



Mark Bryan Walker

March 3, 1965 - August 27, 2016

Mark Bryan Walker, 51, of Norman, died August 27, 2016, in Oklahoma City, after battling cancer. Mark was born March 3, 1965, in Bartlesville, OK, to Joseph F. Walker Sr. and Rosemary June Walker. He graduated from Bartlesville High School in 1983 and went on to earn an associate's degree in communications from Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, OK, and a dual bachelor's degree in political science and history from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas.

On October 13, 1995, he married Kelly King and lived in Bartlesville. That marriage ended in divorce. On November 3, 2010, he married Tanja (Clevenger) Edwards and moved to Norman. While in Bartlesville, Mark worked at a number of jobs, from deputy county assessor to food stamp worker for the Department of Human Services to job coach for people with developmental disabilities. After moving to Norman, he worked at Walmart, most recently as a cashier. He had been attending Rose State College to pursue paralegal studies until he became ill in the spring.

Mark had a passion for movies, especially classics, disaster films, and George Romero pictures. He was passionate about ending gun violence and was a member of Moms Demand Action. He had just become a member of First Christian Church of Norman when he became ill. Prior to that, he had been a member of West Wind Unitarian Church in Norman.

Survivors include his wife, Tanja, of the home, a daughter, Kayla Walker, Rolla, MO; two stepchildren, David Edwards and Donna Edwards, both of Norman; his mother, June Walker, Bartlesville; one brother, Joe (Judy) Walker, Bartlesville; two sisters, Fi Choate and Jeanne (Allen) Hill, both of Denver; four nieces and nephews, and seven great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, brother-in-law Jerry Choate, and one niece.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Everytown for Gun Safety, <http://donate.everytown.org> or to the American Cancer Society.

Memorial services in Norman will be held at 11 am Friday, September 2, 2016, at First Christian Church, 220 S. Webster, Norman, OK. Services in Bartlesville will be held at 2 pm Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Walker-Brown Funeral Home, 4201 E. Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK. Online condolences for the family can be made at www.walkerbrownfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Posted by Neil Hester from Norman, Oklahoma*

I met Mark through his work to end gun violence. His bright humor and warrior spirit quickly made him a favorite. I am honored to have known him for all too brief a time. Deepest condolences to the family and especially to our friend Tanja.

08/30/2016 at 03:54am

Posted by Marta Bentley from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

I only wish I had known Mark longer. He was a really great guy, and had a compassionate heart. He tried to hide his gentle side, but he wasn't able to. He also loved animals and children and would become very tenderhearted whenever he saw anything on FB about a child overcoming some great obstacle. I am glad I had a chance to call him my friend. He is already missed.

08/30/2016 at 03:55am

Posted by Leigh Carlson Burgess from Wichita, Kansas

What a lovely tribute of Mark this provides! I grieve his loss. He obviously had a caring heart, given his interests and his causes. Mark was the same age as my husband was when cancer took his life. Too many good years left un-lived. Tanja, you and your blended family are in my heart and my prayers.

08/30/2016 at 11:48am

Posted by Dale Harbison from Boise, Idaho

Well Mark, Didn't know you nearly as well as I should have. You had so much of the "Walker tradition" in your heart. You represented what is good in this world and encouraged the lesser of us to follow your courageous example. You were a good man, Mark Walker, and although I'm nearly twice your age, I promise to do my best to emulate the example you've been for others. RIP Mark, your goodness will not be forgotten.

08/31/2016 at 04:45am

Posted by Curtis Mcknight from Norman, Oklahoma

Mark was bright, funny and caring. He was a very public private

person. He always made me think and often made me feel. The world was always a better place for having him in it. He set an example of courage as he fought for life and hope. I will miss him.
08/31/2016 at 04:02pm

Posted by Ann Speck from Olathe, Kansas
I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. My condolences to you, Jeanne & Allen, and your family.
08/31/2016 at 04:31pm

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