



## Raymond Louis Walz

Raymond Louis Walz was born May 16, 1929, in the Parkston and Milltown, SD, area to Clarence and Elizabeth Walz. He was the second born of 7 children. At age 5, Ray moved with his parents to Marshfield, MO, to escape the dust storms. Six years later, at approximately age 10 or 11, they moved back to SD and farmed in the Mitchell area. A few years later, his father, Clarence, bought his father's farm 7 miles east of Parkston, SD. This

farm continues to serve as a proud reminder of our family history and remains in the Walz family.

Ray loved the sport of baseball throughout his life. He played in Milltown, SD, at Island Park with the Parkston Independents team and was considered a very good team pitcher. This passion and involvement in baseball continued throughout his life taking him to many, many places in this country.

On July 12, 1949, Ray married Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Hohn in Dimock, SD. Through this marriage, 4 children were born; Darla, Janet, Dale, and Delmar. They spent their early years together on a farm 5 miles east of Parkston.

In 1958, Ray became the Chief of Police in Parkston. Three years later, he joined the SD Highway Patrol serving in Faith, Deadwood, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls. As a State Trooper, SGT Walz worked in the Safety Education area. He visited the schools with Mike the Talking Bike and Charlies Daily Venture, a pedestrian program. He also taught many of you in Defensive Driving Courses for State Employees and assorted groups, too many to mention. But one of the most long lasting SDHP memories was the Rapid City flood; the loss of so many lives along with his patrol car. Ray retired from the SDHP on December 15, 1980. After this retirement, he began a new career as the Safety Director of Universal Transport for 15 years. During this time, he also served on the Board of Directors for the SD Trucking Association for 18 years. The service to his community continued as the President of the Piedmont Fire Protection District Board for many years.

Ray loved his fishing and hunting excursions with his sons, brothers, nephews, and friends, most of which will tell you how much they learned from Ray and the art of hunting. We would be remiss if we did not mention their weekly trips to the "River" in search of those elusive and treasured walleye. Being part of their grandkid's life was paramount to their life. Those grand boys learned from the best and he was fortunate know two great-granddaughters.

Raymond Louis Walz, 90, of Piedmont, SD, died at Regional Health Hospice of the Hills Thursday, July 25, 2019.

He is survived by daughters, Darla Pereira (John), Janet Murphy (Dave), Shirley Rising (Curt); grandsons, Jarred, Tanner, Riley, and Frank; great-granddaughters, Raya and Kennedy; along with numerous other family members.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; two sons, Dale and Delmar; his parents; four siblings, Robert, Fritz, baby Francis, and sister, Florence.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## *In Loving Memory*

### *Ray Walz*

*1929 ~ 2019*



### **My Old Gold Badge**

By Capt. Jim Milstead, SDHP Retired

My old Gold Badge is tarnished a bit,  
Yet every time I look at it,  
I view the past through memories door,  
Friends at places that can be no more,  
I then feel grateful within my soul,  
To have been a part of the State Patrol.

Yes my old Gold Badge is tarnished a bit,  
But that don't change my love for it,  
For in that Badge I hold so dear,  
Reflects the friendship of many a year.  
Yes, age and health will take its toll,  
But there will always be a State Patrol.

My old Gold Badge is tarnished a bit,  
But I'm still mighty proud of it,  
Proud of the things for which it stands,  
The loyal hearts and willing hands,  
Ready always to do their best,  
And to meet with courage every test.

My old Gold Badge is tarnished a bit,  
And some day I may take leave of it,  
But not without a tender smile,  
For it's been mine for a long, long while.  
So here's to the Badge and those who have worn it,  
May friendship and love ever adorn it,  
May fellowship be written upon our scroll,  
And the sun always shine on our State Patrol.

## At The End of the Day

The trooper stood and faced his God, which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining. Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, trooper. How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To my church have you been true?"

The trooper squared his shoulders and said "No, Lord, I guess I ain't,  
Because those who carry badges can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was rough,  
And sometimes I've been violent, because the streets are awfully tough.

But I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to keep.  
Though I worked a lot of overtime when the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help. Though at times I shook with fear,  
And sometimes, God forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place among the people here.  
They never wanted me around except to calm their fear.

If You've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand.  
I've never expected or had too much,  
but if You don't....I'll understand."

There was silence all around the throne where the saints had often frod.  
As the trooper waited quietly, for the judgment of his God.

"Step forward now, trooper, You've borne your burdens well  
Come work a beat on Heaven's streets  
You've done your time in hell."

- Author Unknown

## In Loving Memory Of *Raymond Louis Walz*

### *Born*

May 16, 1929  
Parkston, South Dakota

### *Died*

July 25, 2019  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### *Vigil*

Sunday, July 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Church  
Piedmont, South Dakota

### *Mass of Christian Burial*

Monday, July 29, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.  
Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Church

### *Celebrant*

Father Andrzej Wyrostek

*Accompanist* ~ Lorraine Ptacek

*Cantor* ~ Brad Blauvelt

### *Musical Selections*

"Amazing Grace"      "You Are Mine"  
"I Am The Bread Of Life"  
"Song Of Farewell"      "On Eagle's Wings"

### *Pallbearers*

Curt Rising ~ Jarred Dunn ~ Tanner Walz  
Riley Walz ~ Jim Walz ~ Dave Murphy ~ Gary Walz

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Members of the SD Highway Patrol Honor Guard

### *Interment*

Piedmont Cemetery