

Butch Walker, 64

June 26, 1943 - Nov. 12, 2007

DUNLAP – Butch Walker was born June 26, 1943, in Clinton, OK to Billy Dee and Betty Jean (Armstrong) Walker. He was raised with two younger sisters in Peryton, TX. Butch graduated from Peryton High School in 1961 and went on to attend Texas Tech and West Texas State but before graduating he decided to join the U. S. Marine Corps. He served with honor during the Vietnam War in the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa and Vietnam from October of 1964 to November of 1965 and he was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. After leaving the Marines he moved to Wichita Falls, TX to be with his family and earn a business degree from Midwestern State University.

April 1, 1967, Butch met Dianne Flatt and they were married just two weeks later April 14, 1967. Butch then began his 40 year newspaper career. It started at Wichita Falls Times and Record News, then to Pigeon Forge, TN, then to San Diego, CA, and finally to Dunlap. Eve and Alex moved with the family out to Iowa and Russell stayed in California. Of all the places the Walker family has lived, Dunlap has proven to be extraordinary, he was involved in the Dunlap community. He has learned photography, covered the sporting events and everything in-between. He died Nov. 12, 2007 at age 64.

Butch is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Dianne Walker, of Dunlap; two sons, Charles Walker of San Diego, CA, Alex Walker of Dunlap; daughter, Eve Wood of Dunlap; two sisters, Nancy Bruce of Carlsbad, NM Jeani Walker of Albuquerque, NM; five grandchildren, Mitchell and Sidney Wood and Nicholas Walker all of Dunlap; Nathaniel and Gabriel Walker of San Diego, CA and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16, 2007 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap with Rev. Paul Strittmatter, SJ officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap with Military Graveside services by the Dunlap American Legion Post #224. Casketbearers were Russ Walker, Nathan Hess, Alex Walker, Barney Murphy, Terry Donscheski, and Jay Petersen. Fouts Funeral Home in Dunlap in charge of arrangements.