



John M. Walker, Jr.

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John Walker, aged 74, of Alexandria, VA and Mennonite Home, Lancaster, PA, died on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 as a result of complications from Parkinson's disease. John is survived by his wife, Jackie Maher, by his two sons, John Walker and his wife, Susan of Lancaster and Pete Walker and his husband, Steve Boschen of Richmond, by his sister, Trudy Walker, by his former wife, Nancy Lyons and by three grandchildren-- Jackson, Adelaide and Ella Walker.

John graduated from Middlebury College in 1965 and began a career as a private school teacher, coach and administrator. He taught English at Trinity Pawling School, then, after two years, he moved to Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. At Episcopal, he served in a variety of roles including English teacher, coach, faculty head of the Honor Committee, Director of Admissions and Assistant Head of School for Student Life. He left Episcopal High School for two years to serve as Headmaster of Adirondack Mountain School in Long Lake, New York, then returned to Episcopal. John received a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University.

John took great joy in his students and in teaching. His students will remember his love of poetry and the sound of his voice quoting verses of Shakespeare, Frost, and Elliot from memory. John also loved the lakes and woods of the Adirondacks where he spent parts of many summers at a cabin in Long Lake, as well as hiking in the High Peaks. John extended a warm,

loving spirit to all around him and he exhorted his students with words from Henry James to “be one of those on whom nothing is lost.” And throughout his life, he was.

A celebration of his life will take place in the chapel at Episcopal High School in Alexandria at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ADK Action for Adirondack conservation at P.O. Box 655, Saranac Lake, NY, 12983.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was a caregiver for John at Mennonite home. I enjoyed every day that I got to care for him and spend with him. He was such an amazing man and I learned so much from him. During the last year of couple of months it really took a toll on me caring for him. I would see him decline and it just broke my heart. I was there when he would get depressed about not being able to do certain things we take for granted and I would just tell him to stop. We would sit and talk and I would try to explain to him that that's why I'm here to help him and try to cheer him up. It usually worked every time. First time meeting his wife and his family was amazing. They were all so very friendly and kind and really cared about John. When he fell and got moved I visited him every chance I got. He would remember me and we would sit and talk and laugh. He always would tell me stories and talk about his wife and his family. He was an amazing intelligent man and I wish that I would have got the chance to know him before this horrible disease took his life. John will forever hold a special place in my heart. Now he is in a better place and not in anymore pain. My condolences go out to his wife and family. My only regret is not getting the chance to say goodbye to John.

Michelle Fisher - May 04, 2017 at 07:08 AM

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I want to thank all the kind and generous people who cared for Dad at Mennonite Home. Your attention, friendship and care made a huge difference to him and to our whole family over the last year and a half.
John Walker (son)

john walker - May 04, 2017 at 08:57 AM

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To the Walker family,,,John was an amazing man loved by many at the Mennonite Home. Rest in peace John..

Lisa --MHC - May 11, 2017 at 02:14 PM

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To the Walker family, I knew Mr. Walker as a student at Episcopal High School, back in the 70's. Never had him as a teacher, but he was a great squash player and he would go out of his way to find time to play squash with me. It was one of the highlights of my time at EHS. He and Mr Shelor and I. Back then we were the only squash players on campus. He was a wonderful fellow and on the rare one or two times we crossed paths afterwards it was like seeing an old friend. Thank you, Mr Walker, you were a good man.

David Mikell - December 18, 2020 at 08:40 PM