

**William J. Walker**, son of Harold John (1897-1978) and Vera Blanch (Black) (1904-1984) Walker, was born 24 February 1944, Spokane, Spokane County, Washington. Harold and Vera married in 1924, St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan. At death they were interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos. William was the youngest of 6 siblings. He graduated from Okemos High School in 1963.

For many years William, who lived in the Grand Ledge area, Eaton County, Michigan, was a professional truck driver. He was the father of 5 children. William died 24 January 2015. Place of inurnment unknown.

**Springport Funeral Home, 121 Pearl St.,**

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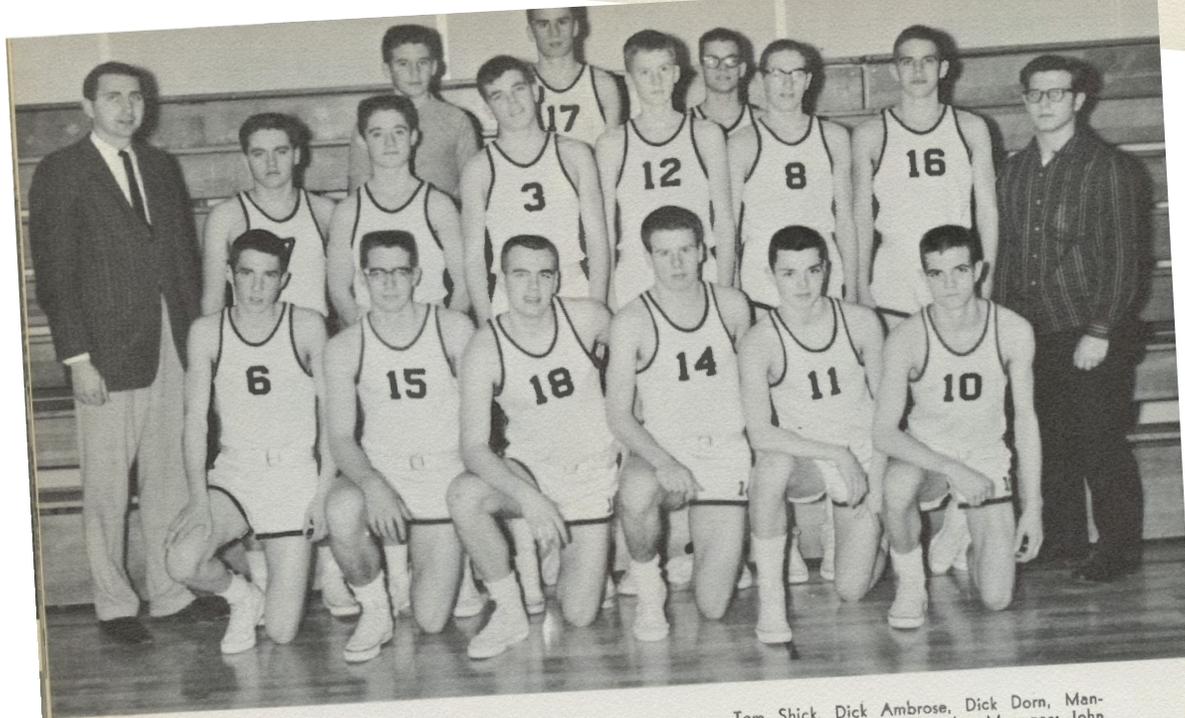
Please visit [www.lesliefuneralhome.com](http://www.lesliefuneralhome.com) to sign the guest book or leave a message of condolence. Arrangements entrusted to the Springport Funeral Home, 121 Pearl St., Springport, MI 49284. (517) 857-4848.

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Remembering  
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**First Row:** Guy Turner, Bob DeLind, Ward Rathbone, Secretary; Dave Halliday, President; John Shick, Treasurer; Roger Stoll, Vice President; Bill Wight, Dick Ambrose, Bill Walker; **Second Row:** Coach Baker, Bob White, Jim Liskey, Dick Dorn, Bill Jones, Al Reese, Jim Barnard, John Gao, Topper Coats, Randy Martin; **Third Row:** Dave Johnson, Jim Harvey, Jon Bartow, Bob Gitlin, Vern Stehman, Stan Powell, Carson Neifert, Denny Soltow, Jim Stevens, Howard Belknap; **Fourth Row:** Tom Clark, Bob Boykin, Terry Wallin, Roy Hoskin, Bill Martin, Dick Lergent, Bill Siebert, Tom Nothstine, Dave Campbell.



**First Row:** Howard Belknap, Al Hopkins, Bruce Gardner, Bill Hoskin, Doug Yeoman, Jack Parisian; **Second Row:** Coach Richey, Bill Walker, Ron Davis, Denny Carpenter, Joe Haney, Tom Shick, Dick Ambrose, Dick Dorn, Manager; **Third Row:** Bob Bratzler, Manager; John Overholt, Cary Hawkins.



Front Row: Jim Stevens, Fred Woolsey, Ward Rathbone, Bob White, Dave Coats, John Gaa, Brian Lawton. Second Row: Bill Jones, Roger Stoll, Lee Newland, Dave Cope,

Bob Boykin, Carson Neifert, Coach Brown. Third Row: Jerry Blomquist, Tom Shick, Bill Hoskins, Howard Belknap, Bill Walker, Chuck Gaa.

## Baseball

Kerry Byrnes '63 kindly notified the OHS Alumni Association of William's death.