



Jeffrey Gordon Walker

June 19, 1963 - September 14, 2015

Butternut

Jeffrey Gordon Walker

age 52, of Park Falls, formerly of Butternut, died on Monday September 14, 2015 after a tragic accident in Eau Claire. He was born on June 19, 1963 in Park Falls, the son of Gordon and Marilyn (Christian) Walker. His early life and school were in Butternut. After graduating high school Jeff attended Wausau Broadcasting School and then Northland College where he studied music. Jeff was a lifetime musician and able to play any instrument. He was known nationwide for his accordion playing, Polka Band, and Polka radio show. Jeff's latest band was started in 2000 and included his son AJ and was called the Jeff and AJ Walker Band. On June 24, 2007 Jeff was inducted into the Minnesota Polka Hall of Fame. Jeff enjoyed sharing his talents by volunteering at nursing homes, churches and various charity benefits. Jeff also played for many weddings and funerals and owned and operated Rhapsody Records Recording Studio. Through his music, Jeff brought joy to many people's lives and will be sadly missed.

He is survived by:

(3)children:

Austin "AJ" Walker

Calvin Walker

Logan Walker, all of Park Falls

his parents Fred and Marilyn Walker of Butternut

(2)sisters:

Colleen (Jesse) Sutton of Phillips

Becky (Terry) Birchmeier of Butternut

and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Gordon Walker.

Funeral services will be held on Friday September 18, 2015 at 11:00am from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Butternut. Rev. John A. Deitz will officiate.

Burial will follow at Butternut Union Cemetery in Butternut.

A visitation will be held on Friday from 9:00am until the hour of the service at the church.

Cemetery Details

Butternut Union Cemetery

Butternut, WI 54514

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
301 West Main Street
Butternut, WI 54514

Service

SEP 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey Gordon Walker

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Here it is December 4th and I'm listening to my good friend and musician Jeff Walker. Heard about his leaving us just today... What a fantastic person Jeff was... He backed me on 7 Cd's and he was truly a friend and a joy to always be around... we sat many times at the restaurant in Butternut and talked about what we were going to do that day and it always turned out very special... as I listen to his Cd's I can see his smiling face and his sense of humor... My sympathy goes out to the ones he left behind... Rest in Peace Jeff and i'll always remember that you made a lot of people happy with your music and your personality... I'm going to miss you... Denny Lee Frey

denny frey - December 04, 2015 at 09:10 PM



“ Our condolences of the loss of your son from the family of Connie [Smith] Leonard.



Mark Leonard - September 22, 2015 at 09:41 PM

WH

“ To the Walker family, my sincere condolences in the loss of Jeff. I always enjoyed the music and performing with him when he was with the Music Connection Polka Band. So many great times and memories.

From here in Sydney, Australia, I say thanks to Jeff for your friendship and musicianship. You will be missed by so many. from Wayne Horsburgh.

Wayne Horsburgh - September 20, 2015 at 08:06 PM

VB

“ A musicians musician!!! A truly gifted and unassuming young man who could with a few squeezes of the bellows, put a smile on your face and a little warmth in you soul!!! Proud to have known him and felt the warmth in person.

Virgil Baker, Michigan

Virgil Baker - September 18, 2015 at 07:23 PM

RO

“ Condolences to the Walker Family. Our thoughts are with you all today as you say farewell to Jeff. What a talented, wonderful man. We have fond memories of him playing music at our parties in Engadine, Michigan. May his spirit and music live on.

Rich and Cheryl Ozanich - September 18, 2015 at 08:20 AM

GL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff and his family. This is a great loss to the music industry. Rest in peace, Jeff. Greg and Lea Ann Laabs

Greg Laabs - September 17, 2015 at 08:56 PM

RH

“ *Red and Lisa Marie Higgins purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Jeffrey Gordon Walker.*



Red and Lisa Marie Higgins - September 17, 2015 at 01:35 PM

MK

“ *Jeff was an intelligent man. I am truly sorry for your sudden loss and sad turn of events. May good memories and the knowledge that he loved all his family sustain you. Our conversations seemed to confirm that he had a true trust and faith in Jesus Christ and while no longer with you, will be waiting for the great reunion one day. May God comfort you now and in the future. Mike Klotz, Eau Claire*

Mike Klotz - September 17, 2015 at 12:03 PM

JW

“ *My condolences to the Walker family. Rest in peace Jeff. Sincerely, Jeff Winard, Milwaukee, WI.*

jeff winard - September 16, 2015 at 05:23 PM

LT

“ *I will never forget the beautiful music that he played , He will be missed .
I send condolences to his 3 sons, my prayers are with you*

Lorraine Thomsen

Lorraine Thomsen - September 16, 2015 at 05:11 PM

TT

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Tanya Lettau Tautges - September 16, 2015 at 03:09 PM

TT

The smile on Gomers face was truly contagious. His musical talents as well as his kindness & humor, will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathy to all your family in this sudden loss. I know he believed in our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, so may you find some comfort in knowing he rests with God.

Tanya Lettau Tautges - September 16, 2015 at 03:14 PM

AC

Sympathy to the family from Arl Brooks Carlson, Editor of the Fox Valley Polka Review.

ARL CARLSON - September 16, 2015 at 10:45 PM

RZ

My thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

Robin Zembo - September 17, 2015 at 07:12 AM

MP

A great musician and a kindhearted soul that will be missed. It was always an adventure playing with fellow musician, Jeff. Condolences from the Jim Pekol Band.

Marilyn Pekol - September 17, 2015 at 11:14 AM

AG

Such a talented man. Remember the good times and my sympathy to his family.

Ann Gilbertson - September 17, 2015 at 11:23 AM

DJ

Thank you for the wonderful music you shared with our residents at Birch Haven in Ashland, we were going to call this week when we received the heartbreaking news. Prayers and thoughts to Jeff's family.
Deb Josephson

Deb Josephson - September 17, 2015 at 04:15 PM

RS

My condolences to the Walker family. Rest in peace. Long time fan...
Ron Smolen Accordionist and Band Leader- Chicago, Illinois

Ron Smolen - September 18, 2015 at 07:33 AM

CH

My condolences to the walker family! him and Frankie played at my wedding in 1999 he was a beautiful musician and I will miss him. God Bless family and his children

Carole Hanson - September 19, 2015 at 07:41 AM

JP

One of the most versatile sidemen I have ever met. I always enjoyed my times playing with him. Jim Pekol

Jim Pekol - September 21, 2015 at 02:33 PM

KW

Just heard of this tragedy today...so shocked and so sad. Sincere sympathy to the Walker Family. I first met Jeff when he and Frankie had first opened the music store in Park Falls. Jeff was a big help in advising me and my children on instruments and had also taken an old cassette tape to him with treasured songs played by a dear friend. Jeff made us a CD which our family treasures and whenever I play it I think of Jeff and it will be that more precious now. I last heard Jeff and AJ play at Zion Lutheran Church picnic in Winter a year ago this past summer. Jeff was always so encouraging and such a joy to visit with and his music makes hearts and toes go like crazy! Peace and Comfort to all.

Kris Rankin Winter, WI - November 01, 2015 at 05:36 PM