



Timothy John Walker

November 26, 1960 - February 24, 2016

It is with great sadness the family of Tim Walker announces his sudden passing on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at the age of 55.

Predeceased by mother Patricia Walker, he leaves to cherish his memory his girls, wife Debbie and three daughters: Jordan, Lindsay, and Dayna, along with father Albert; brother Mike, and sister Kelly. Tim was an esteemed employee of ESRI Canada, and will be deeply missed by colleagues. Heavily involved in the Edmonton Youth Basketball Program, his volunteer contributions will always be appreciated by coaches, players, and parents. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Jerry Forbes Centre Foundation at www.jerryforbescentre.ca/.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Michael and family,
Very sad to hear about the passing of your brother Tim. While I only met him once at Sarah and Mike's wedding, it was very clear that he was a caring, fun and loving person who will be missed by everyone who knew him. My sincere condolences to all of you.*

Brenda Booth - March 05, 2016 at 05:38 AM

SM

“ *Deb and Family,*

I would like to send our deepest condolences to you. We both had the pleasure of working with Tim through youth basketball with both our sons. I remember Tim fondly as a person who volunteered his time because he loved kids and wanted to give them an opportunity to play. He will be missed.

Sue and Scott McIntyre

Scott McIntyre - March 03, 2016 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ *Deb, Jordan, Lindsay and Dayna,
We are so sorry to hear the sad news about Tim and we would like to extend sincere condolences to all of you and to Tim's extended family and friends. Your family and the whole community will sorely miss Tim and his spirit and organization abilities. Our thoughts are with all of you.*

Dave and Laurie Simonar and family.

D and L Simonar - March 02, 2016 at 11:29 PM

DG

“ *Debbie, girls and family:*

I am thinking about you during this highly difficult time. I first met Tim when he started at Esri Canada eight years back. I came to know him very well from the numerous procurements that we responded to. He and I were on the same wavelength; I very much appreciated his steady voice amidst a sometimes stressful work environment. I admired that he was a really good listener, with a respectful, caring approach. His experience, calm demeanor and creative, dry wit always set a positive tone. He will be missed.

David Green

David Green - March 02, 2016 at 08:44 AM

AI

“ *A gentleman and a true professional, Tim was a terrific person to know.*

Our deepest condolences to the Walker family.

~ Azteca Systems, Inc.

Azteca Systems, Inc. - March 02, 2016 at 08:22 AM

BC

“ Kelly,
Although I did not know Timothy and cannot share a memory with you I would like to say that my thoughts are with you at this sad time. Having lost both a brother and a sister in recent years I know how difficult it can be to get through this time. Celebrate Timothy's life with memories and laughter and wonderful thoughts. As time goes by it will get easier but the feelings you have for your brother will stay strong and you shall never ever forget the love you have for him. There will be moments in the weeks, months and years to come that Timothy will pop into your thoughts and you will smile, possibly shed a tear and speak aloud to him, this is how life is supposed to be. Remember, love and cherish Timothy's legacy.

*Sincerely,
Bernice Comeau
PWGSC St. John's, NL*

Bernice Comeau - March 02, 2016 at 08:10 AM

KK

“ Kelly I can't imagine the loss you and the family must be feeling. I know you took such joy in sharing your sense of humour with Tim, sharing stories about his girls and Gracie, and plotting your next quirky plan. Thoughts are with you and your family.
Kathy and Wayne

kathy knight - March 01, 2016 at 08:41 PM

BB

“ Sarah, Heard about your Uncle Tim, very sad news. I know he was very special to you. I'm so very sorry. May happy memories always keep him in your heart. xo
Brenda B

Brenda Booth - March 01, 2016 at 02:56 PM

AD

“ *Debbie and family,
Although I did not work that often with Tim, he impressed me very much. As my wife is almost the same age, it makes your loss that much more real to appreciate. Please accept my sincere condolences.*
Alain Dombrowski

Alain Dombrowski - March 01, 2016 at 11:24 AM

GE

“ *I first met Tim about 5 years ago on a project in Calgary, shortly after I first arrived to Canada. He was very supportive and encouraged me to move to Edmonton where he had many Lebanese friends. I will always hold a good memory of him.*

My condolences for your loss.
Ghassan El Eid

Ghassan El Eid - March 01, 2016 at 11:03 AM

SH

“ *Condolences to the Walker family. May his soul rest in peace. Tim will be dearly missed.*

Shahi

Shahi - March 01, 2016 at 10:46 AM

MH

“ *Kelly, we were so sorry to learn of Tim's sudden passing. Sharing a similar sense of humour and many good times, you will miss him terribly. See you back in Halifax. God bless, Muriel & Bill*

Muriel & Bill Hale - March 01, 2016 at 10:33 AM

RM

“Debbie and family, we are deeply saddened by the loss of Tim, who was a coach, mentor and friend to us all. His countless hours of volunteer work in the basketball community have helped shaped many young people's lives and his legacy of giving and positive spirit will live on forever. Our thoughts are with you and your loved ones at this difficult time. Tim made the world a better place and he will be fondly remembered by all of us.

*Rob, Shelley, Brianne and Amanda McDonald
Edmonton*

Rob McDonald - March 01, 2016 at 10:30 AM

DK

“I've had the honour of working with Tim on several projects at Esri Canada and I will always cherish the work and the fun we had during those times. Tim was a kind man who valued the people in his life. I thought I'd share some wise words Tim offered me recently:

"Losing a loved one is tough. However they also leave so many life lessons that you will never forget."

My sincere condolences to the Walker family. May you find comfort in the memories and in each other during this difficult time.

Danielle Kairovicius

Danielle Kairovicius - March 01, 2016 at 10:26 AM

KS

“Debbie, Jordan, Lindsay, Dayna and the rest of Tim's family,

Please accept my deepest condolences to you all.

Nothing will compare to your loss; however, I will forever miss the rare 'beauty' of Tim and his wonderful caring and truly calming nature.

No matter the situation he remained calm, cool and collected, while always remembering the 'human' and important aspects of life. This is a true and rare quality for anyone.

Even though I live and work out of our Vancouver office Tim welcomed me as one of the Prairie team at Esri Canada. He always made me feel a valuable part of his team. I absolutely loved working with him and the rest of the team he held in such high regard.

There was always work of course but one of the most beautiful things about Tim was he never forgot about the importance of family and life. He always took the time to talk with me about the other parts of our lives (sports, arts, family, wine) and a lot about how our children were doing - even if only for a quick minute before or after a meeting.

He was always happy to share with me his daughters achievements - such as Dayna's music video back in 2012 and her live 'gigs' in 2013 and beyond. He was so happy to help set up for these. He was so proud. He always had a special energy about him when talking about his family. This was perfect.

Your Tim was a wonderful person. He taught me a lot over the years, for this I will always be grateful.

He was truly a mentor and friend whom I miss dearly.

Please take care of each other as you move forward through this difficult time.

Kindest Regards

Karen Stewart

Karen Stewart - March 01, 2016 at 10:21 AM

HA

“ *Hala lit a candle in memory of Timothy John Walker*



Hala - March 01, 2016 at 09:42 AM

DG

“ *Debbie,*

Heather and I would like to extend our sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of Tim. I have had the pleasure of working with Tim for eight years. He set a great example for all through his consideration for others, good humour and calm demeanour. Tim will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Heather and David Gariepy
Bragg Creek*

David Gariepy - March 01, 2016 at 08:22 AM

DR

“ I worked with Tim for the past 3.5 years. While a relatively brief period of time, it was enough to learn that Tim was a man who put others first. He was the first to recommend team building activities and was vigilant in showing respect to his peers.

He will be remembered as a kind and caring person.

My sincerest condolences his family.

Dan Ruscheinski

Dan Ruscheinski - March 01, 2016 at 08:20 AM

RV

“ Kelly we are so sorry to hear about your brother's passing. Words are never enough but it is all we have at these moments. Kelly may you find comfort in the wonderful memories you both shared. He will always be there.

Randy and Jean

Randy Vallis - March 01, 2016 at 08:10 AM

RR

“ Kelly, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother Tim. My deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your family. May you find comfort in the many memories you have of Tim. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Robin Redman

Robin Redman - March 01, 2016 at 07:01 AM

MC

“ Oh Kelly, I'm so sorry about the loss of your brother Tim. I know how much you loved him and how close you were. And now seeing his picture, it's like looking at you. To you, Tim's wife and children, other family members, and friends, I send my condolences and positives vibes for strength and healing at this very challenging time in your lives. I hope you find comfort in sharing your memories of life with Tim. You are in my thoughts.
Love and hugs, Michele Cooke

Michele Cooke - March 01, 2016 at 06:26 AM

BA

“ We enjoyed many years of community basketball with Tim involved. We are so very sorry for this difficult loss. Thoughts and prayers to his family and may Tim rest in peace.

Brian Darlene Anstice - February 29, 2016 at 11:52 PM

MF

“ Deb I simply can't express my sadness on Tim's passing. You have such a wonderful and loving family.....my thoughts are with you and your daughters. My deepest sympathies.

Marty Forbes - February 29, 2016 at 10:55 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by the news of Tim's passing. Tim's dedication to youth basketball was exemplary and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Rob & Alison Poole
Victoria, BC*

Rob Poole - February 29, 2016 at 06:53 PM

PP

“ I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Tim’s sudden passing. I pass on my sincere condolences to Debbie, their daughters, Bert, Kelly and Mike.

I enjoyed many years of Tim’s friendship as we made our way from high school at Earl Haig, university at Mac and our first several years in the business world.

Tim was really smart in school, a great volleyball and basketball player but was even a better leader and organizer of our fun filled events and activities. From the Walker house parties he arranged, to leading us to living off campus at Mac, to arranging our great trip to Expo in Vancouver. All of these memories bring back smiles and laughter as Tim always made sure that everyone involved had a great time!

As Tim moved west and I stayed in our childhood neighbourhood of North York our communication waned. My memories these past years have remained fresh though as nearly everyday I pass by the Walker family home on Empress and when I think of Tim and the Walker’s a smile comes to my face!

Paul Petropoulos, North York

Paul Petropoulos - February 29, 2016 at 06:28 PM

BB

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Walker Family. Bert, your friends and colleagues at the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust are with you in thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Bruce Belliveau

Bruce Belliveau - February 29, 2016 at 01:54 PM

JN

“ I met Tim in person in 2008, when he started working for Esri Canada and came to our head office here in Toronto for his first big meeting. I looked at this man's kind face and his brilliantly excited eyes and had the immediate sensation that I had met him before. Sure enough, after a few minutes of questions back and forth, we came to realize that we knew each other in high school here in Toronto. Through that connection and our mutual respect for each other, I came to know Tim as one of the most generous, patient and trusting human beings this earth could ask for.

I will miss him very much and still can't stop crying every time I think about him.

You were taken away from us too soon Tim.

My sincere and deepest condolences to his wife Deb, and their 3 daughters.

Jacqueline Netoff

Jacqueline Netoff - February 29, 2016 at 11:15 AM

EH

“Unbelievably sad and heartbreaking news about Tim. To Debbie and daughters, Bert, Mike and Kelly, I send my condolences on your loss. I think you can all be proud of Tim knowing that he has left behind enduring impact on many of the lives he touched, including mine.

I met Tim at McMaster when he knocked on my door the first day. With the full beard, I assumed he was a grad student or something not a classmate and good friend to be. I was accepted into the Earl Haig band of brothers and spent a lot of time with Tim and have many lasting memories from those 4 years such as Zuma Beach, Santa's Sleigh and the GH club all of which Tim took a lead roll. After graduation when we both got jobs downtown we became roommates until Tim headed west. I will always remember the epic Grey Cup party in our apartment downtown.....

I was lucky to see Tim a couple of years back when he was in town for the Grey Cup. I remember thinking just how easy it was to just chat with your friend as if no time at all had passed.

When Tim was moving out west, one of the last things I remember is him giving me his prized waste paper basket with old Hollywood pictures and asking me to look after it for him. Three decades later, it sits right here in my home office. I'm still looking after it my friend.

Errol

Errol Hinds - February 29, 2016 at 07:02 AM

GA

“ I worked for Tim for 9 years. He was a great boss and built a work family that was great to be part of. He was a very important person in my life showing me how work can be enjoyable and how business can be done with integrity and passion. I was lucky enough to get to know Deb as well and meet the girls on several occasions. I have so many good memories of Tim and will cherish them.

Gregg Ambrosi - February 28, 2016 at 02:20 PM

GA

I think of this often, especially when I see a rubber chicken:
<https://youtu.be/7MBaGjVdalk>

Gregg Ambrosi - February 29, 2016 at 01:51 PM

DD

“ *Being a friend of Tim Walker was a package deal. Along with Tim there was of course his family -- the Walkers -- the energetic epicentre of Willowdale.*

There was Pat, Tim's ebullient mom and my "second" mom; The large-framed and unruffled Bert, Tim's dad; Kelley, Tim's sporty sister and the mysterious and challenging Mike, Tim's older brother. (To this day I really can't fathom how these five people could co-exist under one roof!)

To enter into Tim's life and household was a wonderful experience for me and a formative element of my youth. You were always welcome at the Walker's house and there you could feel looked after and loved -- it was truly a refuge.

Some special times that we had together were when we visited New York City in 1980 and went to the top of the world trade centre together. On the same trip we saw "A Chorus Line" -- one of the best performances either of us had ever seen. Knowing Tim loved the theatre makes the memory particularly poignant.

For me Tim was someone you could trust absolutely. There are things over the last three decades that I have shared with him that I know he never discussed with anyone else. If Tim had your back he REALLY had your back. He was loyal, intelligent, a born leader and a dear friend.

When my children have friends over to the house -- I think of the Walkers. When someone tells me something important in private -- I think of Tim.

Doug Darrah, Whitby ON

Doug Darrah - February 28, 2016 at 01:20 PM

“ Growing up with Tim – from Junior High through our university years – was to know someone who always took it upon himself to make things happen. Tim was a natural born leader and organizer, whether it was a trip, a party, or some other function he dreamed up.

Some of us moved from high school on to McMaster University together, and Tim and I ended up as roommates in our first year, at the infamous Woodstock Hall. It goes without saying there are too many memories to share here. But two, for whatever reason, stand out to me right now. I was an English major, and Tim majored in Engineering. Come exam time, I didn't have all that much (any?) pressure. But I'd sit there and watch Tim make up a very comprehensive, expertly engineered 7-day exam schedule that was beyond anything I could muster. Yet, as soon as he completed it, he would erase things, and start rearranging it. I think he spent more time on that schedule than he did on the studying.

A second memory is Hallowe'en in that same first year. Being poor students, we had to be resourceful when it came to costumes. Tim decided he would go out as a bag of laundry. We spent quite a while helping get him put together, and sealing everything up tight in a huge bag around his body so that it all held together. It was only when he was walking out the door, all set for the party, that he realized he hadn't accounted for having to go to the washroom. That is maybe the only time I can remember Tim not being prepared for something.

I am so glad that we managed to catch up again a few years ago, when Tim came to Toronto with some Edmonton buddies for the Grey Cup. My condolences to you and your girls, Debbie. And to you Bert, Mike and Kelly.

Tim truly was a life force. His loss leaves us all somewhat diminished.

Brian Howlett, Toronto.

Brian Howlett - February 28, 2016 at 10:03 AM

CC

“ *This is truly very sad news. I wish you all my deepest sympathy and condolences. Please find peace in togetherness and rely on each other for the support you will need from each other for the rest of your lives. He will never leave our hearts and rest assured he will ALWAYS be with us....lots of love to you all....Christine Crockett-Fleming*



Christine Crockett-Fleming - February 27, 2016 at 11:02 PM

SM

My condolences to you and your family Debbie. I hope you find comfort in family and friends during this very difficult and sad time. (Silvia Mercuri)

Silvia Mercuri - February 28, 2016 at 07:33 AM

GF

*I'm deeply sorry for your lose Debbie, girls and all 'Walkers' family. Tim's creative, fun and passionate personality was one of the reasons GDS was not only the place where we worked the fingers to the bone but we also had a lot of fun.
My condolences,
Grace Ferenc*

Grace Ferenc - February 28, 2016 at 10:09 PM

MH

So sad to hear about Tim. My condolences to his wife, girls, family and friends. I knew Tim as a kid, he was so cute and funny growing up. I was friends with his older brother Mike. It was always a Party at the Walkers home, so full of love and laughter.... My best years back then were hanging out with the family, His dad taught me to sail.... His mom to travel the world...I do...It was always an adventure. Pat was a very cool mom as Dad, Bert taught us how to enjoy Life better. We all grew up Healthy/happy and moved on in life. I watch so many friends grow through Facebook and looked forward to hearing about all the adventures, life styles of the amazing Walker family. I'm retired and live in Florida for the winters and will miss any services for Tim, but will be thinking, praying for the Family, God Bless all gods children. Mark Hanna, Toronto/Italy.

Mark Hanna - February 29, 2016 at 04:21 PM

JF

Sincere condolences to Debbie, the girls and all of Tim's family. Your husband, father, son, brother was a remarkable individual who clearly made an impression on all. While I have not had the opportunity to connect often in recent years. I have nothing but good memories. We met our first year of university at McMaster and through those years he was just a great guy to be around. We had too many laughs to recount but Tim never lost sight of why he was there and always kept things in perspective. When I was unable to find student housing, he was the first to offer me his couch. We became roommates the following year and that's when his organizational and leadership skills really became evident to me. Nothing but great memories of those days and so many with Tim Walker right in the middle. My thoughts are with you all.

Jim Foster - March 01, 2016 at 07:28 PM