



Donald Melvin Walker

May 25, 1942 - July 5, 2022

Donald M. Walker, age 80 of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at the Billings Clinic in Billings, Montana. A visitation will be held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday, July 8, 2022 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A Funeral Service will start at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glendive with Brother Guy Pontoriero officiating. Interment will follow in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Born: May 25, 1942 in Glendive, MT son of Judd & Lillian (Raisl) Walker

Died: July 5, 2022 Billings, MT after a short illness and heart failure

Don is preceded in death by his parents and younger sister Carol Walker Overlie.

Don is survived by his wife Jackie (Monforton) Walker whom he married November 9, 1968; two children: Shawn Dallas Walker, Julie Dawn Walker (Brian Troxel); two grandchildren: Lane Walker, Kasidi Walker; sisters: Ilene Robins (Robin Robins), Judy Latka (Steven Latka); numerous cousins, nieces, nephew and long-time friends.

A lifelong resident of eastern Montana, Don attended his early years of school

in Bloomfield, MT.

While attending high school at DCHS in Glendive he shared an apartment in town with his sisters until his graduation in 1960.

He played a variety of team sports in high school and college in addition to working on his family farm/ranch. He participated in football, basketball and rodeos. He was a team roper and bulldogger.

He attended DCC, Eastern Montana College and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Business from Montana State University Bozeman.

During the 1960s Don worked for the Forest Service in Western Montana (Darby area) and ran mule pack trains supplying materials to various trails and campgrounds. This is where Don found his love of mules. He has owned several mules including Roscoe who was often the star of the brandings to which he would go to. Don was an extra in the movie Far & Away (1992) and can be seen during the land rush scene. Don's current team of mules (Sugar and Spice) will take him to his final resting place just as he would have wanted.

After working for the Forest Service Don returned to eastern Montana and purchased his own ranch raising black angus cattle. He also farmed raising alfalfa for hay.

Don served as the Dawson County Weed Board chairman for a period of time.

During the Montana Centennial Celebration (1989) and the Wyoming Centennial Celebration (1990) Don served as the Green Circle Wagon Master. He was one of a select few that had the honor of being a Wagon Master.

Don loved rodeos and was always up for watching one, any place anytime. His bucket list was to see the big rodeos with friends and family. He ventured to Las Vegas annually to take in the National Finals Rodeo. He traveled to Oregon for the Pendleton Roundup (twice), Canada for the Calgary Stampede, and Washington for the Omak Stampede. Most recently he travelled to the Sisters Rodeo in Sisters, Oregon as a birthday surprise to his daughter Julie.

Don's life was filled with ranching, farming, rodeos and helping others. He will be greatly missed by his family and those who knew him well.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-2622
silha@midrivers.com
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Congregational Church
120 West Power Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Melvin Walker*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the album DCC Rodeo Banquet 2020*



Jana.Hance - July 11, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *To the family, we have great memories of Don at brandings, mule packing classes, elk camps and watching him drive my B John Deere in the tractor parade at the Fair, always a great supporter of the fair. We will miss him.*

Dave and Deb Linn

David Linn - July 11, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ *Marie Barthel lit a candle in memory of Donald Melvin Walker*



Marie Barthel - July 10, 2022 at 01:01 PM

MA

“ Marie lit a candle in memory of Donald Melvin Walker



Marie - July 10, 2022 at 01:00 PM

EB

“ Jackie, Shawn, Julie...we are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thought & prayers.
Edwina & Leon Boyles

Edwina & Leon Boyles - July 09, 2022 at 01:14 PM

MG

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a customer of mine when I worked at the bank. May he Rest In Peace

Marlene Gehnert - July 09, 2022 at 09:41 AM

DH

“ Dan and Sonita Harris purchased the Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift for the family of Donald Melvin Walker.



Dan and Sonita Harris - July 09, 2022 at 01:47 AM

CZ

“ My late husband Wally & I had great memories of our trip to Montana for a branding and the invitation from Don to come back for the Wagon Train in September of 2020. We enjoyed some of those special rodeos with him & his family. We loved his stories, laughter, and yes his mules!

Carol Shull Zimmerman - July 08, 2022 at 09:49 PM

AC

“ Sending love and prayers to all of the Walker's and the Robin's from all of the Whitefish Cole's. - Andrew, Ann, Zach and Trinity

Andrew Cole - July 08, 2022 at 05:56 PM

NB

“ I didn't know Don well, but he was friends with my Great Grand Dad Ivan Davis who was a government packer out of Darby, MT. My grandmother remembers meeting him and his love of mules. I hope that him and Papa Ivan are having a good time up there with their old mules.

Naccona Birnel - July 08, 2022 at 05:16 PM

SS

“ Such a nice gentleman. Sorry for your loss



Sue Schwindt - July 08, 2022 at 03:30 PM

MK

“ *My sincere condolences to Don's family. He will be missed. Myrna Kintz*



Myrna Kintz - July 08, 2022 at 02:28 PM

BJ

“ *Bob And Dixie Justice lit a candle in memory of Donald Melvin Walker*



Bob and Dixie Justice - July 08, 2022 at 01:18 PM

DD

“ *Daryl & Betty Lou DeKaye lit a candle in memory of Donald Melvin Walker*



Daryl & Betty Lou DeKaye - July 08, 2022 at 11:44 AM

PZ

“ *Jackie and family, our sincere condolences to you. Don will be missed. It was fun to see him out and about enjoying life with you and friends. Take care.*



Penny and Don Zimmerman - July 08, 2022 at 09:14 AM

KW

“ Don was my polka partner for many years after high school. I would hold onto his belt loops and he would put his hands on my shoulders and away we'd go! Our 50th class reunion was our last polka together! He was a good guy and will be missed by many class mates! God bless Jackie and his family! 💕 and prayers! Kay wynne.

kay wynne - July 08, 2022 at 08:40 AM

SM

“ Don was a great guy. Man could he pick a Team Of Mules
Shawn meyer
Dickinson nd

Shawn meyer - July 08, 2022 at 07:46 AM

BS

“ Betty Shearer lit a candle in memory of
Donald Melvin Walker



Betty Shearer - July 07, 2022 at 08:40 PM

DB

“ Jackie and family. So sorry to hear of your loss. Don was a great guy. Hold on to the memories. Hugs and prayers

Dennis and Cindi Byron - July 07, 2022 at 03:12 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jana - July 07, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Melvin Walker.



July 07, 2022 at 08:22 AM

LF

“ Linda Frank lit a candle in memory of Donald Melvin Walker



Linda Frank - July 07, 2022 at 04:59 AM

MA

“ 2 files added to the album The Walker Place



Mary - July 07, 2022 at 02:02 AM

JS

“ *Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Donald Melvin Walker*



Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill - July 06, 2022 at 10:45 PM

LI

“ *Sending prayers to you Jackie and family. Gary and Lynn Ingraham*



Lynn Ingraham - July 06, 2022 at 10:13 PM