



# Terry Walker

July 31, 1958 - March 15, 2020

Terry Walker died March 15th 2020 at the age of 61. He was born July 31st 1958 in Canton Illinois to Mary Lou Ford and Ralph Eugene Walker.

He has lived his entire life on the race track. He started his career as a jockey at the fairs and eventually went to work on the starting gate as an assistant starter. He worked for Oaklawn Park for many years and as the Starter since 2004. Working his way up to the "Boss".

He is survived by his son, Jacob Walker; his ex-wife, Mindy Walker; his brother, Tim Marshall; aunts, uncles and many more.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Lou Ford and father, Ralph Walker.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. at Hot Springs Funeral Home.

Funeral services will begin at 3:00 P.M. Wednesday with Chaplains Rich and Robi Heffington officiating.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hot Springs Funeral Home  
1017 Central Avenue

# Tribute Wall

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“ Terry Walker believed in me at a time in my life that I really needed someone to believe in me! Terry gave me my first job on the starting gate in 1995 at Birmingham race course, I would then work for him for the following 16 years or so (not sure) Terry taught me everything I know about the starting gate, He was a Huge part of my life and me and my family have a lot to be thankful to him for ! I loved working for him and with him, to say that Terry was a great hand as most of you know would be a huge understatement! He was a master at schooling horses, yes he was great at schooling a bad one , but I think he took a lot of pride making sure baby's were prepared to race! I don't know the year, and I wish I had the picture and I hope someone does and will share it , but he had a picture of us at Hoosier Park , a head on shot of a gate full of 1st time starters all standing looking down the track and no one in the gate! He was really proud of that! I will be forever Grateful to him ! He was a friend, a mentor, and a believer in people RIP my friend, with Love Buddy Rickly and family

buddy rickly - March 18, 2020 at 05:07 PM

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“ Buddy Rickly lit a candle in memory of Terry Walker



buddy rickly - March 18, 2020 at 04:41 PM

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“ Rochelle Stepp lit a candle in memory of Terry Walker



Rochelle Stepp - March 18, 2020 at 02:11 PM

RS

“ Too many memories to share just one. You always made us smile & always a good laugh. You have truly left a hole in our hearts & will be terribly missed by many. RIP my friend, we love you. Hugs & prayers to Jacob & Mindy in this difficult time.

Rochelle & Landis

Rochelle Stepp - March 17, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Walker.*



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March 17, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ *Dear friend and bestman at our wedding. May the horses in heaven greet you at the gate.  
Max and Linda Mayberry.*



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**Linda Kay** - March 17, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Walker.*



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March 16, 2020 at 05:13 PM