

John Sanders Walker, age 76, of Colman South Dakota, passed away after a short illness on July 30th, 2022.

John was born in St. Louis, Missouri to John and Leona Walker. John's education began in the St. Louis school system where he excelled in football, stagecraft, junior achievement, and journalism, graduating in 1964. He then earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology, followed by an Education degree at South Dakota State University.

In 2011, he completed a Master's of Arts in History at University of South Dakota.

John enlisted in the Navy as a Radioman on active duty serving on the U.S.S. Sellers. John was honorably discharged from active duty in 1970, but continued in the reserves, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in 1998. In 1974 he met his sweetheart, Patricia, in St. Louis, and in 1975 they were sealed in the Manti, Utah temple.

He began his teaching career at Lake Preston High School, followed by Flandreau Indian School. He taught and inspired many students for 25 years until retirement, yet still continued to teach Social Studies at Rutland.

He proved himself to be a wonderful and dedicated father and friend. He always had time to answer a question, solve a problem, or share a fun fact. Hobbies included St. Louis Cardinals baseball, amateur radio, politics, reading, weather spotting and family history. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Surviving John are his wife, Patricia of 47 years; 3 Children: George (Nichole) Walker of Sioux Falls, Tonya Kabris of Brookings, Cathy (Darius) Garvin of Florida, two grandchildren, Claudia Hovelson of Brookings and Isaac Walker of Sioux Falls; siblings Mark (Gisèle) of St. Louis, David (Dawn) Walker of Las Vegas, and Jeff and Anne Walker, both of St. Louis. John is also survived by many special friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Annelore Karina and parents, John Frederick and Leona Marie Sanders Walker.

Eidsness Funeral Home

In Loving Memory Of

John Sanders Walker

Funeral Services

11:00 A.M. Friday, August 5, 2022

*Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Brookings, South Dakota*

Clergy

Bishop Donald Burger

Musicians

*Madelyn Francis—Organist
Rhonda Rolz—Chorister*

Order of Service

Opening Hymn *God of Our Fathers, #78*

Opening Prayer *Jean Steele*

Life Sketch *John's Son, George Walker*

The Navy Hymn *Lilly Rolz, Rhonda Rolz, Joel Brick*

Talk *David Francis*

Closing Remarks *Bishop Donald Burger*

Closing Hymn *A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief,
Verses 1-4, 7, #29*

Closing Prayer *Darius Garvin*

Interment

*Mt. Auburn Cemetery
Fremont Township, Moody County, South Dakota*

Eternal Father - The "Navy Hymn"

Verse 1:

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Verse 2:

Eternal Father, lend Thy grace
To those with wings who fly thro' space
Thro' wind and storm, thro' sun and rain,
Oh bring them safely home again
Of Father, hear an humble prayer,
For those in peril in the air!

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