



Sam W. Walker

September 25, 1938 - January 15, 2024

Sam Wayne Walker, 85, of Astoria, Illinois, passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024, at Mason District Hospital in Havana, Illinois. He was born September 25, 1938, in Benton, Illinois, to Albert and Virginia (Grimes) Walker.

Sam is survived by his daughter, Valerie (Bill) Strayer; daughter-in-law, Debi Walker; grandchildren, Will Strayer, Shelbi Strayer, Courtney Strayer, Taylor Walker; brother, David Luke (Nikki) Walker and his ex-wife, Brenda Walker. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, David Walker; and sister, Nicki Joan. Sam worked for the State of Illinois in the Department of Public Health for many years. Before that, Sam was the principal of Astoria High School in Astoria, Illinois. Sam loved his family and spending time with his family. He also loved to hunt, and spent much of his time at Anderson Lake.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Hurley Funeral Home in Havana. A burial of his cremated remains will take place at a later date at the Masonic & Odd Fellows Cemetery in Benton, Illinois.

Memorials in Sam's name may be made to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in honor of his love of Anderson Lake and the time he and his family spent there. Donations may be made online at the IDNR website or physical donations may be sent to

Office of Grant Management and Assistance

Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund

One Natural Resources Way

Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271

Please visit hurleyfh.com to view Sam's online obituary and share memories and condolences with his family.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Masonic & Odd Fellows Cemetery

Benton, IL

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending thoughts and love to the family.*

Aaron & Valerie Brooks - February 03, 2024 at 09:32 AM

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“ *I will always remember Sam and Brenda when they lived in Astoria. They with the kids, David and Valerie, were a big part of our school and community. They were great friends to Garth and me. My heartfelt sympathy to all his family. I never hear "Orange Blossum Special"that I don't think of Sam. May he and Garth hook that big fish or down that big duck together! Carolyn Cripe*

Carolyn Cripe - January 24, 2024 at 11:41 AM

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“ *I miss seeing you sitting in dinning room when I walk through to kitchen I will miss talking to you and getting your coffee for you before dinner. Well rest easy my friend.sending prayers for family and friends 🙏💔*



Tammie pratt - January 20, 2024 at 01:40 AM

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“ *Mr. Walker taught me how to drive while he was a teacher and coach at Rochester High School. I knew him more closely than most because of his ex-wife Brenda. I worked with her in the office at Rochester High School during first period class. They both were very kind to me. My husband Paul played basketball underneath him as well. I will always remember him fondly during that tough time in my life. May the family find comfort in all the young lives he mentored through the years. May he rest in peace.*

Julia (Recchia) Lounsberry

Rochester High School-Class of 1974

Julia A Lounsberry - January 18, 2024 at 10:48 PM