



Amy "Pat" Seamans Walker

May 9, 1919 - September 2, 2016

Amy "Pat" Seamans Walker, 97, a resident of Springdale, died September 2, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her husband, Willard J Walker. She is survived by two children, Johnny Mike Walker of Fayetteville and Patricia Walker of Dallas, Texas, seven grandchildren, Clay Greene and wife amy, Christie Greene Osborne and husband Aaron, Carrie Greene Eggart and husband Miles, Matt Blazer and wife Rachel, Alex Blazer and wife Jessie, Austin Walker and Clancy Walker, and 15 great-grandchildren, John Greene, Walker Eggart, Peyton Osborne, Josie Greene, Andrew Osborne, Isabelle Eggart, Cameron Greene, Caroline Blazer, Jack Eggart, Liam Osborne, Julia Blazer, Abbey Osborne, Hadley Blazer, Bridgette Blazer and Braxton Walker.

Born May 9, 1919 in Boise, Idaho the daughter of Lula Seamans Gillespie and stepfather Harold Gillespie.

She was a member of the Spring Creek Church of Springdale (formerly first Christian church of Springdale) where she taught Sunday school.

On May 3, 1942, Pat married the love of her life, Willard Walker. They met the previous year while working at the SH Kress department store in Coffeyville, KS. Pat believed her life truly began the day she married and became Mrs. Willard Walker.

Over the next decade, Pat attended different accounting classes and assisted with much of her husband's businesses. During this time, they lived in many Oklahoma and Arkansas cities including Pryor, Stillwater, Kingfisher, Tulsa, Fayetteville, Fort Smith and eventually settled in Springdale to raise their family.

Pat and Willard, were very generous people and established the Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation. Since that time, their generosity has touched the lives of thousands of Arkansans. The Walker Foundation has contributed generously to medical centers, colleges and universities, public schools, libraries, park and recreation facilities, performing arts centers and museums, churches and religious institutions and social service organizations.

Pat's commitment to the people of Arkansas has been steadfast and her devotion to make the state a better place to live is exceptional. She was a lifetime board member of both the Winthrop P Rockefeller Cancer Institute and the Walker Charitable Foundation. Pat served on numerous steering committees & capital campaigns and in 2005 was the honorary chairperson for the Susan G. Komen Ozark Race for the Cure.

Many awards have been bestowed upon Pat in recognition of her philanthropy, including most recently being inducted into the 2016 Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame. Other awards include the 2015 Helen R Walton Distinguished achievement Award from the Walton Arts Center, the 2013 Burlsworth Foundation legend recipient, 2002 American Heart Association Tiffany award, the distinguished service award from the Razorback Foundation and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Distinguished Service Award. Pat and Willard were inducted into the Towers of Old Main in 2001, University of Arkansas chancellor's society and UAMS Chancellor's Society.

Pat has left her mark on many institutions across the state and has changed people's lives for generations to come. Pat loved people and her unselfish and humanitarian nature came across in her smile. Her family and friends have been deeply enriched with her humble and amazing leadership. She was the most loving, graceful and humble woman, she was truly uncommonly kind.

Memorial services will be Thursday, September 8 at 5pm at the Springdale High School performing arts center with Dr Rick Grace officiating. A church service will be held on Friday, September 9 at 2p.m at Spring Creek Fellowship

In Springdale, followed by a private burial

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, sept 7 from 5:00 until 7:00 at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale.

Memorials may be made to Circle Of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Rd., Springdale AR 72762 or the Washington Regional Willard Walker Hospice Home, 325 E Longview St., Fayetteville, AR 72703.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale. To sign the guestbook online please visit www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Spring Creek Fellowship
2120 W. Emma Ave.
Springdale, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Amy "Pat" Seamans Walker*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *As a Kansas high school teacher that brought students to Crystal Bridges on a field trip, the first person we meet us Pat. She had a beautiful smile and was ready to share the museum with us. The museum will miss her as will her family and friends.*

Bill Patterson - September 16, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ *I owned Springdale flower shop for many years where I met Pat and she became my friend as well as a customer. I always enjoyed visiting with her when she would come in or I would go to her house. She loved sending konfetti roses to her friends and wasn't happy when I didn't have them or had to send red, but she did anyway. I will miss her sweet smile, her humor and her stories. I am sorry to be out of the country and miss her memorial. My condolences to her family.*
Pat Turner.

Pat Turner - September 09, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*

Tom Reed

Tom Reed - September 09, 2016 at 04:08 PM

CS

“ I'd known Pat since I was in High School at SHS...as well as Willard and their Children.

Pat and Willard were special people, no one quite like either of them. They had a special bond between them and were wonderful Christian people. Always thinking of others first.

My prayers now are with the family left behind.

Cindy (Poling) Strawser

Cindy Strawser - September 09, 2016 at 02:46 PM

RD

“ I loved spending time with Pat. She was a lovely, compassionate, mentor for me for several years. We shared laughs and tears. I've missed her for a while as her health declined. I'm glad she is now vibrant and with our lord. She left a lasting impact on my life that still challenges and changes me today.

Rhonda Smithee Dongardive - September 08, 2016 at 04:27 PM

TB

“ The Northwest Arkansas Naturals & Rich Baseball purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Amy "Pat" Seamans Walker.



The Northwest Arkansas Naturals & Rich Baseball -
September 08, 2016 at 03:12 PM

SP

“ Our hearts are saddened at the loss of Pat Walker. She has been an inspiration to all of us at The Coffeyville Community College Foundation. She and Willard have shown our students they truly care about educating the young people in southeast Kansas. We are going to miss our chats on the phone, she always had time to talk. Our deepest sympathy goes to her children and grandchildren. We've been truly blessed to have known her.

*Dickie Rolls
Sally Presson*

Sally Presson - September 08, 2016 at 01:29 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Amy "Pat" Seamans Walker.



September 08, 2016 at 12:59 PM

KB

“ My son grew up attending Spring Creek Fellowship and just after graduation from high school he left our country to serve as a missionary in Macedonia. After serving 2 1/2 years he wanted to come back to the USA to obtain a college degree so he can return to Macedonia as a college graduate. As a single parent I did not have the funds to get him home. I walked out of worship service one Sunday and was motioned over to a seat in the narthex. Pat was sitting there and asked how much did I need to get my boy back home. Thanks to Pat getting him home, my son will graduate this December with a degree in business. Which he will at some point return to Macedonia and complete his mission. Pat always had a smile on her face. She always was quick to hug and she hardly missed a Sunday at SCF. She will be missed.

karen blackstone - September 07, 2016 at 09:25 PM

JS

“ Thanks from hundreds of children who got to go on a "free" field trip to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art because of the generosity of Mrs. Walker. Their lives are enriched forever.

JoAnn Skillett - September 07, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ 220 files added to the album Memories of Pat Album



Sisco Funeral Chapel - September 07, 2016 at 03:24 PM

GH

“ Sending condolences to family of pat walker from Marvin , Mary Hill and family,she was a lovely lady.

Gary Hill - September 07, 2016 at 10:56 AM

BW

“ My sincere condolences to the Walker family. Pat was such an awesome lady, her generous spirit and her beautiful smile could light up a room. I was very saddened to hear of her passing, but i know her memory and her wonderful spirit will definety live on.

Brenden Wrench - September 06, 2016 at 05:57 PM

LM

“ Johnny Mike, I remember so fondly your family and how kind they were to me. Knowing how much your mother meant to so many I know must give you peace. She was a great lady! Leigh Ann Mendenhall

Leigh Ann Mendenhall - September 06, 2016 at 03:22 PM

BB

“ Will miss this lovely lady. Prayers for you all. Betty Bailey.

betty bailey - September 06, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Amy "Pat" Seamans Walker.



September 06, 2016 at 03:10 PM

EB

“ A great lady that I have known for years. Her and her husband were fantastic people. My deepest sympathies to all.

*Everett Buckner
Charleston, AR*

Everett Buckner - September 06, 2016 at 01:10 PM

DC

“ I only met Pat Walker once and briefly, but this meeting was memorable because of Mrs. Walker's sparkling eyes and joyful smile. I watched her as she was surrounded by students offering a word of thanks for one of many investments the Walker Foundation made to John Brown University. I remember her because her attention was so focused on each student. Their dreams, their efforts, their lives were more important to her than the Walker contribution that helped make it possible. Such grace and humble integrity are so rare in our self-promoting culture. That moment sparkled.

Dr. Robbie Castleman - September 05, 2016 at 08:12 AM

EC

*Johnny Mac and Pat
What a gal.
The death of ur Mom is ur first sorrow wept w/ o her.
Ellen Cato.*

ellen cato - September 05, 2016 at 11:02 AM

BB

Johnny Mike,

What a sweet mother you had except when maybe you were giving her grief of one kind or another. She has left a legacy for you and your children to try and walk in her shoes. She was such a wonderful person inside and out. She will be deeply missed but now she and your dad are back together and her infectious smile is from ear to ear. We are here if you need us. Sorry for your loss and this towns loss.

Barbara and Frank Bowman

Barbara Bowman - September 06, 2016 at 07:31 AM

GS

Robert and I are so sorry for your loss. Prayers be with you and your family

Gayle Smith - September 06, 2016 at 09:28 PM

TL

Patricia and Johnny Mike,

I have so many good memories with your Mother and family. She was a wonderful person and will be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Tim Lewallen

Tim Lewallen - September 07, 2016 at 01:53 PM