



Philip Dawn Walker

September 21, 1947 - February 14, 2019

Passed away peacefully on February 14, 2019 at home on Valley View Drive in Franconia, Virginia. Phil was born September 21, 1947 in Alexandria, Virginia. Phil was predeceased by his brother Mark Walker and his parents Don and Jac Walker. Survivors include his brother Kenny Walker, sister Pam Walker, sister-in-law Marie Walker, nephews Andy, Joe, Ben, Duke and niece Rebekah, along with 16 grandnephews/nieces (thanks to Mark & Marie)! Phil graduated from Edison High School in 1966 and served in Vietnam (68/69) as a machine gunner in the USMC. Phil grew up in the 1950's where every morning was a start to adventure & fun. He was the first grandchild on his mother's side of the family, and having both grandparents living within shouting distance (both of his grandmother's were named Ruby), he had the run of the neighborhood. Life evolved around family, church, school, fire house, railroad and woods that stretched for miles with giant hills! There were no strangers growing up in Franconia! He would leave in the morning and come back at night without any worry from his parents. His mom's parents had a 5 acre lot with a barn, tractor, pigs, chickens, cow, 40 peach trees and every fruit & vegetable in the alphabet (enjoyed year round thru canning). Mayberry has nothing on Franconia! Phil worked in construction as a rodman (just like his dad). Phil & his dad were the strongest, hardest workers you could ever imagine! They once put a steel beam in the basement (hold up the floor) by themselves. You had to be there! Phil had a tragic auto accident after coming home from Vietnam (which eventually led to his death) that did not stop him from working in the most physically demanding job you could have! All phil's cousins/ family looked up to him & adored this quiet gentle soul of a man!

Phil's memorial service will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019, (12:00 PM) at Franconia Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Franconia, Virginia 22310.

Phil will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 10 AM.

Comments



“ I lived in Franconia until I was 8 years old. The Walkers were like members of my family. Jac and Donald were my favorite "aunt and uncle"!! They played cards with my parents for over 40 years. Their children were close and it was always fun to spend time at their house. I was so sorry to hear of Philip's death...I learned of it through an old Franconia friend. I send lots of love to Kenny and Pam and all the rest of the family. The Walker's were very special people. Gigi Glover Stratton



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