



# Ralph Eddie Walkingstick

March 25, 1933 - April 24, 2015

Ralph Eddie Walkingstick, 82, was born March 25, 1933 to Benjamin F. Walkingstick and Juanita (Kirby) Walkingstick in Baron, Oklahoma and peacefully passed away Friday, April 24, 2015 at his home in Hulbert with his loving family by his side.

Mr. Walkingstick spent his younger years moving back and forth between California and Oklahoma. He made the final move to Oklahoma in 1948 settling in Westville. He attended and graduated from Westville High School in 1952. After graduating he entered the United States Navy in October of that same year. Ralph attended Air Combat Training and participated in many missions over the Bearing Strait and in Alaska. He was honorably discharged from service in October of 1956, and served in the Navy Reserves until 1960. Ralph met his wife, Dorothy Ellen Hulse of Wheeler, Arkansas on the 4th of July and were married in Fayetteville, Arkansas on January 25, 1957. He started college at Northeastern State University in 1957 and then transferred to the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville in 1960 to enter the engineering program. While working on his engineering degree, he helped design a blueberry picker and other machinery with the horticulture department. He was a member of the Engineering Honor Societies, Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi. Upon graduation in 1963, he and his now budding family moved to Dallas, Texas to work with Geo-Technical Corporation as a design engineer. Mr. Walkingstick worked at various corporations throughout his career in Dallas, Tulsa, and Muskogee as well as serving a stint as a Professor at Oklahoma State in Stillwater. Ralph retired as the Chief Engineer from Cherokee Nation Industries in 1999.

In 2013, the Cherokee Nation awarded Ralph with the Medal of Patriotism and the Warrior Award for his service to the Navy. He was a story teller extraordinaire and will be missed by many.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, his brother; Lloyd "Cotton" Sloan, and grandparents.

Ralph leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of 58 years Dorothy of the home, three daughters; Tamara Walkingstick and husband Jack Gazin of Perryville, AR, Marci Walkingstick and husband Jeff Dixon of Tahlequah, OK, Danita Walkingstick Cox of Tahlequah, OK, son; Sean Walkingstick and wife Joanna (Pardee) of Tahlequah, OK, five granddaughters, two grandsons and two great-granddaughters, one great-grandson,

brother and sister-in-law; Ben and Janice Walkingstick of Vinita, OK, sister-in-law; Geraldine Sloan of Siloam Springs, AR, one brother and two sisters in Washington State, and one sister in Pennsylvania, and a host of friends.

A visitation will be held for Ralph on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson with the family receiving friends from 5PM-7PM.

A service of celebration will be held at 11:30 AM, Wednesday, April 29, 2015 in the Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel with Keith Mings and family presiding. Committal prayers and interment will follow at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma with Justin Walkingstick, Tyler Nipper, Kinley Nipper, Tim Ball, Rob Hulse, Robert Frazier and Jim Tyner serving as casket bearers.

The family request donations be made to the Hospice of the Cherokees 1630 N Cedar Ave Tahlequah, OK 74464.

The family of Ralph Eddie Walkingstick has entrusted his services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home 1224 E Poplar/PO Box 1973 Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Service

APR 29. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Eddie Walkingstick*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM

DW

“ *I am a former Navy buddy of Ralph's. He was a fine person and excellent crew member aboard the Navy P2V Neptunes. Too bad we lost touch with each other. I have been looking on the internet the last few years to try to locate him, and today we found his obituary. We were together in Alameda, Ca. and Alaska.*

**Donald W. Wulf** - September 15, 2015 at 09:50 PM

LM

“ *So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He was one of my favorite co-workings at Acme Engineering & Manufacturing and I treasured his friendship while I was at Acme. Leigh Ann Matthews*

**Leigh Ann Matthews** - May 07, 2015 at 07:54 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Ralph Eddie Walkingstick.*



April 27, 2015 at 05:21 PM

MT

“ *Tamara, I'm very sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. You & your family are in my prayers.*

*Martha Thorpe  
UofA CES*

**Martha Thorpe** - April 27, 2015 at 02:42 PM

NI

“ *NSU - ITS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Eddie Walkingstick.*



**NSU - ITS** - April 27, 2015 at 02:40 PM

TB

“ Toni Brown purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Ralph Eddie Walkingstick.



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**Toni Brown** - April 27, 2015 at 01:56 PM

TB

“ I was so sad to hear of Ralph's passing. I have so many fond memories of spending time visiting the family with my Mother and sisters. Our trip to Texas and trips to Tulsa to visit. You all made it so much fun for us kids. Then all the many times in Wheeler at Russell and Rosies. He was a very nice man who will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Much love.  
Toni Hulse Brown

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**Toni Brown** - April 27, 2015 at 01:14 PM

DN

“ Tamara,  
We are very saddened to hear of your dad's passing. Know that we are thinking of you and you and Jack are in our prayers.

*Denise and the library girls*

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**Denise Northcutt** - April 27, 2015 at 12:33 PM

JF

“ Jane and Carolyne Torbey and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph Eddie Walkingstick.



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**Jane and Carolyne Torbey and Family** - April 27, 2015 at 09:08 AM

JA

“ Dorothy and family

*We extend our most sincere condolences to you and the family. We saddened on the news of Ed's earthly journey has come to an end. Take comfort in knowing he is at peace. We will never forget the good times and hospitality with all of you when we would come to visit from PA. May God give you and your family the comfort and peace that you seek.*

*Jane, Carolyne Torbey and families*

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**Jane** - April 27, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Eddie Walkingstick.



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April 26, 2015 at 01:18 PM

MI

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He was such a kind and gentle soul. He could always make me smile. Dorothy, you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Midge** - April 26, 2015 at 12:03 PM