



## Harold Ray Walker, Sr.

July 29, 1938 - August 24, 2024

Harold Ray Walker, Sr., 86, of 1702 Avondale Dr., Altavista died Saturday, August 24, 2024 at home. He was the husband of Katherine Krantz Walker for sixty-four years.

He was born July 29, 1938 in Altavista, a son of the late Bernard Board Walker and Ruth Trent Payne Walker. He was a retired employee of General Electric, Burlington Industries, and more recently, sold insurance and annuities. Harold was a U.S. Air Force veteran with a very dedicated work ethic, as he was still working up until a few weeks ago. He also enjoyed reading in his free time.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Angela Walker Gonzalez and her husband, Amauri of Culpepper and Susan Walker Wells of Kenansville, NC; one son, Harold Ray "Hal" Walker, Jr. and his wife, Kim of Mount Pleasant, SC; two sisters, Helen Krantz of Altavista and Doris Lukin of TN; seven grandchildren, Ana G. Bowler (William III), Gabriel T. Gonzalez (Chelsea), Jacob E. Gonzalez, Stephanie Smith, Ryan Smith, Cameron Walker and Coryn Walker; and five great grandchildren, Nolan and Colin Smith, Henry Bowler, IV, Ellie Bowler and Audrey Smith.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Payne; and two sisters, Virginia Adams and Nancy Payne.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 1, 2024 at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista by Minister Ray Eure with interment to follow in Green Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 until 1:45 p.m., Sunday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Altavista Area YMCA, 718 7th Street, Altavista, VA 24517 ([www.altavistaymca.com](http://www.altavistaymca.com)).

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Funeral Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall



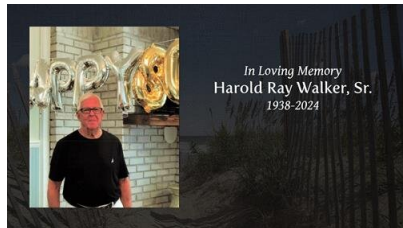
“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Harold Ray Walker, Sr.*



**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - September 01, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Ray Walker, Sr.*



**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - August 30, 2024 at 11:15 AM

JC

*Dear Kathy and family. I had no idea that Harold Ray was so ill. I'm so sorry to read of his passing. We were all kids when we married It's been so long ago. But I still remember when. You and I were good friends.. and still are as far as I'm concerned. I love you and pray God will give you His peace and comfort during this trying time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️🌹*

**Judy Rowland Cox** - August 30, 2024 at 09:51 PM

BM

“ *I will miss a good friend but Ray i am sure you are with Jesus.*

**Bobby McBride** - October 21, 2024 at 12:53 AM

DH

“ *So sorry for your loss . The family is in my thoughts and prayers .*



**Donna Hall** - September 04, 2024 at 12:18 AM

GG

“ *Memories live forever...Pa you were always there for me at every occasion. I hope you continue to look down on me as I can only hope to become half of the man that you were.*



**Gabe Gonzalez** - September 01, 2024 at 01:20 PM

CW

“ *Roger and Connie Wilson send our sympathy to Kathy and all family members on your loss. Harold was a real gentleman.*



**Connie Wilson** - September 01, 2024 at 09:24 AM

RH

“ So many wonderful memories of times with Uncle Ray and Aunt Kathy and the cousins. Uncle Ray exemplified the title of a “Southern gentleman”....always showing kindness, generosity and most importantly, love. He will be missed. Love to you all.

Rhonda Hudson - September 01, 2024 at 08:47 AM

CC

“ Your memory will forever warm our hearts, Uncle Ray.



Christy Carpenter - August 31, 2024 at 10:25 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Harold Ray Walker, Sr..



August 29, 2024 at 11:39 AM

TT

“ Todd & Michele Temples planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Ray Walker, Sr..

Todd & Michele Temples - August 29, 2024 at 11:39 AM

AK

“ *Special memories and Love to Kathy and all the family  
Ray is in his heavenly home with a healed body  
RIP*



*Alice Krantz Keesee*

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**Alice krantz keesee** - August 28, 2024 at 09:35 AM

RG

“ *I remember growing up and going to church at Central Baptist Church in,Altavista, and one gentleman that stands out in my memories is Harold Ray Walker. He was always polite to everyone he met in church and outside of church. He will truly be missed by all that had the privilege to meet him. May God give his family comfort and peace during this time.  
We will see him again one day in Heaven.*

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**Ray Guill** - August 28, 2024 at 05:04 AM

KP

“ *You have my deepest sympathy. my thoughts and prayers are with you. A good man!*

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**Kelly Parnell** - August 27, 2024 at 06:37 PM

RB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Walker's passing. He was such a kind, patient, and knowledgeable man. He helped me so much with my supplemental health insurance.*

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**Romayne Beard** - August 27, 2024 at 06:03 PM

RB

“ *Romayne Beard lit a candle in memory of Harold Ray Walker, Sr.*



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**Romayne Beard** - August 27, 2024 at 05:57 PM

GC

“ *Glenna W Carr lit a candle in memory of Harold Ray Walker, Sr.*



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**Glenna W Carr** - August 27, 2024 at 03:59 PM

JW

“ *Katherine & Family.  
Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Jo Ann & Mike Weeks** - August 27, 2024 at 02:44 PM

LM

“ *Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my prayers and thoughts daily. Much love, Linda Gray Manis*

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**Linda Gray Manis** - August 27, 2024 at 02:38 PM

BH

“ *Kathy & family. So sadden of Harold Ray's passing. You have lost someone so dear to you. May God wrap his arms around each of you as you grieve your loss. RIP. My friend.*



**Betty Hunley** - August 27, 2024 at 09:57 AM

DH

“ *My sincerest condolences to Ray's family on his passing. in the short 4 yrs that I worked with Ray in the Insurance industry, he struck me as a thoughtful kind and inspiration man. I loved hearing his stories that he still was an avid jogger. Warmest Regards, David Henggeler*

**David Henggeler** - August 27, 2024 at 09:37 AM

PW

“ *Kathy, & Family, In my thoughts and prayers .*



**Paula Walden** - August 27, 2024 at 09:28 AM

MS

“ *My sincere heartfelt condolences! Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.*

**Mike Southern** - August 27, 2024 at 07:39 AM

RJ

“ *Ronald and Linda Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Walker*



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**Ronald and Linda Johnston** - August 26, 2024 at 10:10 PM

PP

“ *Kathy and family, I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. You know Ray is in a better place with no more pain. Ray was a great person. I have known Ray and Kathy about all our lives. Ray was also my Insurance agent for many years. My thought and prayers go out to the family in this time of sorrow.*



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**Pat Puckette** - August 26, 2024 at 10:06 PM

SK

“ *Katherine - Thinking of you and family. Love you guys!*□

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**Susan Krantz** - August 26, 2024 at 09:20 PM

EP

“ *Prayers for the entire Walker family. May The Lord be with you all during this time*

*Eddie Puckette*



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**Eddie Puckette** - August 26, 2024 at 09:18 PM

NR

“ Nancy Roark lit a candle in memory of Harold Walker



Nancy Roark - August 26, 2024 at 06:47 PM

NR

Ray was a good friend and we graduated together in 1955. He helped me with my Supplement Insurance. If I ever had any questions, he was always there to lend a helping hand. Rest In Peace by dear friend!

Nancy Roark - August 27, 2024 at 10:23 AM

TT

RIP Harold..Tomy Townsend

TL Townsend - August 27, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harold Ray Walker, Sr..



August 26, 2024 at 06:10 PM

AF

“ Arthur family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Ray Walker, Sr..

Arthur family - August 26, 2024 at 06:10 PM

MM

“ *Maria McCracken lit a candle in memory of Harold Walker*



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**Maria McCracken** - August 26, 2024 at 04:54 PM

LM

“ *So sorry Kathy my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

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**Lucinda Mattox** - August 26, 2024 at 03:14 PM

JM

“ *Kathy, My thoughts and prayers are with you, your children, and you family.*

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**JoAnn Martin** - August 26, 2024 at 02:14 PM

MK

“ *Melinda Kirby lit a candle in memory of Harold Walker*



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**Melinda Kirby** - August 26, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Ray was such a nice man and he will be missed.. Prayers to Kathy and all of the family..*



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**Ralph Woods** - August 26, 2024 at 01:34 PM