

## Bruce Galbraith Walker

May 9, 1956 - April 1, 2019

MANITOU BEACH – Bruce Galbraith Walker, age 62 of Manitou Beach, passed away peacefully Monday, April 1, 2019 at his home.

He was born May 9, 1956 in Adrian to Virginia (Kilchenman) and William Walker, and graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1975.

In 1998, Bruce married Sheryl Ellcey, and she survives. For the past 21 years, Bruce and Sheryl have shared many happy times traveling and entertaining family and friends at their lake home.

Bruce owned and operated Lakeside Hardware in Manitou Beach for the past 32+ years. He was committed to the lake community and taking excellent care of his customers. He enjoyed playing golf and weekends on the sand bar. The ultimate host, Bruce loved cooking and tending bar for his guests as well as making sure there were plenty of games to play such as cards, cribbage, horse shoes, badminton and corn hole. Friends and family looked forward to the annual Summer Solstice party. He was a trustee for Rollin Township and a member of Devils Lake Yacht Club.

In addition to his mother, Virginia (Harold) Carlson of Mansfield, OH, step-mother, Kathy Walker of Adrian and his wife, Sheryl, he is survived by his children, Melissa (Ricky) Tants of Crown Point, IN, Alexandria Walker of Adrian and Derek Hooker of Adrian; grandchildren, Toni and Jemma; siblings, Chris Ann Walker-Dilley of Silverthorne, CO and her children, Brett (Shannon) and Kendall, Sue (Albert) Saiz of Albuquerque, NM and their children, Patrick (Sara) and A.J., and Bonnie (John) Tuckerman of Blissfield and their children,

Katy and Jake.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sherry Walker.

A gathering of family and friends will take place from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Wagley Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held in the summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Lenawee or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)

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# Tribute Wall

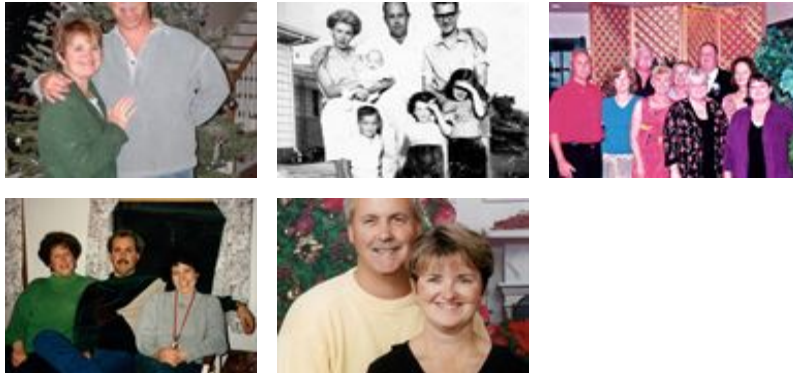


“ *Bruce Galbraith Walker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *111 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wagley Funeral Home - April 05, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Galbraith Walker.*



April 05, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ *So very sorry to learn of this great loss. Deepest sympathies to Sheryl and family.*

Susan Carpenter - April 05, 2019 at 09:01 AM

TA

“ I only knew Bruce from a business in Brooklyn. He would come in all the time and share funny stories and was a blessing to all of us. Even in the midst of being sick his positive attitude was a tribute to the man he was. He will be missed. Prayers for the family. Tina Auten

Tina Auten - April 04, 2019 at 11:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Galbraith Walker.



April 04, 2019 at 08:35 PM

MP

“ Sheryl, Our deepest sympathy, to you and your family. We will remember Bruce as a good friend with a great smile. Greeted with a smile at the card parties, sitting on our porch, we would say, "there's Bruce", always a wave with a smile driving by. Thinking of you Sheryl. Love Michael and Jeanne Pollock

Michael and Jeanne Pollock - April 04, 2019 at 02:33 PM

CP

Bruce Walker, a fixture around Devils and Round Lakes. Always smiling, always willing to help, always kind. Our community will miss him. He has left a lasting impression and he will always be remembered with great fondness. We share in your sadness and grieve his loss with you, his family and friends. You have our sincere sympathy. Chuck and Cheryl Petersen. ♡

Cheryl Petersen - April 06, 2019 at 08:32 AM

PF

*The world won't be the same without Bruce's smile. My heartfelt sympathy to you Sheryl.  
Pam, Bill & all of us ay Woodstock Wine & Cheese.*

**Pamela Feters** - April 13, 2019 at 01:08 PM

DH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Darlene Heller** - April 04, 2019 at 09:26 AM

DM

“ *Sheryl,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending you thoughts and prayers for peace and healing.  
Donna Moyer*

**Donna Moyer** - April 03, 2019 at 05:46 PM

LD

“ *Bruce will be missed by many for his humor and welcoming nature.  
Hugs to Sheryl, Melissa, Alex, and Derek.*

**Linda Mitchell Duncan** - April 03, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Galbraith Walker.*



April 03, 2019 at 12:05 PM

HA

“ *Always upbeat and cheerful. First to put a positive slant on any situation. Honest, helpful and inspirational guy. You will be missed. Our condolences to family and friends. Hank & Susan Adkins*

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**Hank Adkins** - April 03, 2019 at 08:44 AM

BR

“ *To an amazing man and friend that had that charisma that many only wish they had. I will always especially remember at our Masco Christmas parties how you would be our bartender and make those wonderful margaritas and always with a smile so big that no matter what mood we were in you would make it so much fun. You will be missed by so many and especially your dear wife Sheryl. You have always been the light of her life. I don't think there would be a day go by that she didn't share something with me about you....and yes especially your love for sweets....rest in peace my friend.*

*Bobbie (Barb Reyes)*

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**Bobbie (Barb Reyes)** - April 03, 2019 at 07:39 AM

VW

“ *To Sheryl and family,  
Please know that I am so very sorry for your loss. Bruce was loved by many and he, his smile and his good humor will be so missed.*

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**Violet Wallace** - April 02, 2019 at 11:23 PM

Jenn  
Tissue

“ *Bruce was a great friend and made me laugh often. The sandbar won't be the same without him.*



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**Jenn Tissue** - April 02, 2019 at 10:44 PM

ML

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Mike Lash** - April 02, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Galbraith Walker.*



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April 02, 2019 at 06:54 PM

RU

“ Bruce Walker was our "go to guy" as our family has a cottage on the lake in Manitou beach. He knew where to get things for our cottage, pointed us in the right direction, gave us names of locals to call for service and always asked about my dad. My dad told me that "we need that hardware store at the lake" for the reasons listed above and for Bruce to help the new cottage owners because they don't have a clue for what they just purchased and all the follies that are sure to follow in the coming years.

*I paid a little more at the hardware store than Lowes, but I could get in and out in 7 minutes, and Bruce knew what to sell me that would work best.*

*I recently bought new plugs for fit the well pump. Bruce said, " spend the extradio money Randy and buy Brass, so I did, it came out to \$1.84 more in my purchase, but I felt comforted because I could trust him.*

*Rest in peace Bruce, you were a good man and a role model/ mentor that touched SO many lives on the lakes. God bless you and your family.*

*Chef Rand Urbanowicz CSC, CDM*

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**Randy Urbanowicz** - April 02, 2019 at 05:36 PM

PC

*Sheryl, I am so sorry for the loss of your amazing man! You were a dynamic couple that earned and deserved a great life together. I wish you peace. Pete Casteel*

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**Pete Casteel** - April 03, 2019 at 08:08 PM