

Obituary

Born: Wednesday, August 17, 1938

Died: Monday, February 25, 2019

The dairymen in Georgia and the Southeast lost a champion with the death of Mr. Robert Wells "Bobby" Walker on Monday February 25, 2019. After a long battle against cancer, he died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Madison, Georgia. He was born on August 17, 1938 to Robert Shepherd and Elizabeth Wells Walker. As he followed his ancestors into the field of agriculture, he restored and resided in one of the original Walker family homes dating from the early 1800's.

As a young man he rode broncs and bucking bulls, won dairy judging contests, trained horses, milked cows, attended ABAC and the University of Georgia where he earned a Masters in Agronomy. After becoming a Cooperative Extension Agent in rural South Georgia Crisp County, Bobby worked to help all his farmers with his hands-on work. There he began mentoring young people in all aspects of agriculture, a practice that became a lifelong obsession for him. In the fall of 2018, he was still putting together judging practices for Georgia's FFA and 4-H youth.

Bobby left the Extension service to manage a large crop and livestock farm before returning to Madison in 1971. With his family, Bobby joined his parents on the family dairy farm, where over the years, he won many awards for milk production, quality and crops. Without reserve, he continued helping young people interested in dairy production.

After Bobby stopped dairying, he became a field man for Carolina Virginia Milk Cooperative and then Southeast Milk Cooperative. In this capacity, Bobby used every bit of his formal education and his real-world experiences to assist dairymen in producing the highest quality milk possible and to nurture the relationship between coop management and the dairymen.

With Bobby Walker as your field man you knew you would be taken care of. When making farm visits, he didn't just find the problem, he stayed and helped to get it resolved. Because of his knowledge, diligence and dedication, dairymen turned to him for advice not only on dairy issues but also on crop production problems.

His ease with dairymen, his renowned depth of dairy knowledge, and his significant attention to detail allowed him to give advice and help to anyone that asked. Not one to slow down during retirement, he used these gifts as a consultant at Williams Dairy for the past five years. As a tremendous cow man, he was an invaluable part of the day to day management and genetic program. "Mr. Bobby" could often be found walking through the barns checking on each and every cow or in the fields monitoring the growth of the crops.

Bobby is survived by his three sons Scott and Michelle Walker, their daughter Sydney; Matthew and Kate Walker, their son Peyton; and Brent Walker. Also, his sisters Nannette Walker Patrick, children Mike and Libby, and Penny and her husband George West, children, Lori and Rebecca; and nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins and children, grandchildren of cousins and Godson. Bobby was "one of a kind" and will be missed by all whose lives he touched. Join us for the celebration of Bobby Walker's life at 1:00 on Friday, March 1st at Pennington United Methodist Church. Visitation will be Thursday, February 28 from 6 to 8 at A. E. Carters Funeral Home in Madison, Georgia.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers that donations go to:

Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation

c/o Georgia Milk Producers

1641 New High Shoals Rd STE 5

Watkinsville, GA 30677

706-310-0020

Pennington United Methodist Church

1160 Broughton Rd.

Madison, GA 30650

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Service Summary

Visitation

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Thu Feb 28, 2019

A.E. Carter Funeral Home

1670 Atlanta Hwy
Madison, GA 30650

Funeral Service

1:00 PM Fri Mar 01, 2019

Pennington Methodist Church

Broughton Road
Madison, Georgia 30650