



Derle Walker

May 21, 1934 - January 26, 2015

Derle V. Walker born May 21, 1934 to the late Myrtice Craft and JD Walker. He was the oldest of three children and was born and raised in Delo, Ms. He left the small town of Delo to join the US Navy. While being active in the Navy he served in the Korean War.

When returning to the US from the war Derle found his home in California. Where Derle met his late wife Wanda, they wed April 30, 1954. The couple and their two children moved to Inez in 1959. After coming to Inez, Derle along with his late wife Wanda were very active in the community. Derle gave Inez its very first grocery store which is still a family business today, Inez ShopRite. He was on the board which started the Martin County Water Company, the Inez Fire Department, and the little league programs in the county today.

In 1965 he joined the Marion Hale Lodge 672, and became an active member of the Masonic group in the community. He served many roles while being an active member, in 1971 he was the Master of the lodge.

Not only was he active in his community but he was active in his business. He was always on the floor greeting and helping customers. He enjoyed everyone who came through the door. He was also the president of the AG grocery association.

When he had spare time, he enjoyed riding and showing horses. He was very successful in the adventure in his life. He also enjoyed off road rides in his Jeep or ATV. As he aged his focus changed, he went from horses to cattle. He

loved his cattle and the beautiful farm he had. The farm is famously known as Walkers Hard Rock Ranch and it will always be known as that.

There is one thing everyone can agree on ...

DERLE LIVED LIFE HIS WAY!!!!

Funeral services will be at the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home in Inez on Friday, January 30, 2015 at 12:00pm. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00-8:00pm both nights. Full obituary to follow. In lieu of flowers please make donation to the cancer society, alzheimers association or your local church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Callaham Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Derle Walker*



Callaham Funeral Home - January 28, 2015 at 04:11 PM

PP

Judy, so sorry for your loss. Will be thinking of you and your family.
Phyllis Pack

Phyllis Pack - January 28, 2015 at 09:35 PM

JH

“ *Derle was my Great Uncle. My Grandmother's brother. I knew him to be a kind man and I am thankful that I knew him.*

Jonathan Higdon - May 29, 2015 at 02:24 PM

SM

“ *Shari Moore lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Shari Moore - January 31, 2015 at 06:02 PM

JS

“ *Joann Six lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Joann Six - January 31, 2015 at 11:09 AM

EA

“ *So sorry Judy for your loss. Prayers form your family.*



Elsie Swisher Abner - January 31, 2015 at 09:08 AM

EA

“ *Ella Flo Adkins lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



ella Flo Adkins - January 30, 2015 at 10:15 AM

BM

“ *My prayers are with all of you today.*

Betty Muncy - January 30, 2015 at 08:28 AM

VM

“ *Derle was a special cousin of mine. When we new he was coming home for the Walker reunion we were so excited. We always had a great visit. Wish we had lived closer together. Will miss him.* (Voda)

Voda Mullen - January 29, 2015 at 07:49 PM

DH

“ *Danny Hensley lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Danny Hensley - January 29, 2015 at 12:58 AM

PP

“ *Phyllis Pack lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Phyllis Pack - January 28, 2015 at 09:36 PM



“ 178 files added to the album LifeTributes



Callaham Funeral Home - January 28, 2015 at 02:46 PM



Uncle Darrel is my Momma brother. The photo on the top left is close to how I remember him.

Rebecca Metzker - January 28, 2015 at 10:26 PM



“ He will be missed so sorry for his family loss sending prayers their way



janie carter - January 28, 2015 at 02:00 PM



“ Carolynn Mills lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Carolynn mills - January 28, 2015 at 01:26 PM

TM

“ so sorry for the loss sending prayers of comfort ofr the family in their time of need derle will be missed by all

Tammy marcum - January 28, 2015 at 12:45 PM

JS

“ Derle was a person that always greeted everyone and welcomed them into his business and was always there to help in whatever way he could. I think he looked at the entire community as his family. He has given employment to many and I'm sure that has left a lasting impact on many homes. He and his wife Wanda will be missed and often thought of over the years. His daughter Judy was always been a great friend even from our childhood.

Judy, I'm sorry for your loss .You and the family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Connie and Joe

Joe and Connie Staton - January 28, 2015 at 10:17 AM

DS

“ Debbie Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Derle Walker



debbie smith - January 28, 2015 at 08:29 AM

LM

“ *Lisa Patrick Mullins lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



lisa patrick mullins - January 28, 2015 at 07:37 AM



Pray for derle Walker family they are in my prayers

Hazel Spaulding - January 28, 2015 at 02:28 PM

MP

“ *Derle always greeted with a smile and how are you doing. I will never forget how kind he was to my Dad while he was in the Nursing Home. So sorry to the family for your loss and pray that God give you comfort. Sincerely, Melanie Preece(dtr. of James A. Preece)*

Melanie Preece - January 28, 2015 at 06:50 AM

DM

“ *Derle and Wanda were my first employers,as I am sure a lot of people can say but I have counted him as a friend ever since. He will be sorely missed by friends ,family and the community at large. Heartfelt sympathies to his family.*

denny moore - January 27, 2015 at 10:48 PM

EC

“ *Derle was a dear friend of my family. He will be missed.*

Evelyn Crum - January 27, 2015 at 10:35 PM



“ Randy Clifford Jewell lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Randy Clifford Jewell - January 27, 2015 at 10:24 PM



“ Brenda Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Brenda Mckinney - January 27, 2015 at 10:16 PM



“ Ada Harless lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



ada harless - January 27, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ Norma Ann Bowen sent a virtual gift in memory of Derle Walker



Norma Ann Bowen - January 27, 2015 at 09:49 PM

EV

“ Evelyn lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker




Evelyn - January 27, 2015 at 09:44 PM

ES

Always good to everyone. He will be missed!!!

Evelyn Spence - January 27, 2015 at 09:50 PM

 Diann Maynard

“ Diann Maynard lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Diann Maynard - January 27, 2015 at 09:08 PM

JH

“ Derle was truly a wonderful person. He and my dad have been best friends as long as I can remember he will be missed greatly!!!!



Janine Haney-Raines - January 27, 2015 at 09:01 PM

SJ

“ Sharon Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Sharon Jarrell - January 27, 2015 at 08:57 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Howard lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Carolyn Howard - January 27, 2015 at 08:04 PM

CH

Judy sorry your dad, he was very good to me when I worked the deli he gave me a job when he really didnt even need help because he knew i was needing a job, and i always came to store when i came back home from tn just to say hello to him, God Bless you I know how you feel.

Carolyn Howard - January 27, 2015 at 08:08 PM

GS

“ Gary and Debbie Stepp lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Gary and Debbie Stepp - January 27, 2015 at 08:01 PM

GS

“ Gary and Debbie Stepp



Gary and Debbie Stepp - January 27, 2015 at 07:56 PM

TD

“ Judy, I am sorry to here about your dad. I know when I worked for him in Freeburn he was always good to me. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this time.
Tim Dotson

Tim Dotson - January 27, 2015 at 07:23 PM

 Darla Whitley

“ Darla Whitley lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Darla Whitley - January 27, 2015 at 07:19 PM



“ Teresa Preece lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Teresa Preece - January 27, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ Sending condolences to the Walker family. Martin County has lost a pillar of the community. Darle and Wanda worked hand in hand in the grocery store, from the days the store was located close to Crum Motor Sales to the new location next to Ebb's garage. He will be missed by so many. Prayers and God's peace to each of you.



Lana Hinkle - January 27, 2015 at 01:11 PM

EA

“ Ella Adkins lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Ella Adkins - January 27, 2015 at 10:38 AM

BM

“ Brenda Muncy sent a virtual gift in memory of Derle Walker



brenda muncy - January 27, 2015 at 09:30 AM

CF

“ Colleen Fields lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Colleen Fields - January 27, 2015 at 09:06 AM

SL

“ S.S. Logan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Derle Walker.



S.S. Logan - January 27, 2015 at 08:42 AM

JA

“ Jimmie Dale And Amy P. Allen lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Jimmie Dale and Amy P. Allen - January 27, 2015 at 08:01 AM

JA

Derle's smiling face and welcoming words will be missed at the store!

Jimmie Dale and Amy P. Allen - January 27, 2015 at 08:03 AM

EF

He will be missed. Prayers for the family. Luther & Ethel Fletcher

Ethel Fletcher - January 27, 2015 at 03:40 PM

DH

I remember well Derle's first supermarket in Inez and how modern we thought it was. Even then when I was just a child, I remember how friendly and welcoming Derle always was to his customers. He knew how to run a business and gave it just the personal touch it needed. He will truly be missed, just as his wife Wanda is missed. My condolences to all of his family....

Donna Horn - January 27, 2015 at 08:52 PM

CJ

“ When I was a kid it seemed like Derle and Wanda was part of our family. I'll miss carrying on with foolishness in the store. And you knew his heart was good the way he would get serious, look you straight in the eye and ask, "Is there anything I can do?" Our little county won't be the same without Derle and Wanda Walker.

Craig Justice - January 27, 2015 at 05:45 AM

VM

“ Vicki /Lewis Maynard sent a virtual gift in memory of Derle Walker



vicki /Lewis maynard - January 27, 2015 at 05:34 AM



“ My family thought the world of Derle and Wanda. In 1971 my sister passed away unexpectedly. Derle knew Karen loved the Palamino he kept at my grandparents farm. He had two Palamino horse planters sent for Karen ' s headstone. They stayed there for years. Derle and Wanda always sent food and anything else a family might need when that family lost a loved one. I always thought the store name should be "Derle's" because that's where we all went, not to the "store". He will be greatly missed.

Janice Moore - January 27, 2015 at 05:17 AM

SH

“ i loved working with this man and my kids loved comming in the store and runing in to him and him giving them suckers or cookies from the deli even if he had to walk all thought the store to get it.

sheila - January 26, 2015 at 11:01 PM

SF

“ *Sis Roop & Family lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Sis Roop & Family - January 26, 2015 at 10:24 PM

BP

“ *Buddy And Blanche Pemberton lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Buddy and Blanche Pemberton - January 26, 2015 at 09:51 PM

 Carolyn Meade

“ *Carolyn Meade lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



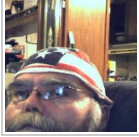
Carolyn Meade - January 26, 2015 at 09:08 PM

RS

“ *Rita Stafford lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



rita stafford - January 26, 2015 at 08:24 PM



“ *Lowell Moore lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Lowell Moore - January 26, 2015 at 08:17 PM

SD

“ *Samantha Dindal lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



samantha dindal - January 26, 2015 at 08:01 PM

CM

“ *Connie Maynard lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



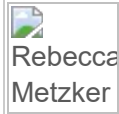
Connie Maynard - January 26, 2015 at 08:01 PM

BA

“ *Uncle Derle will be missed. He is remembered, by us, for the love and care shown to Aunt Wanda, Grandma, and our Dad. We cherish the recent time we had with Uncle Derle and the picture that captured the moment...his free spirit overlooking the Hardrock he loved.*

Billie Jo and Rocky Albertson

Billie Jo & Rocky Albertson - January 26, 2015 at 07:48 PM



Rebecca Metzker

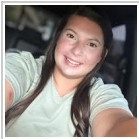
I have a picture her of me with my arms around Uncle Derle s neck....he has a hold of my hands and I am hanging off his shoulders with my feet dangling about three feet off the ground....we both have big smiles. never forget my new bathing suit and fun times in the pool. ?

Rebecca Metzker - January 26, 2015 at 10:29 PM

JR

Am sending my love and blessings to Judy and family, not only for Derle , but all the family of the past year and a half. Love to all from afar and above. Sincerely, Joanne Robinson Mother to Billie Jo

Joanne Robinson - January 28, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ *Margo Ross lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Margo Ross - January 26, 2015 at 07:04 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Johnson Bowes lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Debbie Johnson Bowes - January 26, 2015 at 06:53 PM

JF

“ *Gone but never forgotten*

Jean Fields - January 26, 2015 at 06:50 PM

NR

“ *Nora Ray lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Nora Ray - January 26, 2015 at 06:44 PM

DE

“ *DelorisCisco lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



DelorisCisco - January 26, 2015 at 05:02 PM

WW

“ *One of the greatest men around always friendly to everyone god bless the family*



William and Lisa Workman - January 26, 2015 at 04:44 PM

DS

“ *Debbie And Jed Smith lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



debbie and jed smith - January 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM

DS

He was a great man going to miss him in the super market rip derie

debbie and jed smith - January 26, 2015 at 04:39 PM

JH

“ *Joe & Annie Hammond lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Joe & Annie Hammond - January 26, 2015 at 04:03 PM

RP

“ *Derle and five of us brother went through Marion Hale Lodge 672 fifty years ago this year of the five Russell Webb, Don Ward, Bobby Williamson, Derle Walker ,Richard Preece I am the last one left Derle was master in 1971 ,and myself Richard was Master in 1972 ,Derle was always a very special friend*

Richard M. Preece - January 26, 2015 at 03:45 PM

CP

“ *Carol Preece lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker*



Carol Preece - January 26, 2015 at 02:53 PM

TR

“ Teri Rader lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Teri Rader - January 26, 2015 at 02:44 PM

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Teri Rader - January 26, 2015 at 02:44 PM

VH

“ Venita Hinkle lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



venita hinkle - January 26, 2015 at 02:31 PM



“ Jay & Tish Osborne ,we Love Derle ,we Talk and joke a lot ,we going to miss him ,



Tish Osborne - January 26, 2015 at 02:27 PM

SS

“ Sharon Smith lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



sharon smith - January 26, 2015 at 02:22 PM

JH

“ James & Rachel Hall lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



James & Rachel Hall - January 26, 2015 at 02:20 PM

BH

“ Bill & Karen Harvey lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Bill & Karen Harvey - January 26, 2015 at 01:50 PM

GB

“ Geneva Buskirk lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Geneva Buskirk - January 26, 2015 at 01:41 PM

EM

“ Eugene Maynard lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



eugene maynard - January 26, 2015 at 01:08 PM

BM

“ Betty Muncy lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



Betty Muncy - January 26, 2015 at 11:45 AM

CF

“ You are with god now my friend we loved youlike our famely may god be with your famely you will be mised



clyde carter and famely - January 26, 2015 at 11:20 AM

AH

“ Ada Hardin lit a candle in memory of Derle Walker



ada hardin - January 26, 2015 at 10:16 AM