



Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len"

June 19, 1949 - November 30, 2023

Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker, Jr., "Len" of Thomson, GA, passed away of pancreatic cancer peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on November 30, 2023.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM on Friday, December 8, 2023 at Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Loganville. A Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 9, 2023 in the Loganville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Atkins and Rev Mark Nysewander officiating.

Len was born on June 19, 1949, in Atlanta, GA. After graduating from R.E. Lee Institute (high school) in 1967, he received his college degree from Asbury College in 1971. Asbury College was a special place for his whole family. His grandfather was on the Board at Asbury; Len's mother and father met at Asbury; and many other family members attended there. From 1975-1978 Len attended Asbury Seminary and was granted his Master of Divinity Degree.

Len was preceded in death by his father, Roland Lenwood Walker, Sr.; his mother, Jeanne Gamble Walker; and his sister, Beverly Walker Williams. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Marilyn McCollum Walker; his brother, Robert Wesley Walker (Debbie); five children: Jess Walker, Lindy

Hildebrand (Marty), Brittany Cone (Nick), Rhett Walker (Kristen), and Charis Doster. Nine grandchildren survive: Marshall Hildebrand (Kadie), Mayes Hildebrand (Sydney), Matthew Hildebrand, Daniel Sapp, Maleigha Hildebrand, Mallory Hildebrand, Tucker Doster, Knox Doster and Brooks Walker. He is also survived by his great grandchildren: Larkin, Leander, Layla Mae and Lainey; and several nieces and nephews.

Len was a minister for over 47 years from 1976 until the time of his death. He served many churches: Salvisa and Joseph's Chapel UMC (in Kentucky as a seminary student), Mount Vernon UMC, Jasper UMC, Loganville UMC, Trinity Church, Norcross UMC, Big Canoe Chapel, Flovilla UMC, Jenkinsburg UMC and was currently at Macedonia UMC. In these churches, Len performed hundreds of weddings and even more funerals. His ministry was a lifelong calling and he visited with thousands of sick or hurting people. He prayed personally for every need he was aware of and for most of the needs he prayed many times. Also, he rejoiced with people in their celebrations and joys of life...their victories and the proud moments that occurred. So many people from each of his former churches stayed in contact with him and reminded him just what an impact he had on their life.

From 1995-2011 (17 years) Len served as a State Representative for a district in Walton County. For his last few years there he was Chairman of the Higher Education Committee. Since he was moving out of his district to pastor a new church, he resigned from the Legislature. When Speaker of the House David Ralston died in 2022, Len was one of the two people (the other was Governor Brian Kemp) asked to speak at the memorial service in the Capitol Rotunda. He helped so many of his constituents while in office. From prisoners to patients to people in need, he was always available. Many of the other representatives and senators became lifelong friends.

As a family man and a man of faith, Len was truly blessed. He and his wife

met and three years later they married. With five children, nine grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, he attended many of their activities and a lot of love was exchanged back and forth. Even as a young child if there was a baby around, Len could be found with them holding and snuggling the little one. When his two grandsons, Tucker and Knox, lived at Big Canoe with him, he loved them as his own and taught them Biblical and life principles. The boys would always help light the Advent candle on Christmas Eve at Big Canoe Chapel. He enjoyed playing golf and playing at the beach with each of his grandchildren through the years. He also constructed and designed a village for his electric trains, which he spent countless hours sharing with his family and friends.

Len's father, grandfather, and cousin Mark were all ministers. Since his family moved around frequently during his childhood and rarely owned their own homes, Len had a place he called home. Indian Springs Holiness Campground was the location where he had a house and could really be "at home". His grandfather built the house in 1958 and whenever he needed to pray, study, relax or just get away, he would get in his car and drive there. He was so excited to clean and get it ready for 10 days of camp meeting services each year. All five of his children and his grandchildren love attending and the memories there are unforgettable. On the weekends, there may be over 30 people in the house with one bathroom, no central air and no tv. For the past 20 years, Len has sat in his Brumby rocker on the front porch and stated, "This is where I want to live out my last days. My home is here, and I will be happy and at peace". When circumstances did not allow him to continue with that plan, Len and Marilynn were able to move to Thomson, and he became pastor at Macedonia Methodist Church. The people at Macedonia were so loving and welcoming and a new home brought comfort and peace.

Len's life was a life of faith. In the hospital, he told one of the doctors that his

wishes for his last days were to be with his family and grow his faith with everyone around him. In other words, do what he had been doing his whole ministry. He succeeded and God will be well pleased with his faithful servant.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA 30052
(770) 466-1544

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len"



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - December 08, 2023 at 09:34 AM

TM

“ I was so stunned and sorry to hear of Lens passing. I wish we had known. When I first met him, when he came to Loganville Methodist Church, it was a genuine treat. He was so calm and had a sweet demeanor that made you feel you could tell him anything. He really cared. Not to mention How handsome He was. Marilyn and family, I am so sorry for your loss of this wonderful human being. I know you knew all that better than anyone. I just can't imagine how lonely it must feel to lose your forever person. You could tell how much he loved you. You will not believe it but we have a picture on the frig with Robert in one of the Len Walker campaign shirts with our Cat. Len you will live on through those you loved and cared for. Save a place for us all. Love, Teresita McPherson 01/12/2024



Teresita McPherson - January 13, 2024 at 05:02 AM

JM

“ Len was a good person. It is as simple as that. Len and I served in the Georgia House of Representatives together. Although we were from different political parties, I had great respect of Len's ideas and valued his advice. In so many ways Len made a real contribution to society. My deepest condolences go to Marilyn and the family. Jim Martin

Jim Martin - December 15, 2023 at 04:41 PM

HF

“ My wife and I are very appreciative of Len's wonderful service as the Senior Chaplain at the Big Canoe Chapel. Len delivered superb sermons each and every week at Big Canoe, and he and his wife were always kind and considerate to everyone in the Big Canoe community. We thank Len for his dedicated service to all of us at Big Canoe and for his public service as a legislator. Hank Fellows

Hank Fellows - December 13, 2023 at 05:22 PM

CH

“ Carol H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".

Carol H. - December 07, 2023 at 11:45 AM

CH

“ I was saddened to hear that Rev. Len Walker passed away. He was my pastor at NFUMC for the contemporary service when I served on the praise and worship team. I will never forget Len's kind and gentle smile. The family and my good friend, his cousin, Debbie DeVaney are in my prayers that God will give them peace and comfort during this time. Love, Carol Hamrick

Carol Hamrick - December 07, 2023 at 11:41 AM

KH

I was honored to know Len and Marilyn for the time he served as Senior Chaplain of Big Canoe Chapel. Len's love of the Lord was always evident in his gentle, kind and loving ministry. Len was the best chaplain I have known in the chapel. He was very helpful and kind to me as I was going through a divorce and I was so appreciative of his Godly guidance. I know he has seen the face of Jesus and is totally at peace. My prayers for Marilyn and the family are that they will all have comfort knowing that Len suffers no more. We are never ready to let go of our loved ones no matter the circumstances but we have the promise that we will see them again. Much love and many prayers to everyone, Kathy Hood

Kathy Hood - December 07, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".*



December 07, 2023 at 10:51 AM

JC

“ *Jefferson City Schools School Counselors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".*

Jefferson City Schools School Counselors - December 05, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".*



December 05, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".



December 05, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".



December 04, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ Len and I spent our first year at Asbury as roommates. I have so many memories about him, but most of all his love for Georgia football and Vince Dooley. Every Saturday during college football we would find the nearest radio or TV to catch the Georgia games. God rest your soul Len, we have I I st a true warrior!❤️🙏

Craig Howard - December 03, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ I got to know Len during the years that our service in the Georgia House overlapped. As pastors, we stood together on some important issues when not many others stood with us. He was a good and decent man-I was very fortunate to get to know him and serve with him. Randy Nix

Randy Nix - December 02, 2023 at 10:10 AM

SL

“ Saddened to hear of Len's passing, please accept our heartfelt condolences. He was a wonderful person, pastor and friend. We have many fond memories of time spent with Len and his family while he served Jasper UMC. He was a true servant of God and will be long remembered for that. Our prayers are with Marilyn and all the extended family. With love,
Susan and Tom Lindsey

Susan Lindsey - December 02, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".



December 02, 2023 at 07:22 AM

JS

“ John, Cinda & Elizabeth Stamey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".

John, Cinda & Elizabeth Stamey - December 02, 2023 at 05:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Roland Lenwood Walker Jr. "Len".



December 02, 2023 at 05:29 AM

FB

“ Len was a very special person in our life, both to me & my husband Carter when he was alive. It was a blessing to have known him.

Frances Hinkle Boyd - December 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear of pastor Lens passing..My condolences go out to his family. He was a kind and loving man of God.
Bazy Brite

Bazy Britr - December 01, 2023 at 07:22 PM

ML

“ Marilyn and family Len was very special to our family. Our prayers are with each of you. Love and Prayer Ray & Mary Leonard Mt Vernon UMC.

Mary Leonard - December 01, 2023 at 04:33 PM

MG

We at Macedonia Methodist were so blessed to have Len and Marilyn join us. It was, sadly, for only a short time. I will be in prayer for the family.

Marcia Geraci - December 01, 2023 at 05:23 PM

LA

Marilyn and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Len was a very special person to me and my family. Mt. Vernon UMC was his first church after he graduated seminary, and we were fortunate to have him. It was a blessing to have known him and his family.

Lucena Ault

Lucena Ault - December 02, 2023 at 12:08 PM

LY

Len was a special person. We have many special memories of our friendship with Len and Marilyn. Our prayers are with all Len's family.

Randy and Lynda Case

LyndaCase - December 02, 2023 at 05:54 PM

BH

My husband and I are so saddened to hear about Rev. Walker passing. He was our Minister at Norcross United Methodist Church

Bob and Gail Haubenestel

Bob and Gail Haubenestel - December 06, 2023 at 12:56 PM

BK

*Hi We, too, are so saddened by Len's passing. He married us when we were members at Norcross First United Methodist Church on Nov. 10, 2007. He gave us counseling beforehand that was wise and funny! People always pay attention when you add some humor to what you are saying! And, he helped us when we were going through a rough patch a few years later. His counsel was warm and wise as was Len himself. He loved his God and he loved his family with all his heart.
Barbara and Al Karnitz*

Barbara & Al Karnitz - December 08, 2023 at 05:59 PM