



## Mr. Merrie Burl Walker

November 19, 1931 - June 8, 2016

Burl was born on November 19, 1931 to the late Odie Burl and Minnie Purtell Walker in the Melrose Community of Lockesburg, Arkansas. Burl graduated from Lockesburg High School in 1949, then attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville then transferred to Oklahoma State University. He was drafted into the army and did his training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. While AWOL from the Army, he married Ikey Gene Terry of Ben Lomond on July 26, 1953, he was able to return to the fort without being known he was gone.

Burl was an ace tennis player and in basketball in high school. He was also accomplished self taught artist. His funds were limited and would create colors from house paint and melted crayons, then would paint his canvases of window shades, and any other materials he would find. after the Army, Burl and Ikey moved to Dallas, Texas where Burl post man and entered barber school. In 1960, they moved to Ashdown, Arkansas, built a home and a business that lasted until his retirement. Burl also had an amazing ability with animals of all kinds, he could get an animal to do things others could not, and he shared this ability with his granddaughter. He was a member of Central Baptist Church from 1960. Burl served as a Sunday School Superintendent for over 25 years and was a deacon in the church as well.

Burl is survived by his wife Ikey Terry Walker of Ashdown; a daughter and

son-in-law Jeanenne Vowell and Mike Vowell; granddaughter Jessie Vowell Giese and spouse Phil Giese all of Little Rock, AR; a grandson Joseph Beaty of Phoenix , AZ

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Central Baptist Church or the Humane Society.

Funeral services will be Friday June 10, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown burial will follow at Wright Chapel Cemetery in Lockesburg. Tommy Hall will be officiating. Don Embry will be assisting.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Merrie Burl Walker*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *As you look upon this beautiful man laying here at peace, remember him not as he is but as the spunky man he was. Remember him for his childlike smile and his humor he poured upon us all. He touched everyone's heart in different ways and was always warm hearted. He loved to make the world around him beautiful whether it be through every brush stroke or with every seed put in the ground. He was tough as nails but as soft as a feather. Never forget what he brought to each one of our lives in a personal way. Though he is gone from our eyes he will forever live in our hearts and our dreams.*

Joseph Beaty - phoenix, AZ - Family - June 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Walker was such a gentle soul and he will truly be missed. In December of 1999 or 2000, he came to my house dressed as Santa Clause to bring my daughter a kitten for Christmas. The stars he put in her eyes by doing such a small thing! I will never forget the time he took to make my child happy. She was so excited that Santa came to her house in person to deliver her present early (on Christmas Eve). And every passing year, when I had the chance to meet up with him and his wife at dance recitals or other visits at Jeanenne's house, he never failed to ask me how my daughter was doing and "How's old Sassy cat doing"? He was such a sweet man. Your family is in our prayers.*

Tabatha Corder - Mayflower, AR - Friend - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM