



Joseph Michael Walker

February 22, 1951 - January 22, 2022

Joseph M. Walker, 70, passed away January 22, 2022, at home in St. Augustine Florida. He was born in Chicago, Illinois to Frank and Rita Walker. He attended local schools and graduated from Mendel Catholic High School in Chicago and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from St. Joseph Catholic College in Indiana. Joe was selected to attend the FBI Academy 145th session in Quantico, Virginia from which he also graduated.

Joe served 45 years in Law Enforcement, starting his career with the Riverdale Illinois Police Department, then Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad as Police Lieutenant before moving on to the Florida East Coast Railway as Chief of Police before retiring from CSX Railway Police in 2019.

Joe was an avid Notre Dame Football enthusiast and enjoyed all college football as long as they lost to Notre Dame. He always looked forward to family time on Sundays and going to Auntie Elaine's for watching sports, swimming, and pinball. He enjoyed playing golf, deep sea fishing, and vacation cruises.

Joe is survived by his best friend and wife of 23 years, Dee; three sons, Brian Walker, Bryan (Mindi) Chambliss, and Christopher (Christina) Chambliss. Joe is also survived by ten grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He has two brothers: Frank (Kelly) Walker, and Joe's twin, James (Kathy) Walker. He

is also survived by his very best furry friend Murphy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank (POW of Korean War) and Rita Walker, aunt Dorie Sommers, and grandson Jayden Chambliss.

Visitation and viewing will be held on Thursday January 27, 2022, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, 385 SR 207 St Augustine, FL 32084. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday January 28, 2022, at 11:00 AM at San Sebastian Catholic Church 1112 FL-16, St Augustine, Florida 32084. Interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery 505 N Rodriguez Street, St Augustine, FL 32084.

St Johns Family Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home

Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

San Sebastian Catholic Church
1112 FL-16
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824-6625

Burial

JAN 28. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Evergreen Cemetery
505 N Rodriquez Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Michael Walker*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 26, 2022 at 12:54 PM

SC

“ *Dear Dee and Family, I am so sorry to find out about Joe. He was a good friend. I am very happy we had a chance to get together June 2020. It is a great memory. Scott*

Scott - March 30, 2023 at 11:36 AM

LY

“ *Such sad news. RIP, dear Joe. My heart and prayers are with your family.
Lynn*

Lynn - January 28, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Walker.*



January 27, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Walker.*



January 27, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Chief Joe Walker was a friend and wonderful co-worker. Nobody worked harder to protect the interests of our railroad than Joe. On more than one occasion Joe bailed me out when I needed to be in another part of the state and was running late. With lights flashing and an occasional siren we traveled I-95 in record time. Me with white knuckles and Joe just as calm as could be. He was a good man, good husband and dedicated railroader. My sincere condolences to Dee and family.*
John McPherson

John McPherson - January 27, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Walker.*



January 27, 2022 at 12:46 PM

FK

“ Frank & Sue Kirbyson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Michael Walker.



Frank & Sue Kirbyson - January 27, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Walker.



January 26, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Walker.



January 26, 2022 at 04:36 PM

TO

“ *First off it's been an honor and a pleasure to have been lucky enough to get to know Joe and to consider him such a great friend. Thanks for that Dee!*

I, for one, will be at a loss the next time I board a cruise without hearing Joe's running commentary or his stories from the past . Cheers to you and I'll catch you on the flip side, buddy! We'll love you always Joe!



Tom O'Hara - January 26, 2022 at 01:30 PM

JS

“ *I only have good memories of Joe. Our parents were best friends and we lived 5 blocks from one another and went to the same school and church so we were connected on a lot of levels socially and athletically. I was 1 year younger but we were even in the same classroom one year because they used to have split classes (2nd/3rd grade). Not many people (or kids) could tell Jimmy and Joey apart but i always could. They played a lot of tricks on teachers, parents, other kids by switching identities and as I reflect I think they really enjoyed their twinship. Joe was kind and inclusive even as a young kid (we thought we were cousins growing up). He was a great athlete and always a hard worker. He was responsible and always had a job.*

Sadly I've never met Dee or their sons but I just want them as well as Jim and Frank to know that many share their sadness at this time. Joe's passing leaves a void in all of us because he affected all of our lives. My prayer is for consolation and peace!

Jerry P Sullivan - January 26, 2022 at 01:09 PM

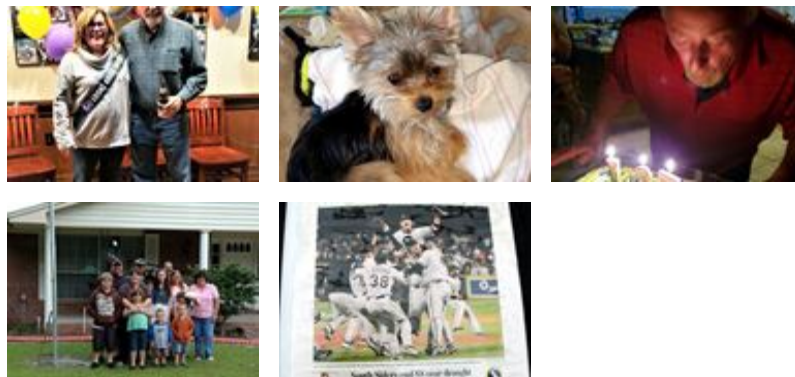
SM

“ Joe you will never be forgotten. Our cruises will never be the same without our 'princess'. We will all have a Miller Lite for you and damn it Joe, you left to soon. We love you Joe!

Sue Miller - January 26, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - January 26, 2022 at 12:45 PM

RF

“ Love, Hugs & Prayers to Dee & All of Joe's Family, Our deepest sympathies go out to you. Joe will live on in all of our hearts with the memories of all the great times & laughs. Here's to you, Joe, Rest In Peace & God Bless. Rex & Lori Steffes & Family

Rex & Lori Steffes & Family - January 26, 2022 at 12:11 PM

RB

“ Dee, so sorry to hear of Joes passing! Have fond memories of the many family parties we attended with you guys. May you and your family be blessed with memories. RIP Joe!

Russ Blais - January 26, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Walker.*



January 26, 2022 at 07:35 AM



“ *I don't even have words to describe how I feel right now. My heart goes out to the family and friends. I am really going to miss you, Uncle Joe. Trivia won't be the same.*

Bevin - January 26, 2022 at 05:43 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Joe. We are long ago friends from Dolton/Riverdale and have many great memories of times spent with Joe. Please know that you and all of your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.*

Terry & Dianne Noe

Terry & Dianne Noe - January 25, 2022 at 11:35 PM

CT

“ *Deepest sympathy to Joe's family and friends. Joe was known to me and my family during his life in Illinois and with the Riverdale Police Department. I have many fond memories of Joe and his family during those years; however, it has been a long time (decades) since I've seen him. I know how close he was to his twin brother Jimmy, and brother Frank and their families, and my heartfelt sympathy to all of them. I never met his wife Dee and am sending her and her children my sincere and heartfelt sympathy. I am sure Joe's sudden passing is difficult for his son Brian Walker, who is an incredible and compassionate young man. God Bless.*

Connie Trout - January 25, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Walker.*



January 25, 2022 at 06:51 PM

TH

“ *So many memories , so many stories. Too many to tell. Joe was one of my oldest and dearest friends and I will miss him. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers as you send Joe on to his final resting place...God bless him....*

Tom Hampton - January 25, 2022 at 06:05 PM