

## **Jack Leon Walker**

Jack Leon Walker was born in Rapid City on January 10, 1946, to Merle and Patricia (Kieffer) Walker. He grew up in Rockerville and attended school in Rapid City, graduating from Rapid City High School. Jack joined the Navy in 1965 and was on the USS Randolph. On November 6, 1966, he married Paulette Kahl in Ridgefield, NJ. After an honorable discharge on August 27, 1969, Jack and Paulette returned to Rapid City and he went to work for Smokey Electric. Later, Jack started working for GE in Casper, WY, Gillette, WY, and in Tucson, AZ. While in Tucson, he became a truck driver for Swift Transportation and then for Werner Enterprises. In 2005, Jack and Paulette returned to the Black Hills and Jack drove truck for Dixon Brothers out of Newcastle, WY. Due to health reasons, he retired in 2008, and in June of 2011, they moved to Sturgis. The time when Jack was happiest, was when he was riding his Harley.

Jack was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis, a 35-year member of the Elks Lodge, and a 20-year member of the Moose Lodge.

Jack, 66, of Sturgis, died, Friday, September 21, 2012, at his home.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Paulette of Sturgis; son, Travis Walker of Sturgis, and granddaughter Tiffany Walker of Newcastle; daughter, Erin (Jason) Figueroa and granddaughter, Gabby, of Phoenix, AZ; brother, Jerry (Mary) Walker of Longmont, CO; brother-in-law, Kermit (Cindy) Kahl of Shadehill; sister-in-law, Mary Ellen (Dale) Kreutz of Sturgis; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by both of his parents and a sister, Donna.

A memorial has been established to the Humane Society in Newcastle, WY.

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



*In Loving Memory Of*

*Jack Walker*

*1946 ~ 2012*

Safely Home



*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread,  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely;  
For I love you dearly still;  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth -  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

*In Loving Memory Of*

***Jack Leon Walker***

***Born***

January 10, 1946  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Died***

September 21, 2012  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church

***Officiant***

Rev. Willard Olsen

***Special Music***

Danny Chapman  
"The Dance"

Karl Kreutz  
"Amazing Grace"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Jason Figueroa ~ Tom Barbier ~ Dale Wilson  
Carl Foos ~ Mike Shepherd ~ Al Morelli

***Military Honors***

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the Son Shine Room  
in the church basement following the interment service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*