



## Willow Rae Walker

September 17, 1944 - August 19, 2016

Willow Rae Walker, 71, of Huntsville, Texas passed away on August 19, 2016. On September 17, 1944 in High Bridge, New Jersey she was the first born child of eight to William Ray Parrish and Julia Tara Parrish.

Willow will be remembered as a beloved educator to Richards ISD, where she served as a teacher and principal. She retired after 35 years of service.

In Willow's earlier years she enjoyed arts and crafts. She and her husband, Roy, attended Rodeos all over the United States and Canada. She loved traveling, and recently took a trip with her grandson, McCade, to Graceland and enjoyed watching her granddaughter, Cara, play volleyball.

Willow was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas.

Willow is survived by her beloved husband of 49 years, Roy Lee Walker; son Troy Lee Walker and wife Joann; grandson McCade Lee Walker; granddaughter Cara Madison Walker; sisters Mary Wilmont, Maureen Martin, Jo Anne Wells, Jeanne Minkler, Carolyn Presswood and Kathy Martin; brother Ray Parrish; and a host of loving family members. She is preceded in death by her parents William Ray and Julia Parrish.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Darrell Wells and Mrs.

Birdie Jenkins for her care of Willow during her last months.

Memorial donations may be made to Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1175 FM 1791, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM on Monday, August 22, 2016 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas.

Interment will follow the service at Lee Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas. All are welcome to join the family at a reception following the interment at The Old West Sandy School House.

# Cemetery Details

## Lee Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 22.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

**AUG 23.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willow Rae Walker*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - August 22, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *Willow Rae Walker*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

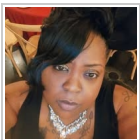


“ *I know months and months have passed. But you will always be in my heart. I miss you then and miss you now. You was a very special lady. Who loved your family . you was my cheerleader sponsor when I was in school. I started to work at the school and I was your aide. And we had some wonderful times together. You will be forever missed.*



*Annette Lewis*

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**Annette Lewis** - January 04, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ *I miss you Mrs Walker*

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**Sherneika D. Ford** - September 23, 2016 at 05:41 PM



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



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August 23, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ *Troy I am so sorry to hear about your mother. I remember my first day of teaching being in the room next to her. It's been a long time since I had you in Kindergarten but I'll never forget that year with you and her. I'm proud that she has 2 grandchildren that she loved and I know that she loved you and your dad. Go forward knowing that she was a loving wife and mother and a friend to so many. She is at peace in heaven with her father and watching over all of you each day with love.*  
*Claire Krueger Moriarty.*



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**Claire W Moriarty** - August 22, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Willow Rae Walker.*



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August 22, 2016 at 02:10 PM

EA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Edd & Terry Artherholt - August 22, 2016 at 12:19 PM

TF

“ Terry and Blanca Parrish and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Willow Rae Walker.



Terry and Blanca Parrish and Family - August 22, 2016 at 11:54 AM

KP

“ Katherine Parrish purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willow Rae Walker.



Katherine Parrish - August 22, 2016 at 11:44 AM

KF

“ Kathy(sister)& Halbert Martin & Family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Willow Rae Walker.



Kathy(sister)& Halbert Martin & Family - August 22, 2016 at 11:05 AM

MF

“ Mike and Cindy Scott, Fort Myers, Fl. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Willow Rae Walker.



Mike and Cindy Scott, Fort Myers, Fl. - August 22, 2016 at 08:20 AM

LF

“ Larry & Jolene Parrish and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willow Rae Walker.



Larry & Jolene Parrish and family - August 21, 2016 at 09:21 PM

Tena Cantrell

“ Tena Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Willow Rae Walker



Tena Cantrell - August 21, 2016 at 07:58 PM

JS

“ Jeanie (sister)& Little Mike Scott purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Willow Rae Walker.



Jeanie (sister)& Little Mike Scott - August 21, 2016 at 12:52 PM

UF

“ Uncle Calvin & Aunt Mary & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Willow Rae Walker.



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**Uncle Calvin & Aunt Mary & Family** - August 20, 2016 at 10:38 PM

CG

“ Sending my love and prayers to the Walker family. Willow was such an amazing lady, and I learned so much from her as an educator and as a friend. She will be greatly missed.

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**Conni Gammons** - August 20, 2016 at 04:26 PM

TD

“ So many memories of this lady. Some of my best years were created at RHS. And Ms Willow Walker was part of many important events. She said what she meant & meant what she said. But always the same~regardless of who you were. Ill always remember her for being a good strong addition to RHS. She was a good teacher, but better principal. She just worked better as 'boss' #Smiling. RIP ~ Although we will miss you, we thank God for your life.

*With Love, Tonya Cole Davis*

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**Tonya Davis** - August 20, 2016 at 01:18 AM

KH

“ Joann, Troy and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Kathy Harmon** - August 19, 2016 at 10:25 PM

TK

“ So Sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this sad time! She will truly be missed by all who knew her! Willow was a Wonderful Lady whom my Aunt Dot and Aunt Jerri loved dearly.



Tina and Butch Kelley - August 19, 2016 at 08:25 PM

KW

“ Roy Lee, Troy and family. So sorry to hear of the passing of Willow. She was truly a wonderful person, teacher and very good friend of our family. May the Good Lord give you all the faith and strength you need to get through this. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all of you. We are here if you need anything at all. May God continue to bless all of you. May Willow rest in eternal peace with our Lord. Ken and Theresa Westbay and family.

Kenneth Westbay - August 19, 2016 at 07:15 PM

 Dawn Baumbach

“ She was such a great lady!! Both of our daughters had her as a teacher and also as a principal. I enjoyed many great conversations with her! RIP Sweet Lady! You will be missed.....



Dawn Baumbach - August 19, 2016 at 07:15 PM

DH

“ I just found a picture of Mrs Willow and Mrs Marie Farris during vacation bible school at Ebenezer Baptist church, taken around 1979. I have many fond memories of her growing up out there and how sweet she was. She always had candy and would give me a piece before we sat down for church. She is gone and I know she is in heaven with all of our loved ones. Your family is in our prayers.

*Dean & Sammie Halley*

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**Dean Halley** - August 19, 2016 at 07:08 PM

RK

“ I'm so sorry, I've never met Willow. But I do know this ; my aunt Jeri Williams loved her so much. May u rest in peace sweet Willow

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**Ramona Ready Koch** - August 19, 2016 at 06:30 PM



Danielle Middleton

“ Amazing and sweet woman. I had the honor to have her as a teacher and principal.

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**Danielle Middleton** - August 19, 2016 at 06:10 PM



Jamie Kmiec

“ A truly great teacher who inspired all. She will be missed dearly.



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**Jamie Kmiec** - August 19, 2016 at 05:33 PM

MM

“ Peace Be with You. Mike &Liz Moskal

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**Mike Moskal** - August 19, 2016 at 05:16 PM

SN

“ *She was an awesome teacher. Rest in Peace.*

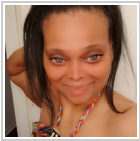
Sandra Bailey Nobles - August 19, 2016 at 02:16 PM

LA

“ *she was a wonderful teacher and principal! I was blessed to have her as both! Prayers for her family! She will be greatly missed*



Lyna Allen - August 19, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *She was an wonderful teacher and will be truly missed ..I was honered to know her for many years at Richards ISD Jr-High school*

Angela Bay Williams - August 19, 2016 at 02:05 PM

EC

“ *What a great lady to have as a neighbor and friend.*



Earl & Sherry Carter - August 19, 2016 at 02:01 PM



Tommar  
Mitchell

“ *She's was an amazing teacher she will be miss may she RIP. Prays go out to the family.*

Tommar Mitchell - August 19, 2016 at 01:32 PM

CW

“ *Christie Wood lit a candle in memory of Willow Rae Walker*



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**christie wood** - August 19, 2016 at 01:08 PM

myra  
Daniel

“ *She was an amazing woman who truly cared for her students. I would always run into her at the grocery store after many years and she remembered me. She was a caring and lovable woman. We will miss her.*

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**myra Daniel** - August 19, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a great woman and a loving mom. My prayers for Troy and his family as they go through this time. God Bless.*

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**Penny Hall** - August 19, 2016 at 10:40 AM

Angela  
Perry

“ *Ms. Walker was one of my favorite teachers. She truly enjoyed helping students learn and was just a wonderful lady and person. She is in a better place now, free from all pain and worries, but she will be missed by many.*

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**Angela Perry** - August 19, 2016 at 10:04 AM