



## Russell Edward Walker

January 18, 1944 - May 2, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Russell Edward Walker, 80, formerly of Frederica, Delaware, and Ellicott City, Maryland, passed away at his residence in Oxford, Mississippi on Thursday, May 02, 2024.

There will be no local services. The family will celebrate his life privately at a later date.

Russell was born on January 18, 1944, in Takoma Park, Maryland, as the son of the late Richard Walker and Evelyn Alsop Walker. Upon completing his high school education, he entered the workforce and spent an expansive career providing for his family as an electro-mechanical designer and later, with his knowledge and background, also as an effective contributor to the functions of placement/recruiting agencies in the field. Russell found great joy in his work and possessed a strong sense of pride in every task he was assigned. In his retirement, he stayed active with his own lawn maintenance business and driving an airport shuttle.

Aside from his work on complex designs, he found joy in the outdoors, especially fishing and boating on the Chesapeake Bay. In addition to his fondness for the Bay's waters, he was known as a man who loved animals;

this love reached beyond family pets and extended to feeding the squirrels, deer, raccoons, and ducks that wandered through his backyard.

Although he has departed from our presence, Russell's memory will hold a special place in the hearts and minds of his loved ones and friends.

Russell is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon Zabban Walker of Oxford, Mississippi. He also leaves one stepson, Gregory (Cristiane) Surbeck of Oxford, Mississippi; and one grandson, Collin Surbeck of Los Angeles, California, all of whom Russell was very proud. Additionally, Russell leaves one sister-in-law, Valerie (Ira) Shapiro of Fairfax Station, Virginia; one nephew, Brandon (Lisa) Shapiro of Fairfax Station, Virginia; one niece, Ashley (Noah) Geisel of Denver, Colorado; and one great nephew, Liam Shapiro of Fairfax Station, Virginia.

In place of traditional flowers, friends may remember Russell with a donation to their favorite animal rescue group or animal shelter, or to a charity of their choice.

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is committed to providing the utmost care and attention to detail as they serve the family during this challenging season of life.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Sharon, Greg, Cris, Collin and all the family.  
We hope that happy memories of Russell will bring some comfort. Russell provided us with two unique events that we will never forget: a boat day trip on the Chesapeake Bay and a crab dinner at the family house in Ellicott City. He also cooked the most delicious hamburgers that are memorable. In Oxford, a few months ago, we raised a glass of wine with Russell to toast good health to all. It's hard to believe how things can change so much and so quickly. We'll always remember Russell for his sensitivity, compassion and kindness.

*Marcia and Cesar Queiroz*

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**Cesar Queiroz** - May 26, 2024 at 02:17 PM

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“ As Russell's next-door neighbors and friends, we are so sorry to hear of his loss, and we send prayers and love to Sharon and all the family. To us, the house next door will always be Russell and Sharon's, as we remember how they welcomed us when we moved here to Frederica....how we talked to Russell "over the fence," how we saw his dedication to the back yard animals....and so yes we will make a donation to an animal rescue in his name. Karen and Fred Smiga next door.

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**Fred and Karen Smiga** - May 17, 2024 at 12:30 PM