



Kenneth V. Walker

July 14, 1929 - March 13, 2022

Kenneth Vincent Walker, 92, of rural Moline passed away at his home on March 13, 2022.

Kenneth was born at home in rural Moline on July 14, 1929 to Joseph Raymond and Clara Catherine (Naut) Walker. He attended school at Old Boston through the eighth grade and graduated from Moline High School in 1947.

Kenneth met the love of his life, Ruth Marie Moore, in 1953, and they were united in marriage at St. Mary Catholic Church in Moline on August 5, 1957. Their union was blessed with three children: Steven Vincent, Sally Ann, and Paula Jo.

Kenneth grew up on, worked and raised his family on the farm originally homesteaded by his grandfather, Ignatius Benjamin (Nace) Walker, in 1871. He was happiest out on the land, in his tractor, working cattle or doing whatever needed to be done to keep the farm going. Even though his formal education ended after high school, he was a life-long learner who spent countless hours reading about the changes in farming and the cattle industry. Kenneth was a steward of the land whose goal was to leave that land even better than the way he found it.

As important as the farm was to Kenneth, family was his top priority. No matter

how long the days were, he was always in the house for supper around the table, never missed a ballgame, music concert, or 4-H event, and built many floats for Crazy Days parades. He spent countless hours repairing boat motors so that his family could spend Sunday afternoons at the lake where he pulled kids on skis or the inter-tube until the sun went down. And most summers, he found the time for a quick family vacation before school started again.

Kenneth was a devout Catholic whose faith in God brought him through many trials in his lifetime. He was a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Moline where he served on the parish council and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of Moline Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas Livestock Association.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Clara Walker, and his younger brother, George Leonard Walker.

He will be missed in this life by his wife of 64 years, Ruth, son Steve and wife Roxane Walker, daughters Sally Ann Walker, Paula Jo and husband Shane Green; grandchildren: Amber Nicole (Green) and Matt Chapman, Garrett Walker Green, Karsten Lee Walker, Caleb Vincent Walker, and Alanna Maye Walker; great-granddaughters Leighkyn Jo and Elizabeth Kate Chapman; his older brother, Jack Walker and wife, Joyce; younger sister Mary Catherine and husband Jim Taylor, niece Katie Taylor, nephews Chris Taylor, Timm Walker and family, Jeff Walker; Mike Walker and family; all of his other Walker Cousins and countless friends.

Rosary and Visitation will be held for Kenneth on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Moline. Rosary will be held from 6:00-6:30pm with visitation from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Funeral mass will be held Friday, March 18, 2022 at 10:00 am at St. Mary

Catholic Church in Moline.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions have been suggested to St. Mary Catholic Church in Moline and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Online condolences can be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington St., P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

HWY 99
Moline, KS 67353

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 17. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
320 Main St
Moline, KS 67353

Visitation

MAR 17. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
320 Main St
Moline, KS 67353

Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ There are so many wonderful memories of Kenneth which I have been reflecting on all week. I can recall my first meeting as a youngster maybe 5 or 6 years old. We were up in Kansas for the holidays and having visitors. I remember thinking Kenneth & Ruth were the most interesting & nicest couple I had met. I was always fascinated by Kenneth's ability to fix anything! I can remember Kenneth coming over to get my car started on a cold January morning when my folks had already left for San Antonio and I was slow out of the gate. I had a fussy little car that got too cold I suppose and Kenneth knew what to do. Whenever we visited Kansas it was such a welcome sight to drive by Kenneth & Ruth's and see them outside and wave or even better if they stopped by in the gator. My son got to experience the joys of spending time at the ranch with Kenneth & Steve a few summers ago and he still talks about Kenneth. Kenneth remains one of my heroes, he is a monument and a testament to the values of hard work, faith, love of family, caring for others and caring for all the gifts we are given. We will miss him so much but happy for all of the wonderful years we had him on this earth.

All my love to Ruth, Steve & family, Sally, Paula & family. Sending prayers for your consolation.

Nora Walker

nora Walker - March 17, 2022 at 08:14 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth V. Walker.



March 17, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth V. Walker.*



March 15, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth V. Walker.*



March 15, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers with you & your family.
Mike & Diana Wilson*

Diana Wilson - March 15, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Chris Wooderson lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth V. Walker*



Chris Wooderson - March 15, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth V. Walker.*



March 15, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *It was with great sadness that I learned of this quiet giant's passing. Kenneth was one of the first people to be welcoming to me when I moved to Moline. He always had a smile on his face and his sense of humor was always a delight. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.*



Judy Clubine - March 14, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Kenneth V. Walker*



Chip&Nancy Crum - March 14, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ *Janet Tuck lit a candle in memory of Kenneth V. Walker*



Janet Tuck - March 14, 2022 at 05:16 PM

MR

So sorry to hear of Kenneth passing I also went to school thru the 8th grade at old Boston country school and knew all his family. My condolences to the family. Mary knave riney

Mary knabe riney - March 15, 2022 at 06:41 PM

SM

So sorry for your loss

Nadine Fickle

sharon moore - March 19, 2022 at 08:32 PM