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### Jack D. Walker

(May 19, 1928 - June 9, 2014)

Jack D. Walker, age 86, of Antioch, Tennessee passed away peacefully at Alvin C. York Medical Center, Monday, June 9, 2014. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on May 19, 1928 the son of Charles H. Walker & Marie Trouillas Walker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Jack Walker, Jr. and brother, Jeane M. Walker.

Jack grew up in Nashville, TN where he attended school and later attended and graduated from Columbia Military Academy and Vanderbilt University. He was one of the first groups drafted for the Korean War from Nashville and served in the U. S. Army in the infantry. Half of his 3 years, 2 months and 6 days were spent in the enlisted ranks while during the last half he held a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. After the war he became a Christian and became a serious student of the Bible. Following his release from active military duty, Jack spent the next twenty years as a sales representative for a New York women's apparel firm. At the end of this period of his life, he was a pioneer in opening the first Health Food Store in Nashville and worked in that industry for 18 years. Finally, before his 'retirement', he joined a Nashville Public Relations firm in Nashville. Jack was Chairman of the Tennessee Korean War memorial Association.

He was instrumental in over \$222,000 contributions being raised. The memorial located in War Memorial Plaza on the grounds of the Capitol was dedicated on July 4, 1992 with Governor Ned Ray McWherter, Congressman Bob Clement and other dignitaries present. Jack was the author of "A Brief Account of the Korean War", which enjoyed three printings. He was also the author of many religious articles and blogs. He was a wonderful public speaker, teacher, member of Post 5 VFW, a history buff and civic minded patriot.

He is survived by sister and brother-in-law, Madge "Maggie" Walker McCray and Tom McCray, Nashville, TN; grandson and his wife, Trace & Deborah Elmore, Rossville, GA; 4 great grandchildren; many nephews and nieces. A service to honor Jack's life with U.S. Army Honors will be held at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery and will be held at a later date.



To honor Jack's life the family requests donations are made, "In Memory of Jack Walker" to NeedLink Nashville, C/O Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 2619 Hwy 41 South, Greenbrier, TN 37073.

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