



Dr. Oplless Walker

September 10, 1941 - July 14, 2025

Funeral Services for Dr. Oplless Walker, age 83, of Cookeville, Tennessee, were conducted on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM from The Chapel of Goff Funeral Home. Dr. Martin Thielen and Pastor Mark Gaw officiated and interment followed in the Whittaker Cemetery. Dr. Walker was born on Wednesday, September 10, 1941, in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Oscar Lonzo and Nannie Ellen Buckner Bohannon Walker. Dr. Walker passed away on Monday, July 14, 2025, at his home. Dr. Walker was a pharmacist for over 48 years beginning his career as the first pharmacist of Cookeville General Hospital, leading 36 pharmacist working with him thru his career. He was the developer of Cut-trol, a patch that would stop bleeding instantly. He was a professor at Tennessee Technological University teaching Pharmacology and was public relations coordinator for Cookeville Regional Medical Center. He served on the foundation board and was appointed by the Governor to help with the autopsy of Elvis Presley. After retirement, he also worked with Larco. He established and organized Order of Redman also known as Monterey Standing Stone Day never forgetting his roots and history. He was a member of Washington Avenue Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School and filled in preaching when needed. He and Kay also attended Granville Methodist Church. He met his wife Kay at a Valentines Party where they were voted as Queen and King, began dating and dated for seven years before marrying. He is remembered as the most thoughtful person, always remembering Kay on every holiday with gifts lovingly given from the heart.

They were blessed to travel to 35 countries and go on 53 cruises together. He was a very smart and educated man treating each individual with sincere care and compassion always giving instruction for any medical question asked. He was survived by his wife of almost 63 years who he married on July 28, 1962, Kay Blaylock Walker of Cookeville, TN; sister, Edith Patterson of Monterey, TN; sister-in-law, Anna Jo Swafford of Monterey, TN; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Winnie Bohannon Walker, Linnie Simpson, Jennie Foster, Opal Gann, Ruby Tayes, Jim Bohannon, Ben Bohannon, C.M. "Collie" Bohannon, Oscar Walker, and Billy Carl Walker. The family expressed a special thank you to their special caregivers considered like their family, Beth Brown and Jeff Spears, and to Gentiva Hospice. The family received friends at Goff Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, from 1:00 PM until time of services at 3:00 PM. Arrangements and Care provided by D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc., 205 East Cleveland Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone, 931.839.2311.

Cemetery Details

Whittaker Cemetery

306 N. Elmore Street
Monterey
Monterey, TN 38574

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc.
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Funeral Services

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ I had Dr Op in my Drugs and Behavior class at Tech! He told us his squirrel story ..haha!! I would talk to him many times after class & through the years!! He was a great man and will definitely be missed!!

Elizabeth A Wright - July 19, 2025 at 09:18 PM

OJ

“ So sorry to hear about Opless. I was in pharmacy school with him. He encouraged me. He was truly a good man and will be missed by all who knew him.

Oliver j Nunn jr - July 18, 2025 at 05:33 PM

DG

“ Dear Sweet Kay, I want to add my condolences to those of friends and family upon Op's passing. Way too many memories to share over the last 50 plus years so I won't try. I read something once that came immediately to mind when I saw Op's obituary. We have a birth date and a death date and in between there is a dash. Opliss Walker fully and faithfully lived the dash in the period between those dates. He was welcomed to Heaven by the Father of All Creation and His Son Jesus Christ. Op Walker entered into the Joy of the Lord and someday he's going to tell the people he loved and served to have a seat and talk about how much more glorious it is than we could have imagined. You'll be in my thoughts.

Dr. Deborah J. Gentry - July 17, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JL

“ *Judy G. Longworth lit a candle in memory of Dr. Oplless Walker*



Judy G. Longworth - July 17, 2025 at 12:07 PM

JL

I was sadden to hear of Dr. Walker's passing. I never heard anyone say a bad thing about him, he was a pleasure to know. Condolences to his wife Kay. RIP

Judy G. Longworth - July 17, 2025 at 12:11 PM

GK

“ *Op was such an inspiration to us while attending Granville UMC. He was always such an encourager & he was a Godly man, His friendship meant the world to me.*

Greta Kirby - July 17, 2025 at 05:25 AM

LH

“ *I worked with Dr. Walker many years at Cookeville General Hospital which later became Cookeville Regional. On the day of his retirement , as he was cleaning out his office, we reminisced about all of the changes at the hospital since we began working there. He taught two of my pharmacology classes at TTU and several of my classes at the hospital. He was kind to everyone and was, without a doubt, one of the most intelligent men that I have ever known. I admired him so much. My heart aches for his family and friends. There will never be another like him. RIP with Jesus dear friend.*

Levonda Hallums - July 16, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JB

“ Op was an inspiration to so many during his many years of service. I was honored to have had an opportunity to get to know him and his sweet wife Kay. Prayers for Kay & family

Joyce Bean - July 16, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ Dr Op was an inspiration to me throughout my education at Tennessee Tech. We were fortunate enough to continue to be able to work together as professionals off and on throughout my professional career. A very smart man, very well respected man, honest, funny, compassionate, etc. I'm deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Prayers for peace and comfort for his family, loved ones, and friends.

Jodi Bartlett - July 16, 2025 at 06:23 PM



Op was such a good man & an excellent Sunday school teacher. He made everything more interesting. I learned so much from him. He & Kay are both very special to me.

Beth Overstreet - July 17, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Jimmie And Lisa Apple lit a candle in memory of Dr. Oplless Walker



Jimmie and Lisa Apple - July 16, 2025 at 08:55 AM

JA

Mr Op will be missed dearly. We are so blessed to have known him. Our prayers go out to Mrs. Kay for peace and comfort.

Jimmie and Lisa Apple - July 16, 2025 at 08:57 AM

WL

“ William L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Oplless Walker.

William L. - July 15, 2025 at 06:40 PM

WL

“ William L. purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Dr. Oplless Walker.



William L. - July 15, 2025 at 06:40 PM

KB

“ Kay Brady purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Oplless Walker.



Kay Brady - July 15, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr Oplless Walker.

July 15, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Oplless Walker.*



July 15, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Kaye Loftis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Oplless Walker*



Kaye Loftis - July 15, 2025 at 02:19 PM



Kay, he will certainly be missed. Granville was lucky to have the helping hands of you both. Love to you.

Kaye Loftis - July 15, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of a wonderful friend. I fondly recall our trip to London to meet with Countess Mountbatten and her two daughters sometime around 1975. We celebrated the Standing Stone monument near Cookeville, Tennessee. My late wife, Margaret and our two young sons had a great time on this adventure. Oplless will be missed by many for his kindness and optimism. May he be blessed by God as he goes on his next journey.*
Ross Swimmer, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation 1975-1985.

Ross Swimmer - July 15, 2025 at 02:14 PM

SC

“ Susan Clark lit a candle in memory of Dr. Oplless Walker



Susan Clark - July 15, 2025 at 12:57 PM

RC

“ We were honored to have Op as a friend and neighbor. He was a gentleman, a scholar, and a Christian. And he had a heck of a sense of humor!! Much sympathy and love to dear Kay.
Rich and Betty Caliri

Rich Caliri - July 15, 2025 at 11:06 AM

TM

“ Tammy Mattingly lit a candle in memory of Dr. Oplless Walker



Tammy Mattingly - July 15, 2025 at 08:48 AM

TM

“ The Walker's are always a beautiful presence in our church, I'll miss having Op! I'm glad I was blessed to know him as my church family. May peace be with the close family and friends.

Tammy Mattingly - July 15, 2025 at 08:46 AM

JG

“ I have known Op since our high school days at MHS. No finer man has ever lived. Sincere condolences to Kay. My heart is heavy.
Jimmy Green, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

James Green - July 15, 2025 at 12:52 AM

TS

“ Opless was the most selfless man we knew. We were privileged to sit under him as he taught our Sunday School class. His Christian way of life was a positive impact on many people. Rest in the Lord's presence Op. We are certain you will hear " Well done, my good and faithful servant.". We will see you in glory, friend!

The Staggs - July 14, 2025 at 11:00 PM

JS

“ Jeffrey S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr Opless Walker.

Jeffrey S. - July 14, 2025 at 10:53 PM

GM

“ This is a wonderfully written account of a holy man. We were blessed to have made his acquaintance in Granville,

Glenda and Morris Myers - July 14, 2025 at 07:01 PM

SD

“ I miss OP's Sunday school lessons. He knew his Bible very well. His knowledge of the physiological aspects of Jesus's crucifixion was astounding.

Susan Dickson - July 14, 2025 at 06:24 PM



Love this

Tammy Mattingly - July 15, 2025 at 08:40 AM