



## John Thomas Walker

December 7, 1935 - July 3, 2021

Brodhead - John T. Walker, 85, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at Agrace Hospice in Janesville, WI. He was born on December 7, 1935, in Greenfield, OH, the son of R.B. and Martha Eleise (Wilson) Walker. He married Martha Lou (Marty) Grice on July 11, 1959, in Greenfield, OH. Following Marty's death in 2011, John discovered love again, marrying Kathryn Kangas of Brodhead, WI on January 23, 2016.

John graduated from Edward Lee McClain High School, Greenfield, OH, in 1954. He received a BS in chemistry from The Ohio State University in 1959 and an MBA in management in 1964 from Xavier University, Cincinnati. John's master's thesis was used to build a new adhesives and coating plant at the Inland Manufacturing Division of General Motors Corporation in Dayton, OH.

John joined the Ohio National Guard in 1959, serving for 6 months. He was on active duty, US Army, serving in the infantry. John graduated from Officers Candidate School in 1962 and was honorably discharged from US Army Reserve in 1967 as a First Lieutenant.

During his tenure in manufacturing management, John worked for General Motors in Dayton; Hoover Ball & Bearing, Greenfield, OH; Hickory Springs Manufacturing, Hickory, NC; and Janesville Products, Brodhead. John retired in 1985 as Vice President of Janesville Products of Brodhead and Janesville,

WI; Norwalk and Franklin, OH; and Burns Flat, OK. In his retirement, John served as consultant and engineer for Woodbridge Corporation, Brodhead.

John was a longtime member of the Brodhead United Methodist Church. He served on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Epilepsy Foundation and the Green County Development Corporation. He was active with the Brodhead Historical Society and a former member of the American Chemical Society and the Plastics Industry Association. Though “work” consumed a large amount of John’s time, he did enjoy hunting, fishing, trap shooting, hiking, swimming, exercising, and spending time outdoors on his land and farms.

John is survived by his wife, Kathryn of Brodhead, WI; children: Dan (Carol) Walker of Lake Geneva, WI; Rob (Michelle) Walker of Livingston, MT; Susan (Brent) Bresser of Whitewater, WI; and Tom (Patty) Walker of Beloit, WI; nine grandchildren: Brittany (Brian) Hockers, Margaret (Mike) Tysiak, Zachary Walker, Eva (Colin) Guttosch, John Walker, Thomas Walker, John Bresser (Angela Barry), Hannah Walker and Henry Bresser; four great-grandchildren: Liam & Bennett Guttosch and Grace & Johnathan Hockers; sisters-in-law Ruth Ann Watts, Katy (Bob) Horton, Sue Etta (Gary) Harvey, and Bobbie Grice; Kathryn’s children and families; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Marty; a brother, Delbert Walker; a sister, Roseanne Crosley; and life-long friend, Zach DeHart.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Agrace Hospice Janesville for their excellent care.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home, 1105 E. 9th Avenue in Brodhead. A visitation will take place from 9:30 AM until the time of service. Rev. Scott Carlson will

officiate. A burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery.

Please consider making a memorial to Agrace Hospice Janesville or the Epilepsy Foundation of Wisconsin in John's name.

[www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) 608-897-2484

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery - Brodhead

1106 E. 9th Avenue  
Brodhead, WI 53520

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

D. L. Newcomer Funeral Home  
1105 E 9th Ave  
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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Susan, please be assured of my prayers and thoughts in this time of loss and grief. May God bless you and the family with the gifts of peace and comfort! Take care, Sam Royappa

Sam Royappa - July 13, 2021 at 05:28 PM

JK

“ Condolences from the McNeils in Greenfield, Ohio. We have many wonderful memories, from our childhood, with the Walkers. Our parents thought the world of John and Marty as did our family. Prayers and love for all.

Jennifer McNeil Kennedy - July 13, 2021 at 01:03 PM

FF

“ Frank & Carol Gombar and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of John Thomas Walker.



Frank & Carol Gombar and family - July 07, 2021 at 02:32 PM

KA

“ Tom, Patti and Hannah, thinking of you during this time, sending love and hugs...



Kristine Armitage - July 07, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Thomas Walker.*



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July 07, 2021 at 12:07 AM



“ *To the family of John Walker,*

*I was sorry to learn of John's passing. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May your faith and your fond memories of John support you at this time.*

*I worked at Janesville Products in Janesville and have many fond memories of John from meetings and discussions with him. Besides his great intellect, John had a gift of common sense which helped resolve a lot of problems.*

*When my wife and I first moved to Janesville, John and Marty were always gracious to us by inviting us to their home in Brodhead. They made our move a lot easier by welcoming us to Wisconsin.*

*Richard Emery  
Crestwood, Missouri*

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**Richard Emery** - July 06, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Thomas Walker.*



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July 06, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ *Some of my favorite childhood memories were at the Walkers. Their smiles and kind words always made me feel welcome.*



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**Leslie (Caldwell) Weber** - July 06, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Thomas Walker.*



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July 06, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *John was always so nice when I'd go to JP to visit my mom's office. He and my mom, Joann , worked together for many years and became life long friends, as they did with Kate his current wife. John was a good and kind man My deepest condolences go out to his wife Kate and his entire family.*

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**LouAnn Harmel** - July 05, 2021 at 07:15 PM

JN

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Johns family many happy memories of John and Marty. Larry and I had many great times together and our kids were good friends too

Joyce Nipple - July 05, 2021 at 02:34 PM

MP

“ May you rest in the arms of your Lord and Savior, John. We so enjoyed having you as a church member and leader for so many years. We enjoyed even more having you in choir with us. I especially remember, always, the kindness and consideration and love you showed our Kori. You made a positive difference in so many lives. You will be missed.

Marcia Petersen - July 05, 2021 at 12:23 PM

CM

“ Chris & Mary Walker / Mike & Pam Mastruserio purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Thomas Walker.



Chris & Mary Walker / Mike & Pam Mastruserio - July 05, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TF

“ The Hockers Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of John Thomas Walker.



The Hockers Family - July 05, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Walker.*



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July 04, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Don And Brenda Wahl lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Walker*



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**Don and Brenda Wahl** - July 04, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Dean And Nancy Walters lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Walker*



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**Dean and Nancy Walters** - July 04, 2021 at 05:03 PM