



Edward James "E.J." Walker

September 19, 1924 - August 7, 2018

Edward James "E. J." Walker passed away peacefully of natural causes on August 7, 2018, with family beside him. He was born September 19, 1924, to Maurice and Tempe Walker in Uvalde TX, the first born and last surviving of 5 siblings, Elizabeth (Liz), Sam, Jo Ann, and Jack. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Bonnie Walker, sons Lee and Bryan (wife Dawn) Walker by first wife Miriam Walker, step-daughters Charlotte (husband Danny) Montgomery, and Charlene (husband Steve) Bredel, cousin John A. Walker, niece Carolyn Easley, nephews Robert Rankin, Stan, Greg, Jeff, and Lynn Walker, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

During World War II he served as a US Army Sergeant E-5 in the 777th Independent Tank Battalion. He fought in the Battle of Leipzig earning the WWII Victory, European Theater Campaign, German Occupation, and Good Conduct medals, as well as Expert Driver and Small Arms badges. After the war E.J. studied at the University of Texas in Austin, and in 1952 began working for Phillips 66 Petroleum Company as a seismic technician, moving all over west Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico. In 1968 he was transferred to the home office in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, as a computer programmer and later a geophysicist.

An avid outdoorsman all his life, E.J. retired from Phillips in 1985 and spent the rest of his life on his beloved Tick Hill, with Bonnie by his side, gardening,

fishing, tinkering, building, cultivating, hunting, fixing, canning, and tending to their "critters." He loved his several dogs but especially Midnight, who won his heart. E. J. was active in church all his adult life as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, youth leader, and chairman of several committees. At Oak Park United Methodist Church he loved cooking church breakfasts and hosting an annual all-church BBQ cookout at Tick Hill. An excellent cook, he could make everything from goat cheese, to homemade breads, original chili, BBQ, and spaghetti sauces, venison stew, and canning everything grown in his garden. His sons, in all their travels to this day, have yet to find anyone who can grill a steak like his. A memorial service will be held at Oak Park United Methodist Church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The family requests that instead of flowers, donations be given in his name to Oak Park United Methodist Church, 601 Brentwood Rd, Bartlesville OK 74003.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oak Park United Methodist
601 Brentwood
Bartlesville, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward James "E.J." Walker*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Edward James "E.J." Walker*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *We'll always remember E J as a great neighbor who lived on "Tick Hill" with his wonderful wife Bonnie. He always was busy working his farm, keeping up with the goats, donkey and the most magnificent garden we've ever seen. Rest In Peace our neighbor. Deanna and Craig*

Deanna and Craig Earickson - August 13, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ *It was a pleasure working with EJ and I always enjoyed hearing his stories from when he worked on the Phillips early seismic crews. I fished at EJ and Bonnie's pond countless times and I really cherished when EJ would come down to the pond and fish with me or just visit. I was always impressed with EJ's enormous gardens and how they were extremely productive. EJ and Bonnie's unwavering faith is an inspiration to me. We always admired the close bond between EJ and Bonnie and were honored that they traveled to Ohio to be at our wedding. We Love EJ and Bonnie.*

Michael and Jeannie Raymondi

Michael and Jeannie Raymondi - August 13, 2018 at 09:03 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward James "E.J." Walker.



August 11, 2018 at 02:50 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Flower Pictures



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - August 10, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ Janet Dowling purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward James "E.J." Walker.



Janet Dowling - August 10, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Rosanne Nikkel Beck lit a candle in memory of Edward James "E.J." Walker



Rosanne Nikkel Beck - August 09, 2018 at 11:07 AM

LN

“ We have so many good memories of spending time with EJ and Bonnie on the sun porch at Tick Hill! EJ's Tick Hill lemonade is forever famous among the Phillips working "kids" (as they called us). EJ will always be remembered for being such a hard worker...he never stopped! He will be greatly missed.
Linda and Kevin Northey

Linda Northey - August 09, 2018 at 10:02 AM

DC

*EJ and Bonnie were like surrogate parents to many of the 20 something data processors back in the 1980's. The thing I remember the most about EJ is his eagerness to work and help in any way he could. He would give you the shirt off his back.
Doug Cook*

Doug Cook - August 11, 2018 at 05:31 AM

RL

“ I never will forget the days he was my 5-6th grade SUNDAY School teacher. He ...by himself took Us camping, several times, one trip to Alabaster Caverns. I can't believe he trusted us or could handle us all. I think we must all had to have had a great deal of respect for him. It seems like he told us a story of how a Bible in his shirt pocket saved his life on the Battlefield. I know he spent a lot of energy on us and surely made a difference

Rick Lee - August 08, 2018 at 06:32 PM

DS

We couldn't have asked for better neighbors and friends than E.J., Bonnie and Midnight. What a wonderful couple. E. J. will be missed by all. Prayers and Love to Bonnie & family. DJ & Kay

DJ & Kay Schoenewld - August 09, 2018 at 07:04 PM