



## Randolph W. Walker

July 18, 1920 - June 17, 2020

Randolph W. Walker, 99, a lifetime Miami resident passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Heartsworth Care Center in Vinita, Oklahoma. Randy was born on July 18, 1920 in Miami to James Wade and Callie Cordelia (Rayon) Walker. He graduated from Miami High school, then attended and played football for NEO A&M College. He joined the Army Air Corp during World War II where he was a Base Fireman and a Physical Training instructor from 1942-1946. He then moved back to Miami and married Betty Lou Garrett on September 7, 1946. He went to work at B.F. Goodrich where he was working in the 80/60 lab when he retired in 1982. He and Betty Lou had also bought some farm land outside of Miami where he enjoyed working over the years. Randy drove a school bus for many years for Miami Public Schools which helped him keep up with and support the Miami Wardogs. He supported both Miami High School and NEO's Programs. Randy was a proud Wardog and was proud of the fact there are five generations of Wardogs in the family. Something else he was very proud of was his having gave blood to the Red Cross until he was not able anymore. He and Betty Lou have been members of First Baptist Church for approximately seventy years. Mr. Walker was preceded in passing by his parents, James and Callie Walker, his sisters Eloise Holden and Adah and Elma Sample.

Survivors include his love of seventy three years Betty Lou Walker of the home, his son Chad Walker of Miami, daughter Teresa Harlan and her

husband Jim of Miami, his grandchildren Jeff Harlan and his wife Deloris, Tara Gragg and her husband D.J., Aaron Walker and his wife Andra along with his great grand children Zachary Harlan, Hannah Gragg, Joshua Gragg, Khyla Gragg, Clara Walker and Jake Walker.

Visitation will be on Sunday, June 21, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

There will be a Celebration of Life 2:00 PM on Monday, June 22, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Miami with Reverend Rick Longcrier officiating.

Casketbearers will be Jeff Harlan, D.J. Gragg, Aaron Walker, Zachary Harlan, Larry Smith and Colby Allen.

Interment will follow at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery. Military Honors will be provided by the Funeral Honors Team from Fort Sill.

Services are under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Walker's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street  
Miami, OK 74354

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
5 B Street NW  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-3311  
[info@brown-winters.com](mailto:info@brown-winters.com)  
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

## Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Miami  
24 A St. SW  
Miami, OK 74354  
<http://www.fbcmiamiok.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Randolph W. Walker*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - June 22, 2020 at 01:02 PM

EF

“ *I was a home health aide in 2015 and I knew as soon as my supervisor and I walked into Randy and Betty Lou's house that I loved them. I think it was Miss Betty saying Howdy Doo just the way my grandma did that won my heart. As soon as the interview was over I spend back to the office and asked my boss if they could be my clients. As it was the holiday season my boss said the Walkers were my Christmas gift. I couldn't have asked for a better one. Serving Randy and Miss Betty was something I looked forward to every day. It's an honor and a joy to know them and love them. We've laughed together and they have made me feel like I was the luckiest aide in the world. Watching Randy hold kitty babe on his lap always made me smile. And every evening at bedtime Randy would give Miss Betty a long kiss goodnight. That's an awesome man right there. I love you Randy. Thank you for having me in your home.*  
*Love, Emily*

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**Emily Filby** - June 19, 2020 at 09:36 PM

KP

“ I remember feeding hay to the cows off the back of Randy's pickup truck with Jeff, my brother Brett, and me. As a city boy, I always envied Randy and Betty's farm and laid-back lifestyle. I remember sitting in the living room at the farm watching OU football games... and Randy falling asleep in the chair. Countless hours riding dirt bikes on the farm and exploring the woods behind the farm with Jeff. The farm was such a magical place made special by Randy and Betty. Much love and prayers for all.

*Kent Parkhurst*

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**Kent Parkhurst** - June 19, 2020 at 04:41 PM

JO

“ Mr. Walker was a very special man. He was our bus driver for awhile. We was his last stop so he would take us to Shawnee grocery to get us ice cream and candy all the time. We lived down the road from him and when we saw him out doing anything out in the yard he had a smile on his face. He will be missed by so many!!

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**Joni** - June 19, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ 107 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - June 19, 2020 at 01:04 PM

SB

“ I have wonderful memories of time spent with Betty, Randy, Teresa, and Chad on the farm. Growing up with my cousins meant fun times on the farm and at Grand Lake. I remember Randy as a hard worker, either at Goodrich or on the farm. He tried to teach me how to dive one summer. I always appreciated his patience trying to teach a little girl how to dive that had no athletic ability at all. Mike and I will miss him and his wonderful stories. Love and prayers to the family.

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**Sue Boulanger** - June 18, 2020 at 05:15 PM

DE

“ I got to know Randy and Betty through a good friend and neighbor Pauline. Even though it has been awhile I still miss our visits. I pray for peace and comfort for Betty and her family.

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**Dorothy Estes** - June 18, 2020 at 09:06 AM

KS

“ I didnt know Mr. Walker, but I knew of him from my friend and his daughter, Teresa. I knew she cared for her dad and mom worrying about them in their elderly condition. I pray peace and comfort over Teresa and her family in the loss of her daddy. May the LORD watch over the family in the days to come. I love you, Teresa.

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**Kay Simmons** - June 18, 2020 at 08:07 AM

LG

“ So sorry for your loss, worked with Randolph at BFG , he was a top notch guy.

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**larry glenn** - June 17, 2020 at 05:54 PM