

Prominent Grundy Countian Dies Sunday in Tracy City

Jackson Venus Walker, 83, died at his home in North Tracy City Sunday, January 8th, at 2:50 p. m. after a lingering illness which has kept him confined to his home for the past two years.

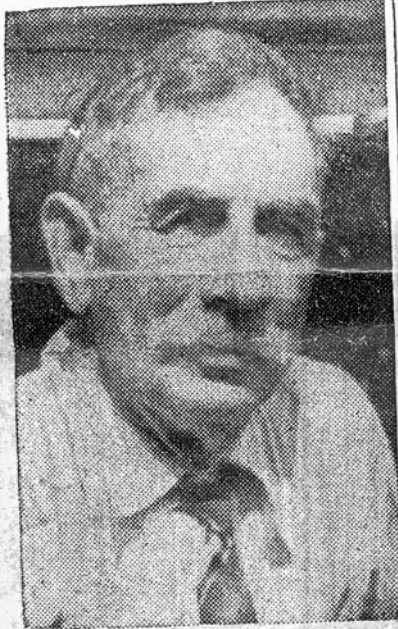
Mr. Walker, in his early days was a prominent mining contractor, a civic leader and a successful politician. He served as Trustee of Grundy County from 1908 to 1912 and as State Senator from 1912 to 1914. He was called back to public service to serve out a Tax Assessor's term in 1933 and 1934, after which he served as supervisor of W. P. A. in 1935.

As State senator, Mr. Walker was instrumental in having a branch court set up in Tracy City. One of the interesting highlights of his term as Senator was that of casting the first vote ever cast for our Veteran U. S. Senator Kenneth D. McKellar. It is reported that Mr. Walker supported the young candidate from Memphis from the outset of his campaign to become Senator. Mr. Walker then representing this district in the State Legislature had the privilege of voting first since it was the custom to occasionally reverse the alphabet in calling the senators to cast their votes. Venus, as he was known by all his friends, remained a staunch McKellar supporter throughout the years.

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tive part in other civic activities. In 1933 he assisted in getting a C. C. C. camp located in Grundy County.

Mr. Walker was born near Tarlton on Collins River on February 14, 1866. He married Rose Anna Myers to which union was born 10 children. His first wife died and he was later married to Mrs. Daisy Johnson to which union was born one child.

He is survived by his wife, one sister, Mrs. Barsha McGregory, five daughters and two sons; thirty-one grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

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Mr. Walker was a member of the Baptist Church and the Old Oddfellows Lodge. He remained a life-long resident of Grundy County. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. Collins officiating, assisted by the Methodist Church choir. Cunningham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Zeddie Lee Walker, 63, Dead; Grundy Educator

Uncle Zeddie

Zeddie Lee Walker, 63, died Friday at his home in Tracy City.

A retired Grundy County teacher, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Venus Walker.

He was married to Mrs. Ophelia Jones Walker, who survives.

Mr. Walker was a former teacher of chemistry and physics at Grundy County High School, and was active in public education 24 years. He also was a member of the Grundy County Retired Teachers Association and former president of the Grundy County Education Association.

His father, a mining contractor, was a state senator from 1913-15.

He was a veteran of World War II, when he served for more than three years in the Coast Guard. He belonged to the First United Methodist Church and Sewanee Masonic Lodge 405 in Tracy City.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Tracy City chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, with the Rev. J.T. Johnson and the Rev. Vincent Burgess officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens near Tullahoma.

Pallbearers were R.D. Martin, Sherman Jones, Lamar Meeks, R.B. Sanders, Byron D. Mayes, Wayne Curtis, Alan C. Shook, and Edwin Partin.

Honorary pallbearers were W.H. Sanders, John A. Anderson, Charles B. Schaerer, J.R.

Conry, George W. Flynn, James Cheek, and J.L. Chance.

He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Martha Rose Arnold of Marietta, Ga.; two sisters, Elizabeth Smith of Decatur, Ga., and Mrs. Mary Lou Cross of Covina, Calif.; one half-brother, Venus Walker of Crossville; one granddaughter, Melva Lee Arnold; his stepmother, Mrs. Daisy Walker; and several nieces and nephews.

Cantrell-Henley Marriage Announced

Mrs. Cora Henley of Tracy City, Tennessee, announces the marriage of her daughter, Jean, to William Douglas Cantrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cantrell of Cowan, Tennessee.

The wedding took place February 13 in Rossville, Ga., with the Rev. Ray Crow officiating.

The bride was attired in a navy blue suit with which she wore white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

The bride attended Horace Mann High School in Gary, Ind., where she has been making her home with a sister for the past two years.

The groom, a graduate of Grundy County High School, is now attending Electronic Engineering School in Chicago, Ill.

They are making their home in Gary, Ind.

Bill Cantrell

Rites Held for Jack Walker, 36, at Tarlton.

Jack Walker, 36, died at his home at Tarlton, on Collins river, early Sunday morning, April 16, following a few days illness of double pneumonia. He was the son of J. V. Walker and Annie Myers Walker, and was born at Tracy City. His mother died when he was young. Several years ago he married Miss Rena Dykes of Tarlton and has since made his home there, engaging in farming. Some time ago he professed his faith in Christ, and a short time before his death he said he was ready, which is of great consolation to his family.

He is survived by his wife and three small children—Peggy Ruth, Jack Edward, and a young baby, Melba Jean; his father and step-mother, and one sister, Mrs. Grace Cantrell, and a half-brother, Venus Jr., of Tracy City; four other sisters, Mrs. Ruth Armstrong of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Lillian Reider, Logan, Ills., and Mrs. Mary Lou Gross of Gary, Ind., and one brother, Zeddie Walker, who is in the armed forces and stationed at Philadelphia, Pa.

His brothers-in-law, Ernest Cantrell, Foster Griffith, John Dykes, Frank Armstrong and Syd Walker, a relative, were the pallbearers.

The funeral was conducted at the Tarlton Methodist Church, with the Rev. Bean officiating. Burial was in the Philadelphia Cemetery Tuesday, April 18. All the members of the family and many friends attended.

Uncle Jack

Former Resident Dies In West Virginia

Mrs. Lillian Walker Rieder passed away Thursday, October 14th at the home of her daughter in Princeton, West Virginia.

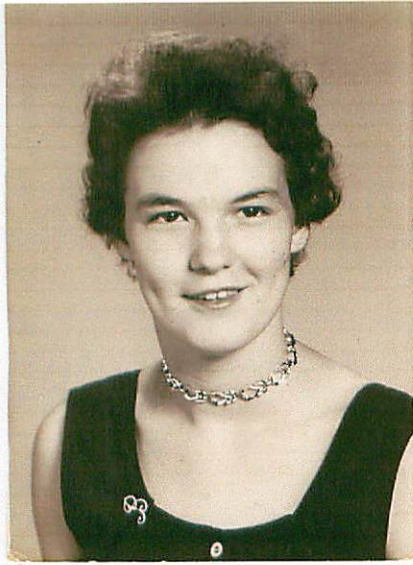
She was born February 4, 1905 in Tracy City, Tenn., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Walker. She was the wife of the late Mitchell Rieder, also a native of Tracy City.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Tom Stepp, Princeton, W. Va.; two sons, Johnny Rieder, of the Air Force, stationed in Okinawa, and Jimmy Rieder of the Air Force, stationed in Kansas; two sisters, Mrs. Leo Gross, Gary, Ind., and Mrs. Charles Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, Zeddie Walker of Tracy City; a half brother, Venus Walker, Tampa, Fla. and a step-mother, Mrs. Daisy Walker, Tracy City; ten grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

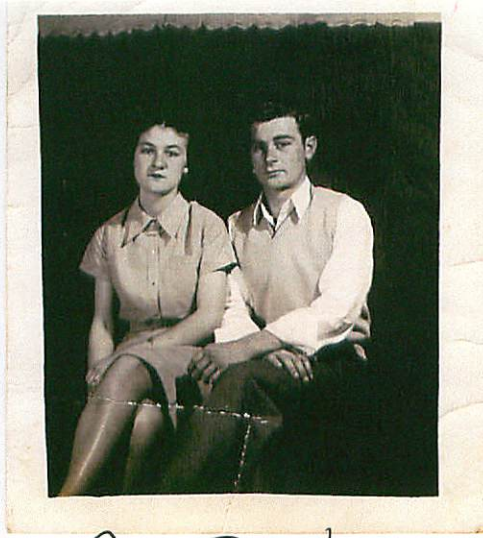
Funeral services were held in the Chapel of the Bailey Funeral Home Sunday, October 17 with Rev. Jimmie Jones, pastor of the Johnston Chapel Church of Princeton officiating.

Interment was in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

Mum Lillian



Peggy Ruth Walker
1958



Rose Dyer
Bryan Dyer



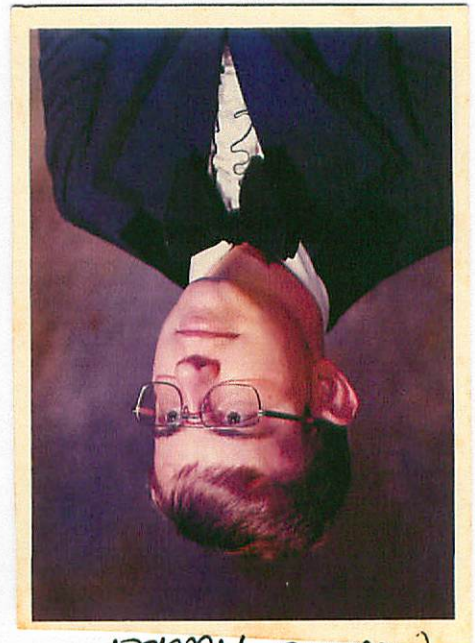
Kelvin Walker
Jackie Walker



Willie
Lillian
Elizabeth
Grace
Mary Lou
Zeddie



Jimmy Smith



Jackie Walker

Otsa Dickerson

Otsa M. Dickerson of Pelham died May 31 in a Chattanooga hospital. She was 93.

Services were Monday afternoon in the chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle, with the Rev. Marvin Bunde officiating. Burial was in Payne's Cove Cemetery.

Mrs. Dickerson was preceded in death by her parents, George W. and Martha Oley Magourik, and her husband, Woodrow Dickerson.

Survivors include a daughter, Nell Myers of Pelham; son, Herschel Oliver of Wentchee, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

J.D. Armstrong

J.D. Armstrong, 71, of Menlo Ga., died May 30 in a Rome, Ga. hospital. He was a native of Tracy City, and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Armstrong was of the Presbyterian faith. He was a member of the American Legion, and had owned Armstrong's Bar-BQ Restaurant since 1964.

Services were Saturday afternoon in the Hill Chapel of Lane Funeral Home with the Rev. Willie Beaudon

officiating. Burial was in Summerville Cemetery.

Mr. Armstrong was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ruth Walker Armstrong, and a sister, Edna Mae Stinson.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Armstrong of Menlo; son, Johnny Armstrong, and stepson, Larry Tucker, both of Summerville; six grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Lottie M. McCabe

Lottie Mae McCabe, 67, of Red Bank died May 27 in a Chattanooga hospital. She was the mother of Frieda Roberts of Pelham.

A native of Decatur, Mrs. McCabe had lived in Chattanooga the past 45 years. She was a member of Ridgcrest Baptist Church, and was retired from the cafeteria staff at White Oak Elementary School after 20 years of service.

Services were Wednesday afternoon at Ridgcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Ferguson and the Rev. C.E. Blevins officiating. Burial was in Chattanooga Memorial Park with Lane Funeral Home of Chattanooga in charge.

Survivors include her husband, Earl McCabe; two daughters, Annette Cooper of Red Bank and

Box Mrs. McCain

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Buddy*



Zeddie Lee Walker

Walker Family

Submitted by

Martha Rose

Walker Arnold

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NW

Marietta GA 30064

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6392

Walker Family - September 2002 -

Grandmother - Rose Ann (Myers) Walker
1872 - 1921
Mother & Homemaker

Grandfather - Jackson Venus Walker
1866 - 1950 (Jan) Age 83
February 14 - Birthday
1908 - 1912 - Trustee (Brundy
County)
1912 - 1914 - Tennessee State
Senator
1933 - 1934 - Tax Assessor
(Brundy County)
1935 - Supervisor of WPA

Other:

Mining Contractor - Supervisor -
Palmer, Tennessee
Justice of Peace - Brundy
County
Owned & Operated a Store -
Birmingham, Alabama

Anna Rose Jensen-Waskell - 1st Cousin
1916 Embudo Drive, NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

Martha Rose Arnold - 1st Cousin
3430 Elm Creek Drive
Marietta, Georgia 30064

Rhonda Bibbs - 2nd Cousin
1158 John Locke Road
McMinnville, Tennessee 37110
(Melba Walker's Daughter)

Since I am sending these addresses
without their permission, please do not
put them on the Internet.

Thanks! MA

James Venus & Betty Walker - Uncle
P.O. Box 652
Crossville, Tennessee 38557

Anna Askwin - 1st Cousin
9901 Buena Vista Road
Apple Valley, California 92308

Margaret Zeigler - 1st Cousin
14713 Quivéro Road
Apple Valley, California 92307

Inez Hendry - 1st Cousin
1904 Rockbridge Road
Conyers, Georgia 30012

Grandpa J. Venus Walker:

Married 2nd wife - Daisy Johnson

She Died at age 98 in Walker

1 child: Tracy City

11.) James Venus - 1933

Lives in Crossville,
Tennessee

2 sons:

1) Jackie

2) Kelvin

Venus married Betty (Kilgore)
Walker from Tracy City

> Our cousin, Trez, says that our Great-Grandfather Walker came to the U.S. from Wales.

10 Children - All Deceased
(1 Set of Twin Daughters)

1) Willie - 1891 - 1930's - Lived in Charlotte,
Died in VA hospital North Carolina -
Insurance Salesman

2) Ruth - 1898 - 1955
Married Frank Armstrong
Lived in Birmingham, Alabama
2 children: (Deceased)

1) Edna Mae Stinson (Had 2 daughters)

2) J.D. (Buddy) Armstrong

> Owned Armstrong's Bar-B-Q
Restaurant in
Summerville, Georgia

> Now operated by his son,
Johnny Armstrong

> Lived in Menlo, Georgia

> Died at 71 in a
Rome, Georgia hospital

Ruth -
Diabetic - Took insulin shots

3) Carl - 1900-1902

4) Grace - 1902-1957

Married to Ernest Cantrell
lived in Tracy City and then
Cowan
Heart problems

5) Warner - 1904-1923

Killed in steel mill in Birmingham

6) Elizabeth - 1905-1989 (Twin)
Died at 84 - lived the longest
Married to Charles (Smitty) Smith
Lived in Columbus, Georgia and
then in Decatur, Georgia
4 children:

1) Inez Hendry - lives in
(79 years old) - Conyers, GA

2) Charles Smith - Deceased

3) Anna Rose Tenser Haskell - Lives
(66 yrs. old) in Albuquerque, New Mexico

4) Jimmy Smith - Deceased
Died when a gun discharged
as he was cleaning it.

7) Lillian - 1905 - 1960's (Twin)
Married to Mitchell Rieder
3 children:
1) Rose Stepp - Princeton, W Virginia
2) Johnny Rieder
3) Jimmy Rieder
Lived in Logan, Illinois
Died in Princeton, West Virginia

8) Elmer Jack - 1907 - 1943
Married Rena (Dykes) Walker
Lived in Tarleton, Tennessee
Died of pneumonia at 36
3 children:
1) Peggy Ruth - Killed in a
car accident following
high school

2) Jack Edward - Lives in McMinnville,
Tennessee

3) Melba Jean - Lives in McMinnville,
Tartow area

4) Mary Lou - 1910 - 1983

Married Leo Gross

Lived in Gary, Indiana

Children:

1) Leo - Deceased

2) Mildred

3) Anna Askren - Apple Valley,
California

4) Tommy

5) Margaret Zeigler - Apple Valley,
California

Died in California

10.) Zeddie Lee - 1913-1977

Baby Child

Birthday - August 12

Lived in Tracy City, TN

Served in Coast Guard during
World War II

Educator - Taught Chemistry
and physics and biology
at Grundy County High

Married to Ephia (Jones) Walker
(Teacher)

1 Child:

Martha Rose (Walker) Arnold -

(60 yrs. old) - Lives in Marietta,
Georgia

Retired Teacher / Media Specialist
Died at 63 from
kidney complications

following 2 surgeries

Degrees from UT - Knoxville
BS and MS

Note: The best man who ever lived!

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