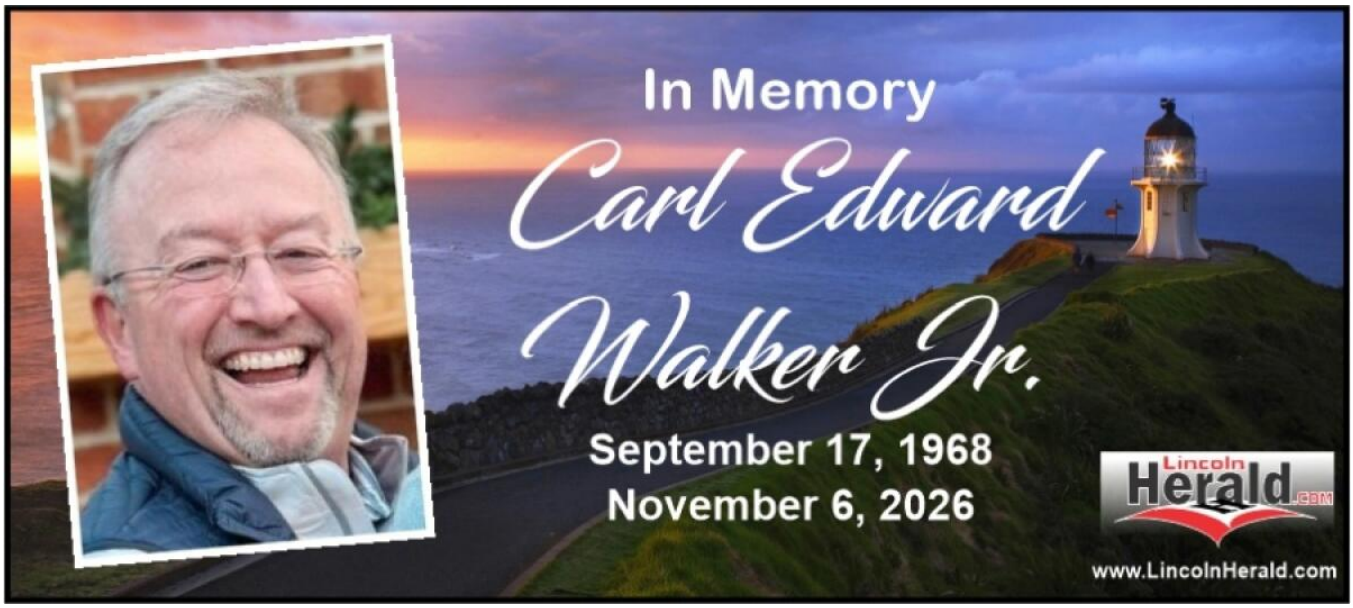


Carl Edward Walker Jr.!

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C.—Carl Edward Walker Jr., affectionately known as "Eddie," 58, of Huntersville, passed away unexpectedly on November 6, 2026, leaving behind a lifetime of laughter, cherished memories, and a love that will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Born and raised in Lincolnton, North Carolina, Eddie was truly one of a kind. He was kindhearted, hardworking, endlessly loving, and effortlessly hilarious. He had a gift for conversation — and anyone who knew Eddie knew there was rarely a quiet moment when he was around. He could make anyone laugh, turn an ordinary moment into a memorable one, and make the people around him feel loved. He had a heart of gold and was the kind of man who would drop everything to help someone in need, never asking for anything in return.

Above all else, Eddie loved his family. His daughter, Carlie, was his pride and joy, and there was nothing he wouldn't do for her. His love for her was unwavering, and being her father was one of the greatest joys of his life. He was so proud of her accomplishments at school and on the volleyball court traveling with her team to tournaments all over the Southeast. He served as a coach for her basketball team and as a mentor for her Girl Scout troop activities. Anything that he could

do to support and cheer on Carlie, he was first in line to do so. He also held a special place in the hearts of his great-niece and -nephew, Ivy and Knox, who lovingly knew him as "Eddie Uncle", a nickname as sweet and unforgettable as the bond they shared. He spent many days and nights in Lincolnton cheering each of them on at their soccer and baseball games, playing catch in the backyard or in their new pool.

Eddie had an unmatched loyalty for anything and everything Carolina Tar Heels. A devoted fan through and through, he rarely missed a game, whether it was football, basketball, or baseball. If the Tar Heels were playing, you could count on Eddie being tuned in and cheering them on. Most recently, he made the trip to Chapel Hill for the Carolina–Notre Dame football game, another special memory in a lifetime of Tar Heel pride. His loyalty also extended to his beloved Washington Redskins, a team he proudly supported through thick and thin.

Some of Eddie's favorite traditions were his annual guys' golf trips to Myrtle Beach with his brother-in-law, Dr. John Cloninger III, and best friend, Graham Perkins, along with whichever lucky few managed to secure one of those highly coveted invitations. Those trips were about far more than golf; they were filled with laughter, friendship, questionable bets, a lot of smack-talking, unforgettable stories, and the kind of memories that only get better with time. Whether he was on the golf course, cheering on his favorite teams, or simply enjoying the company of those he loved, Eddie had a way of making every moment memorable.

One of the most beautiful chapters of Eddie's life began nearly four years ago when he met his fiancée, Lisa. Having both experienced marriage before, neither had any intention of walking down the aisle again. But sometimes life brings us exactly what we need when we least expect it. What began as an unexpected connection quickly grew into a love neither could have imagined — a love that changed both of their lives.

Together, they found in one another a best friend, a constant source of laughter, an unwavering support system, and, most importantly, a soulmate. Eddie had a

special way of breaking down walls, bringing comfort where it was needed most, and reminding those he loved that they never had to face life alone. He and Lisa shared a love built on friendship, laughter, adventure, and the simple joy of being together.

Their love extended beyond just the two of them. Eddie became a beloved part of Lisa's family, warmly embraced and deeply loved by her daughters, Erin and Shannon. He brought laughter, comfort, and happiness into their lives, building a bond that went far beyond circumstance. He was family in every way that mattered, and the place he holds in their hearts will always remain his.

Eddie and Lisa made beautiful memories traveling to Arches, Zion, and Bryce National Parks, Las Vegas, St. Petersburg, Park City, Savannah, the Grand Canyon, and their beloved Hilton Head Island, where they spent many cherished weekends together. It was at Hilton Head, just a few months ago, that Eddie asked Lisa to marry him. They were joyfully planning their wedding for Memorial Day weekend 2027, looking forward to a lifetime of memories still to be made. Although their time together was far too short, the love they found was the kind that many spend their entire lives searching for. Their story is a reminder that it is never too late to find your person, that love can arrive when you least expect it, and that some people are simply meant to find one another.

Eddie was preceded in death by his father, Carl Edward Walker Sr.

He leaves behind his beloved daughter, Carlie Walker; his loving fiancée, Lisa Lunny, and her daughters, Erin Wilson and Shannon Lunny; his mother, Sue Walker; his sister and brother-in-law, Sherry and Dr. John Cloninger III; his brother, Kenny Walker; his niece and nephew, Kendra and Mac Bell; his great-niece and -nephew, Ivy and Knox Bell; and countless family members, friends, and loved ones whose lives were made brighter simply by knowing him.

To know Eddie was to love him. His smile was infectious. His laughter was contagious, his conversations were never short, and his heart was big enough to make everyone feel like family. He leaves behind an immeasurable absence, but also an incredible legacy of kindness, laughter, loyalty, and love.

While there were so many more stories to tell, rounds of golf to play, places to explore, and memories to make, those who loved Eddie will forever be grateful for the ones they were lucky enough to share with him.

He will be deeply missed, endlessly loved, and never forgotten.

Memorial Service will be held Thursday November 12, 2026, at Warlick Funeral Home. Please wear blue, in honor of Eddie's great love for the Carolina Tar Heels, 125 Dave Warlick Dr, Lincolnton NC 28092. Receiving 10-11 a.m. Service 11 a.m. Burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery to follow.