



R. May Walker

November 4, 1937 - August 12, 2024

May Walker, age 86 of Valparaiso, IN went home to be with our Lord on Monday, August 12, 2024.

She is survived by her three children: Eric (Linda) Walker of Valparaiso; Joy (Tony) Christensen of San Diego, CA; Tina (Steve) Erickson of Plymouth, MN; brothers: Gordon (Pranee) Hattori of Las Vegas, NV, Ted (Barbara) Hattori of Dallas, TX, and Jeff (Dan Goplin) Hattori of Madison, WI; sisters: Sally (Stan) Yasuda of Las Vegas, NV and Lynne (Bill) Lynch of Stoughton, WI; nine grandchildren: Adam (Kerry) Walker, Steven (Sarah) Erickson, Erica Walker, Amy (Anthony) Pacheco, Ashley (Tom) Nagashima, Kevin Erickson, Amanda (Brian) Bello, Nathan Erickson, and Katie (David) Oliver, and thirteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Walker; father and mother, James and Saki Hattori; stepmother, Miyo Hattori; brothers: Penryn and Kenneth Hattori; sisters: Katherine Hutton and Mary Hattori, and grandson, Brent Walker.

May was employed at Indiana University Northwest for 34 years, retiring in 2002. She started as a secretary in the Division of Business. May moved to Career Planning and Placement and enjoyed meeting and assisting so many students for over 25 years! She was an active member of the Deep River Church in Merrillville.

She enjoyed traveling, sewing and watching many sports especially cheering on the Green Bay Packers. All her family and friends remember May's Famous Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookies which became a special treat or

gift shared on so many occasions.

May's greatest joy was family. Her family has been blessed with unconditional love and support.

Her positive spirit for life, her smile, and her hugs will be missed, but her Love will forever remain in our Hearts!

A Celebration of Life Event will be held on Friday, September 6, 2024, at Avalon Manor, 3550 E. Lincoln Highway, Merrillville, IN, 46410. Family and friends are invited to visit with May's family from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. A memorial service is scheduled at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts to Deep River Church, 7500 Grand Blvd., Merrillville, IN 46410

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with May's arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Avalon Manor
3550 East U.S. Highway 30
Merrillville, IN 46410

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ May was my administrative aid at IUN for eight years. She was great person who cared about our students and employers through our career center. Always positive and helpful with that wonderful smile! I'll miss her and her great outlook on life! My condolences to her family, and my prayers that she may rest in peace.

Jerry Donahue - October 15, 2024 at 02:41 PM

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“ I met May through my husband who was her boss at IU-Gary. She was always so positive and helpful to me even showing me her computer and how to use it. We would go to luncheons with her over and years meeting in Valpo or Merrillville and even got to meet Jim her hubby a couple of times. I will miss her but the memory of her will always stay with me. Rest in peace, May

Carol Donahue

Carol Donahue - October 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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“ It was an honor to have known Ma Walker and experience her generous spirit. Her successful children and grandchildren are a credit to the life lessons she instilled in all of them. She had the rare ability to impart wisdom without needing to lecture, leaving a lasting impact on everyone around her. She will be deeply missed, but her legacy will live on in the hearts and lives she touched. Rest easy in grace and love in paradise.



Rick Lock - September 04, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of R. May Walker.*



August 20, 2024 at 01:05 PM