

Jon Thomas Walker

Jon Thomas Walker passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022 in Austin, Texas at the age of 48. He is survived by his wife Meredith Fitzpatrick of Austin, Texas, his brother J.D. Walker of San Diego, California and parents Gwen Walker and Jim Walker (Colonel, USAF, Ret.) of Tucson, Arizona, who each loved him dearly.

Jon was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas on October 8, 1973. As a military dependent he grew up on the move – living in Arkansas, Alabama, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and as far away as Naples, Italy. His travels included sojourns in England, France, Germany, Austria, Greece, Mexico, Australia, and New Zealand.

Beyond a doubt, Jon's defining characteristic was his intellect – nurtured by his parents, and developed despite the influence of his older brother. He loved both the fine arts and the sciences. He was kind-hearted and caring, mischievous, introspective, creative, and adored by his family and friends. Foreshadowing his future career, Jon devoured the works of Arthur Conan Doyle. He is rumored to have shed a tear upon visiting 221-B Baker Street in London and realizing the famous address was simply a brass plaque on an otherwise unremarkable façade. Similar to Doyle's hero, Jon reveled in minutia of all kinds with an affinity for movie quotes and grammatical accuracy. He famously once said "this is that with which I am down" to express his approval of a given circumstance. Film, philosophy, food, and friends dominated his daily life as an adult. He immensely enjoyed cooking and hosting dinner parties with friends, who will also greatly miss his wry sense of humor.

Jon graduated from James Bowie High School in Austin in the summer of 1991. He was accepted into the University of Texas' Plan II program and initially pursued a path of education in Literature and Mechanical Engineering. Ultimately, he graduated with a degree in English Literature, but continued to express his love of the sciences by tutoring fellow students in physics.

After graduation Jon was accepted to the 89th cadet class at the Austin Police Academy on January 6th, 1997. He was commissioned as an Austin Police Officer on July 25th, 1997. Jon retired as a detective after 23 years protecting the people of Austin. While outwardly modest in speaking about his career, Jon considered his service to the department as his finest achievement. He loved his time in the department and the camaraderie of his co-workers.

Jon's tragic passing has left a deep well of sorrow that will not easily be capped. He will forever be loved and terribly missed. Jon Thomas Walker has left indelible marks upon the souls of those who knew him.

A memorial service and celebration of Jon's life will be held on April 8, 2022 at 11:00 am at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 5416 Parkcrest Drive, Austin, Texas. An intimate reception for family and dear friends is planned following the ceremony. Details will be provided by the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to Austin Cops for Charities at: <http://www.austinc4c.com/home.shtml>

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.cookwaldenforestoaks.com for the Walker family.