



Wesley Allen Walker

December 18, 1944 - September 6, 2019

Age 74, of Wilmington, IL passed away Friday, September 6, 2019 at his home. Born December 18, 1944 in Roanoke, IL to the late Walter and Edna (nee Moore) Walker. Retired Veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He served during the Vietnam War and was awarded with the Purple Heart Medal. He fought the good fight against Agent Orange and cancer. Wes also retired from the Department of Corrections after numerous years of employment. He was active in the VFW for many years and was the past commander, he was also a member of the American Legion. Wes loved to ride his Harley and was member of Shield MC. He loved old westerns, going out to eat and the watching the birds in the back yard. Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann (nee Greenback) Laufer of Wilmington, whom he married July 10, 2015 in Morris, IL; one step-son, Dustin Laufer of Buda, IL; two step-daughters, Jessica (Aren) Hansen of Morris and Kristin (Michael) VanDuyne of Wilmington; two step-grandchildren, Kinley and Millie VanDuyne; one brother, Kurt (Penny) Menssen; and two sisters, Mary Ann Walker of Bloomington and Donna Smith of Las Vegas; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Walter "Bud" Walker; and two sisters, Lois Lehr and Betty Ulrich. A special thanks to our angels from Newsome Home Health, Joliet Area Community Hospice, and Jen Clauson who was with us until the end. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 11:00a-1:00p with

memorial services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Chaplin Jim McGuire will officiate. Inurnment with full military honors will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to the Wounded Warriors Project: P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66675 or the American Cancer Society: P.O. Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123. For more information and to sign his online guestbook please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

SEP 11. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ Was a great guy to work with always there if you needed help. Rest In Peace Brother!!

Kyle Slajchert - September 10, 2019 at 09:22 PM

LU

“ Wes was my mom's (Betty Ulrich) brother. I have many memories of our family getting together in the Roanoke, Benson, Washburn area. Of course way back then us kids always called him Uncle Ally - anybody else remember that? There was always a lot of great food and fun at these gatherings; sometimes we would target shoot or play cards; always there was story telling and jokes. And later the adults might have an adult beverage or two - but safety first - always after the guns were put away. I was always proud of Uncle Ally's service as a Marine. He was a good brother to my mom. My wife and I are unable to attend services, but send our condolences and prayers to the family. We are sorry for your loss.

Larry & Cindy Ulrich
Washburn IL

Larry Ulrich - September 10, 2019 at 08:23 PM

LA

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of a special man, friend and patriot. We have many fond memories of times spent with Wes over the years and pray for comfort and peace for his family. He will be missed by us and everyone that knew him. Bill and Leslie Arbuckle

Leslie Arbuckle - September 10, 2019 at 03:31 PM

JG

“ *My deepest sympathies to your family. Wes was my uncle and I have done memories of him from my youth. We spent almost every Sunday at grandpa and grandma's and when Uncle Wes was there, it was always a lot more fun! Betty Ulrich was my mom. I'm sorry we won't be able to make the services but will be with you in prayer. God Bless.*
Janet Guth

Janet Guth - September 10, 2019 at 01:37 PM

MC

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all*



Mary Chaney - September 10, 2019 at 05:57 AM

PB

“ *I worked with Wes for many years at the Pontiac Correctional Center. I also was familiar with him through the Pontiac VFW when he was the commander and I used to play euchre there every Wednesday many years ago. My condolences to his family and prayers in your time of grief.*

Peggie Boldt - September 09, 2019 at 03:53 PM