he had so much knowledge about. A solid Engineer and a very good man. I helped organize the annual Process Group 2 Holiday Party for Mobil R&D and we would always have a hard time finding a house to have it. Wes and Diane were so kind to host it at their place one year. I ran the coffee club in 38 bldg and Wes was my best customer. May he rest in peace - Dom Mazzone



Dom Mazzone - May 03, 2018 at 09:40 AM

MD

“ Diane and Family,

Debbie and I are so sorry to learn of Wes' passing. I worked with Wes at Mobil in both Paulsboro and Fairfax. He was a wonderful colleague and a very good engineer. Wes was a dedicated member of the Mobil team and someone you could always count on for unique insight. I cherish our friendship and will remember him fondly.

On behalf of his Mobil family, please accept our sincerest condolences,

*Mike Dolan
Senior Vice President
Exxon Mobil Corporation*

Mike Dolan - May 03, 2018 at 08:14 AM