

John Ernest Walker was born May 17, 1953 to John Douglas and Annie Katherine [Lindecker] Walker. He was the oldest of five children. John went from the first grade to the eighth grade at East Fairview School. He graduated from Fairview High School with the class of 1972. John ranched with his Dad on the family ranch south of Cartwright until his Dad death in 1987. Due to declining health he turned the ranch over to his brother George. John was every ones right-hand man or left-hand man he would say because he was proud of being left-handed. Whenever anyone needed anything he was the first we would call. Whoever needed him he was there. He never let his family, friends or neighbors down. No one was a stranger he would help anyone. If someone would have asked him for the shirt of off his back he would give it to them. He will always be our big brother. As his brother and sisters started having families of their own he loved it more people to tease and play jokes on. He really enjoyed pulling stuff on his brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws or anyone new to the family. John loved animals. When he was in good health he broke horses, milked cows had chickens, geese and guines. He enjoyed being on horseback on the open prairie with the wildlife and the fresh air. If he couldn't do it on a horse, it wasn't worth doing. Calving season was a special time of the year for him. He always told his sibling that his animal babies were cuter than our kids. He was a keeper of all animals. John enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels. He could watch them from the dining room window. He enjoyed fishing when he felt good enough to go. He got a four wheeler so he could get up and down the hill to the river.

John was a Life Member of National Rifle Association.

Our very much loved son and brother left us March 4, 2013 at his home on the family ranch.

John is survived by: his mother, Annie Walker of Cartwright, ND; his brother, George [Holly] Walker of Cartwright, ND; his sisters, Mary [Jerry] Erickson of Williston, ND, Dorothy [Darwin] Johnson of Fairview, MT, and Vera [Kelly] Boyle of Kathryn, ND; four nephews, Doug Walker, Jonathan Johnson, Aaron Erickson and Christopher Erickson; three nieces, Daphne Clark, Angela Thunker, and Annie Ruff; four great nephews, Calvin, Jonathan, Rambur, and Zachary; two great grandnieces, Haley and Tegan; two uncles, August Lindecker and George Lindecker of Alexander, ND; aunts, Evonne Berg of Devils Lake, ND and Lucille Chichester of AZ; several cousins and a lot of friends and his new companion, Tip a sheltie collie that he always wanted.

John was preceded in death by his Dad, John Walker; his grandparents, John and HenryEtta Walker and Ernest and Mary Lindecker; aunts, May Olson, Violet Ryan and Dorothy Walker, uncles, Irvin Berg and Glen Walker; and a niece, Jacquelynn LeeAnn Erickson.



*In Loving Memory Of*  
*John E. Walker*  
*1953 ~ 2013*

## Cowboy's Prayer

O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow;  
I loved creation better as it stood  
That day you finished it so long ago  
And looked upon Your work and called it good.  
I know that others find You in the light  
That's sifted down through tinted window panes,  
And yet I seem to feel you near tonight  
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.

I thank You, Lord, that I am placed so well.  
That You have made my freedom so complete;  
That I'm no slave of whistle, clock, or bell,  
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.  
Just let me live my life as I've begun  
And give me work that's open to the sky;  
Make me a partner of the wind and sun,  
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.

Let me be easy on the man that's down;  
Let me be square and generous with all.  
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town.  
But never let'em say I'm mean or small!  
Make me as big and open as the plains,  
As honest as the hoss between my knees,  
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,  
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!

Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget.  
You know about the reasons that are hid.  
You understand the things that gall and fret;  
You know me better than my mother did.  
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said  
Just right me sometimes when I turn aside,  
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead  
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.

Author Unknown  
Condensed Version

# John E. Walker

May 17, 1953 ~ March 4, 2013

## Funeral Services

2:00 P.M., Saturday, March 9, 2013

Zion Lutheran Church

Fairview, Montana

## Officiating

Pastor Charlane Lines

## Music

Terra Erickson Dana Dahl

## Casketbearers

Al Oian Byron Vickers Ron Krieger  
Stanley Dean Pat Cherry Mike Hurley

Dale Sponhiem Dennis Dahl

## Honorary Casketbearers

Fairview High School Class of "72"

## Ushers

Joe Dean Dale Tjelde

## Interment

Yellowstone Point Cemetery

Cartwright, North Dakota

**Lunch will be served at the Cartwright Center  
following the graveside services**

You may share your remembrances and condolences with  
the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website  
[www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com)