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Kenneth O. Walker, 85, of Effingham passed away on Thursday, December 11, 2014 in his home.

Ken was born July 17, 1929 in Flint, Michigan. His first job was working on the Great Lakes ships at the age of 16. He later enlisted in the service, and was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the US Army Airforce 1946-49, Alaska National Guard 1950, and the US Navy 1950-55.

Mr. Walker was a professional driver for over 45 years, retiring from Preston Trucking Company in July, 1991.

He married Hester (O'Riley) Lasco on April 27, 1973. She preceded him in death on November 5, 2012.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his mother, Alice (Bourne) Howlet of Oil Springs, Ont.; a daughter Sarah Cotrel of Marion, IN, a brother George Hewlette of London, Ont, and a sister Phyllis Cannon of Sarnia, Ont.

Surviving are: two daughters, Patricia (Steven) Stellhorn of Indiana, and Diana (George) Saba of the Virgin Islands; four sons, Wallace K. of Equador, Kenneth A. (Sherry) of Markdale, Ontario, John W. and Mikell of Lafayette, IN; and 3 step-sons: Paul Lasco of Dayton, TX, Gene (Cindy) Lasco of LaPorte, IN, and Mitchell Lasco of Honolulu, HI. Also surviving are numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Services celebrating Kenneth's life will be 1PM Wednesday, December 17, 2014 in Moran & Goebel Funeral Home with Pastor John Hollis officiating. Visitation will be 5-8 PM Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the funeral home. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery and conclude with military honors. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice. Pallbearers will be Jeffrey S. and Jerehme L. Walker, Eugene L. Lasco II, Paul David Lasco III, Allan Joesph Lasco, and Charles Buckingham.

The family of Kenneth O. Walker is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral and



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Cremation Services, 2801 Monroe St., Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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Joe O'hara posted:

I got the privilege to meet Kenny sitting at the counter of a truck stop many years ago. We became instant friends and had coffee on a regular basis, sharing many stories and cracking each other up. I will always miss him, he was a dear friend. He made me a couple of things long ago that will always keep him in my mind the rest of my days Thank you Lord Jesus for putting Kenny in my life !!!

December 28 at 9:45 AM



Keith Walker posted:

The reason why I was off of facebook for the week was because my paternal Grandfather died last week. My oldest son and I made the road trip to Illinois to say our final goodbyes. I was able to reconnect with family I have not seen in 35 years. I met cousins I didn't even know existed. Needless to say, that side of my family is not very close, but this was an opportunity to change that. I'm not sure what happens next, but facebook is super-useful for things like this. The good news is that about a year ago, Grandpa Walker called to inform me that he had been saved. For those of you who do not understand Christian terminology, it means that he had become a Christian. When I asked him how he knew he was saved, he replied, "Because I trust God and I believe His Word." My Grandpa only had an 8th grade education, but the simplicity with which he explained how he knew he had been forgiven for his sins was beautiful. He knew that although he had attended Church from time to time with Grandma Walker, he had never really trusted Jesus to save him from the consequences of his sin. The fact of the matter is, we have all made a mess of our lives in one way or another. None of us deserve to be with God and neither can we earn that position. Our actions, attitudes and thoughts earn us eternal separation from God in hell. To remedy the situation, God lovingly sent His Son to take our place and pay our debt. Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." My Grandpa came to understand that by recognizing his inability to please God on his own, he needed a perfect substitute. Jesus became his substitute and Savior. Grandpa gave Jesus his sin and Jesus gave Grandpa His status before God the Father. When God looks at my Grandpa, he no longer sees him as the smoking, drinking, brawling sailor/trucker that he once was. God now sees in my Grandpa the sinless perfection of Jesus Christ. If you have not yet come to Jesus to save you from your sins, I hope you don't wait as long as my Grandpa did. He was fortunate in that he peacefully died in his sleep. While it is awesome to think that my Grandpa closed his eyes in sleep on earth and opened them awake in heaven, none of us have that assurance. We are not guaranteed the next five minutes on this planet. I know that my Grandpa had many regrets during his life. He was married three times and left a fractured family that may never fully recover, but there is one thing he will never regret. He made his peace with God and will enjoy Him in His presence forever. Please don't make the eternal mistake that my Grandpa almost made. Come to Jesus before it is too late. Grandpa is glad that he did. -Keith Walker (Eldest Grandson of Ken Walker)

December 15 at 7:13 AM



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DB

Don Blair posted:

I first met Ken while I was a mechanic at Bobber Truck Stop, he was a godly man full of life and love for God and his Family, always had a smile and a kind word for all. I used to see him often at some of the coffee shops around town. I am sure he will be missed by Family and Friends, Heaven received a good man. Don Blair

December 17 at 1:51 PM

CN

Cathy Norris posted:

We looked forward to seeing Mr. Walker when delivering Meals on Wheels to him. He was always so friendly and appreciative. He will certainly be missed!

December 17 at 1:37 PM

RT

Russ Thomas posted:

Kenny was the most Godly,honest and real man I ever knew. I am so proud to call him a friend.. Russ Thomas WI9B

December 16 at 8:05 AM

KM

Kelly Mason posted:

Grandpa Walker would let me ride with him every summer in his big rig truck Illinois to Texas pretty much got my way with Grandpa Walker not very often I would be so spoiled but with him I always was

December 15 at 7:42 PM

RE

Renee posted:

We will miss you dearly ,we were work buddies who became family and kept in touch often ,you will alwAys be with us. Joe ,glen ,reneeSummit township

December 15 at 11:19 AM



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Julie Hecht posted:

Kenneth was on my Meals on Wheels route. He always had a smile on his face and was so friendly! I will miss his smiles! Julie from Effingham

December 15 at 7:13 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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