



## Allen Walker

March 6, 2024

Allen was and forever will be a father of three, a grandfather of four, an amazing brother to his sister and brother-in-law, as well as an uncle and great uncle to many. Allen passed away on March 6, 2024. His departure leaves a void in the hearts of his loved ones and a legacy of selflessness and unwavering strength.

Throughout his life, Allen exemplified the essence of caring for others. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy, and he dedicated every moment to supporting and nurturing them. Whether it was attending their soccer, baseball or softball games, being the family handyman, or simply being present and listening on the porch, Allen's love knew no bounds.

Allen's kindness and generosity extended beyond his immediate family to include his lifelong friendships as far back as nursery school. He was known for his willingness to lend a helping hand and his compassionate nature, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Walking your dog may feel like a minuscule daily task yet was a passionate hobby for Allen. He was known for his gentle spirit and deep connection with his furry companions. Each brought him immense joy and companionship. His love for animals invited many new friendships that established deep connections with so many people that grew to love and care for him over the years.

Despite battling with a failing body, Allen faced each day with remarkable courage and resilience. His unwavering willpower and mental strength inspired all who knew him, demonstrating that even in the face of adversity, one can find strength and hope. While Allen may no longer be with us in person, his spirit lives on in the hearts of his children, grandchildren, and the furry friends he cherished so dearly. A gentle breeze on the "island" is where you will connect with his mind, spirit and love. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the honor of crossing paths with him.

A celebration of life will be held at Tri-Par Estates, 1616 Presidio St. Sarasota, FL 34234 (Club House) on Saturday March 16, 2024, at 6PM.

An additional celebration will be held on Leete's Island in June of 2024. More details to follow.

From our family to yours we thank you for the abundant thoughts and prayers.  
God bless, The Walkers

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 6:00 PM (ET)

Tri-Par Estates  
1616 Presidio St.  
Sarasota, FL 34234

# Tribute Wall



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



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March 14, 2024 at 09:09 PM



“ *Kristin Jay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen Walker.*

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**Kristin Jay** - March 14, 2024 at 09:09 PM

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*Later in life Barbara and I spent winters in Mexico and summers at Leete's Island. I thought a Miata would be a fun summer car to keep in CT and bought a nifty cinnamon red convertible. I thoroughly enjoyed driving on the windy country roads - for about 2 hours til I turned into a pretzel! Andy, Al's cousin, graciously offered me winter storage for the little Miata in the garage connected to his cottage. I winterized it in October and tucked it away for the season in Andy's garage and Barbara and I flew off to California to visit our kids before going to our winter home in Mexico. While in California, it was discovered that I had serious cancer which needed immediate treatment. Between Chemo, a long operation followed by additional rounds of Chemo, it meant we would be staying in California through the Spring and Summer, instead of going to Mexico and returning to CT for the Summer. I needed to get the car out of Andy's garage in the Spring. I called Allen from my hospital bed in California and asked if he would help me sell the car - to which he eagerly responded "Yes". I advertised it in the CT Auto Trader and talked to perspective buyers. If they wanted to see or test drive the car, I asked them contact Allen. He was confronted with a dirty car with electrical issues which took some time before he could even get the car out of Andy's garage and into showable condition and on the road. Then he put his life on hold, to accommodate potential buyers' schedules to see it and test drive it. He used his early sales experience from Monaco Ford to find the perfect buyer and even got more than the asking price. He handled the paperwork for me as well. What a smooth operator! I have been eternally grateful to him ever since.*

*Living on opposite coasts meant we didn't see each other very much in our later years. But we would always celebrate with lobster when Barbara and I came back East. Something to look forward to. Allen and I kept in good contact by phone, frequently bemoaning the trials and tribulations of aging. But also keeping good track of each other's kids, grandkids, mutual friends and major life events. Those conversations were important to both of us and will be greatly*

*missed. Allen created a good life and lived his life well. His friendship will be greatly missed. Farewell, dear friend, and thank you for all the good things you brought to my life.*

*Paul Lange*

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**Paul Lange** - March 13, 2024 at 12:56 PM

“ Allen and I met in 3rd or 4th grade when our families started to spend summers at Leete’s Island in Guilford, Ct. We spent lots of time amusing ourselves around the rocks, beaches and marshes and bays. We learned to swim, clam, row and operate motor boats. The Leete family had dairy cattle in those days and we enjoyed exploring the woodlands and pastures including climbing the upper crossbeams and jumping into the hay in the old barn at the end of Corncrib Hill. In early August we harvested the wild Wineberries. We played lots of Wiffle Ball, walked up the hill to “Art’s” (Sanborn’s) store on Rte 146 for snacks and continued up Moose Hill Rd to the railroad bridge to hang out or put pennies on the tracks. The engineers blew their whistles and waved in those days. Rainy days we spent playing cards or board games or walking around in the rain. We threw a lot of stones. We had a good group of kids and Allen was always in the midst.

As we got older, our bikes became our magic carpets. We would ride to the town park in Stony Creek and play basketball or hang around the docks. We explored the caves and woods up on Moose Hill Road. We also ventured into Indian Cove and Mulberry Point and found there were nice kids there as well. Some days we pedaled into the Guilford green and maybe out to Maple Shade Dairy for an ice cream cone. (Allen worked a few summers, as a morning delivery boy, on the Maple Shade Dairy truck as it came along the shoreline delivering milk to the homes and cottages). My best summer ever was the last one before we were all able to drive...

Life gets complicated and people move on. After several years sea in the Merchant Marine, I found myself working and living in Fairfield county. Allen was a pharmaceutical rep and had a statewide territory he would cover. We had some robust lunches and evening cocktails on his swings through our area. They were a lots of fun! All through life’s ups and down we stayed in touch and shared the good and bad with each other.

*Allen was an avid fan of the “Fabulous Farquahr”. Three talented brothers and a kid a bit older than us from Leete’s Island, formed an upbeat pop/ folk band which featured a lot of original songs including some very clever and hilarious numbers. They were extremely popular at bars and theaters throughout New England. Always a good time to meet up with Allen when the Farquhar were performing in town!*

*Allen loved to cheer on the Boston pro sports teams and a great fan Tom Brady. His fervor for UConn Basketball, particularly the UConn Women’s basketball team, was outstanding over the years. After becoming a Florida resident he became enamored with Florida pro sports also. He was a happy guy and very gregarious by nature. I always appreciated Allen’s out going and friendly nature. He was well known and liked by so many people! Everybody knew Allen! Over the years, he had some great dogs which became his constant companions. They got smaller as he got older, but they were indeed fortunate animals to experience his care and affection. Throughout his life he became a great handyman tackling all sorts of projects. His compulsive tag-sale expeditions provided him an up-to-date tool chest and many other useful “treasures”.*

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*Paul Lange*

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**Paul Lange** - March 13, 2024 at 12:54 PM

CF

“ Cheryl, Jack, Kimberly, Heather & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allen Walker.



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**Cheryl, Jack, Kimberly, Heather & family** - March 12, 2024 at 10:45 AM

CH

“ *Best smile and laugh on Leete's Island and will miss seeing him on his dog walking rounds. Always had a helping hand for anyone in need, a true gentleman.*

*Chris McGuire & Family*

chris - March 11, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Allen Walker.*



March 10, 2024 at 08:18 PM

DD

“ *Dennis & Jackie Dube planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen Walker.*

Dennis & Jackie Dube - March 10, 2024 at 08:18 PM

HR

“ *As son in law for the last 17 years, my wife Jen and I shared many Leetes Island visits while living in CT and later North Carolina adventures with Allen. It's the NC adventures I remember most in recent years. Allen would stop in the Spring and Fall each year traveling from FL to CT. Flea markets, bbq, visits to NC Chapel Hill and chilling at the local Irish pub enjoying an evening outdoor dinner were all typical of his stop overs. Always a welcome guest, we'll miss our adventures together. RIP Allen.*

Henry Ransom - March 10, 2024 at 06:34 PM

AW

“ I could go on for a long time. Allen was/is my cousin. He and I have been as close to me as any family member. We go back to the 50's. He was always one of the most decent persons I have ever known. Most importantly, he was an extraordinary father and grandfather. As I said, I could go on for a long time but to sum it up, If you needed the coat off his back, he would be sure you got it.

Andy Wayne - March 09, 2024 at 07:15 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of Allen's passing. We met in college and have been friends ever since. Played many rounds of golf with him. One of a kind. He will be missed.

Jim Peters - March 09, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Allen Walker.



March 09, 2024 at 05:23 PM

JA

“ Allen befriended my son over a love of shark teeth on the island. Every summer Elliot looked forward to seeing his buddy at the beach. It's going to be a quiet summer at the island this year, we will miss him very much. My condolences to Allen's family and friends.

Janice Anderson - March 09, 2024 at 05:14 PM

BL

*Allen was my husband, Paul's, good buddy since they were about 8 years old. We have so many great memories with Allen... from going to Farqhar concerts, the Durham Fair each year, and lobsters at Leetes Island. Our two sons ( and now their kids) always referred yo Allen as "Turkey". I have no idea why he started that!*

*Paul has had cancer and chemo over the past 5 months, Allen called at least once a week to check up on "Dorffe". All the Langes are sad to lose him and will keep his laughter and warmth in our hearts always.*

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**Barbara Lange** - March 11, 2024 at 03:30 PM