



Jack G. Walker

November 4, 1935 - May 15, 2026

Jack G. Walker, 90 of Mentor, OH, passed away Friday, May 15, 2026, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 4, 1935, in Toronto, OH.

Mr. Walker was the owner and operator of Walker Printing Inc. in Mentor for the past 36 years. Jack lived his 90 years to the fullest. His Rhodes High music teacher inspired him to go into teaching, and he taught industrial arts and printing. He was the vocational teacher of graphic arts and the printer for Mentor Public Schools for most of his teaching career. He taught his students good values and good work ethics, as well as printing. After retiring from teaching, he started his own printing company, Walker Printing, which is still an ongoing family business today.

Above all, Jack loved his family. He loved organizing family celebrations of all kinds- trips, reunions, birthdays, dinners; anything to get the family that he loved so much together. He also enjoyed getting together with friends, whether it was a big Christmas party or a quiet evening of dinner. His greatest passions were family, friendship, and his work.

He touched many lives and will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Sheila (McTighe) Walker; children:

Pamela Walker, Michael Walker and Kathleen (Peter) Walker Aranavage; grandchildren: Zachary (Abigail "Abby") Walker, Justin and Elizabeth Aranavage; and great-grandchildren: Lucas & Riley.

Preceding Jack in death are his son, Dennis J. Walker; father, Harry Walker; and mother, Hazel (Harry) Fray and sister, Patricia Faulhaber.

The family will receive family and friends from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Please wear red, Walker Printing Gear, or a red baseball hat to honor Jack.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 22, 2026, at Painesville Assembly of God, 10949 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Painesville, OH 44077.

Private family inurnment will be held in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lake Metroparks, 11211 Spear Road, Concord Twp, OH 44077; online at www.lakemetroparks.com/get-involved/donate.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Painesville Assembly Of God
10949 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.
Painesville, OH 44077
(440) 354-6805

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Walker as his students knew him was an excellent teacher who truly cared for his students. He instilled in us not only printing skills but to take pride in our work as he shared his love for the trade. Thanks to that training I have had a lifetime career and made a very good living. Fortunately, not too many years ago; I got to share with him how something I learned in his class helped the company where I worked; avoid nearly half a million dollars in printing, postage and mailing costs. While I did get a raise and promotion I was struck by the fact that my Vocational Graphic Arts class where we learned a trade was what made all the difference. I know so many of his students feel the same. I pray God will pour out His peace on the Walker family, Mr. Walker’s friends and the many students who were fortunate enough to have had the blessing of knowing him and learning under him.*

*My sincerest sympathies,
Tim Johnson*

Tim Johnson - May 21 at 10:56 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Jack G. Walker.*



May 21 at 07:52 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack G. Walker.*

May 21 at 07:52 AM

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“ Jack is a family man. I read that in his Obituary. But I lived it when I was in his vocational program. Sheila would occasionally come into the school. I met, or at least saw, all of the children there. There was a holiday party for the class at his home in Madison. A formal, sit down and behave dinner. With steak and steak knives. And Jack’s family. He was a busy guy, but it was obvious his family was important. He took the time to be there for them, and he taught that as part of the vocational printing program.

Eventually I went on to college and somehow Jack found a Harris scholarship which I applied for and got. With his help of course. I came home from RIT (if you are a printer, you know it) for Thanksgiving in my second year of college. I called Jack beforehand and arranged to meet up with him. I was running a 36” Goss Community press part time, printing local “shoppers” papers in Rochester at the time. He asked me to meet him at the school print shop and told me he had something he wanted me to see. I was really surprised when I arrived: there was a 4 unit Royal Zenith newspaper press in the shop. I can only imagine how he pulled that off! We spent the day setting rollers, webbing up the press and setting up the folder, getting the waters running, hanging plates and eventually printing. That press was pretty rough, but Jack was determined. We had a great time.

I graduated RIT a couple of years later and at the same time finished living in upstate New York. 4 years of tough winters were too much for me, so I moved to Texas where I worked in some of the best printing companies in the country. Trips home were infrequent but I always tried to see Jack. He attended my (first) wedding. We exchanged holiday cards. And after 10 years, I returned to work in Cleveland where I would see Jack but not often enough. He invited me to speak at the Rotary Club which I gladly did. We had lunch together occasionally. I recall discussions about paper, proofing systems, presses of course and probably vendors for things like UV coating and tab cutting.

Eventually I went on to operate large commercial shops as an executive. I managed sales forces, ran a \$28 million dollar company in the 2000’s and to this day operate Heidelberg presses. Jack’s

advice for managing a sales force stuck with me: don't have salespeople. He's proven it can work.

I will probably continue to work in the printing business well into my 70's. That's because I enjoy it and I have Jack to thank for that. I know a lot of other people do too.

May god bless you and keep you. At least until I join you up there. Maybe next time we'll setup and run a Speedmaster or an XL. Your choice Jack.

Scott Shure, Ellicott City, Maryland

Scott Shure - May 20 at 10:28 PM

“ I first met Jack in the fall of 1972. I wanted to take vocational auto mechanics in high school but my dad encouraged me to consider other potential careers. A course called Introduction to the World of Work allowed sophomores 2 weeks in each of the vocational programs offered in the Mentor Schools. I believe it was the first day of my printing rotation when Jack held up a piece of film, a line shot, while explaining how lithography worked. He asked the group of maybe 12 of us if any of us knew what made film turn black. No one answered so I reluctantly did: essentially light tarnishes silver. He asked me to see him after class.

I spent my last two years of high school in his graphic arts program. Jack was a hustler in the best way. He got good equipment for the program including both Harris and Heidelberg printing presses. New ones. The classes were meaningful and of course we got to apply what we learned within hours of finishing any one of the lectures. Jack had connections in the local printing business and placed many of his students. He kept track of us and made sure we were good employees and represented the program well. Always checking in with us, helping us figure out the challenges of being a beginner printer (printer's devil). He was a member of the Rotary Club, and those connections were made available to students in the form of jobs and scholarships. I got a scholarship to help defray college costs.

Jack was resourceful and determined. I don't remember a service tech ever coming in to "fix" a press, a cutter or a folder. I do recall Jack taking parts to the instructor of the machine shop segment of the vocational program and having them repaired or remade as part of a repair. There was nothing he wouldn't tackle and at least some students were pulled into the work as part of the learning. He had good methods for figuring out how to produce jobs and communicated his logic clearly to all of us. Nothing was impossible, some things just took more time than others.

The only time I saw him slack off was when we stayed in the shop all night to produce some hot job for the school system. Maybe a response to a pending teachers strike. We took turns running the KORD and laying on a table that might have been part of the

adjoining electronics lab. One of us printing, the other catching some sleep.

See Part 2, printers don't have character limits!

Scott Shure - May 20 at 10:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack G. Walker.*



May 20 at 03:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack G. Walker.

May 20 at 03:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack G. Walker.*



May 20 at 07:52 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Jack G. Walker.*



May 19 at 08:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack G. Walker.

May 19 at 08:30 PM



“ *Dave and Michelle Frederick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jack G. Walker.*



Dave and Michelle Frederick - May 19 at 01:51 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Walker family. Jack Walker was truly one of a kind. Amazing zest for family and life. So knowledgeable about so many things. Wonderful host for dinners with Shelia for family and friends. Example to all how to live life to the fullest. God speed, Jack Walker. You left this world a better place. So sorry. Sue*

Sue A. Sazima - May 19 at 10:38 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack G. Walker.*



May 19 at 06:34 AM



“ *Susan Kim, Richard, Sofia, Ethan purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jack G. Walker.*



Susan Kim, Richard, Sofia, Ethan - May 18 at 02:49 PM



“ *Susan Kim, Richard, Sofia, Ethan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack G. Walker.*

Susan Kim, Richard, Sofia, Ethan - May 18 at 02:49 PM



“ *Godspeed Mr Walker.*

steve Potocin - May 18 at 02:15 PM



“ *Jack was a great man. He was generous and welcoming to everyone. I loved his sense of humor. I am so blessed to have known Jack and his family. God bless him and may he rest in peace. Love Mary*

Mary Margevicius - May 17 at 06:14 PM