



Clint Ray Walker

May 1, 1975 - May 27, 2013

Clint "Ray" Walker, age 38, of Naytahwaush, MN, died Monday, May 27, 2013, at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND, as a result of injuries sustained in an ATV accident.

Clint Ray Walker was born May 1, 1975, in Meridian, MS, the oldest son of Virgil Ray and Maxine (Stephens) Walker. As a young boy, Ray moved with his family to the Red Lake, MN, area. The family later settled in the White Earth, MN, area and Ray graduated from Waubun High School. Following high school, he played football for Fergus Falls Community and Technical College. An athletic injury restricted Ray from extending his football career. He then attended Thief River Falls Northland College, later graduating from St. Cloud State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Eighteen years ago, Ray found his life partner, Sarah Bush Keezer. Together they have two children, Lania and Buster. The family made their home in Mississippi for a short time before settling in the Naytahwaush area. Ray was currently employed as a social worker for White Earth Indian Child Welfare, a job he truly enjoyed.

Ray's personality was one to play hard and work hard, especially for his children. Lania and Buster meant the world to Ray and there wasn't anything he wouldn't have done for them. Time spent with Sarah and the kids was like no other. They did many things together, with one of his favorites being just to cuddle. Close behind his family was his love for sports and the kids he coached and came in contact with. He would always make time for any child

who crossed his path no matter the situation. Ray was the Little Hoopsters Basketball Team Coach for several years, leading them to many 1st place tournament wins. He also enjoyed softball, football, golfing, snowmobiling, fishing, four-wheeling, and riding bike. Ray was a member of the BBOA Bemidji Basketball Referee Association and even had the privilege to ref a state championship game. On the weekends, he could often be found at Clearwater Campground grilling, tubing and eating smores by the campfire. Ray was a loving father and partner and all around caring and compassionate individual and friend who will greatly be missed.

Surviving Ray is his children, Lalan and Clint "Buster" Walker, Jr., life partner, Sarah Bush Keezer, all of Naytahwaush; brother, Michael (Jamie) Walker of White Earth, MN, half-brother, Dalton (Kimimila) Walker of Sioux Falls, SD; grandma Zula Chitto of Standing Pine, MS; Sarah's parents, Pamela and Robert Keezer of Naytahwaush, Sarah's siblings: Miss (Scott) Keezer, Robert "Lenny" Keezer Jr. (Dawn), and Gabriel Keezer all of Naytahwaush and Melvin Bush of Mahanomen; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and his Bro-mance, Joe Heisler of White Earth.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Maxine and Virgil Walker; grandparents; grandma, Delores Bush; aunts, Fannie Stephens and Jeanette Gibson. Funeral Services were held on Monday, June 3, 2013, at 7pm in the Mahanomen High School Gym. Visitation was held from 5-7pm on Monday evening.

Interment was held at Choctaw Missionary Baptist Cemetery, in Standing Pine, Mississippi.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to Ray's family. I was lucky enough to call him friend during high school. He always had such a joyful and easy-going spirit! May the peace of the Lord fill your hearts.*

Amy Chorne - June 18, 2013 at 09:53 PM

BS

“ *So nice to see that others felt the same way I did about Ray! What a GREAT human being!
Had the pleasure to ref basketball with Ray for three years.
Ray will be missed!*

Brian Schultz - June 04, 2013 at 11:31 PM

CJ

“ *Our prayer are with Ray's friends and family members. Their lose is felt by many. I worked with Ray as a basketball official. What a wonderful positive attitude toward the game, coaches, and players. We all have been blessed by knowing and working with such a wonderful young man.*

Charlie Johnson - June 03, 2013 at 06:33 PM

AK

“ *Thinking about your family during this difficult time...I got to know Ray these past few years through basketball, and it was obvious how devoted he was to his own children but also to the children he coached. Prayers being said as your family deals with this difficult loss.*

Ann Kostynick - June 03, 2013 at 04:51 PM

VS

“ Prayers going out for your loss! I work for WE Home Health - did not know Ray, but did hear what a good man he was. Prayers also for the youth he mentored in basketball.

Vivian Sazama - June 01, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DT

“ Our deepest sympathy to Ray's children, Lil & Buster and to his family and loved ones. Ray was a the most friendly guy and loved his family and life. He always spoke about his kids and how proud he was of them. Prayers for your family during this time.
Dan & Shelly Thompson

Dan & Shelly Thompson - May 29, 2013 at 09:22 PM

CM

“ So very sorry to here of your dad's passing. Ray was one of my favorite students in High School. He will be missed by many! :)

Carol Moore - May 29, 2013 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ Very sad news! Keeping Ray and his family close to our hearts...

Mark Bagaason - May 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

JS

“ Prayers are with all of the family. Take care and know you have many friends and family to lean on. We will always be there.

Janell Soyring - May 29, 2013 at 12:44 PM