



## Walker Stewart Dross

January 16, 2011

Walker Stewart Dross passed away Sunday at his lake home in Skaneateles, NY. Walker was born Feb. 4, 1949 in Paterson, NJ the son of Cornelius W. Dross, DDS and Catherine Scobie Dross. He was baptized at the First Methodist Church in Hawthorne, NJ and grew up in Ridgewood, NJ. Walker graduated from Ridgewood High School in 1968 and attended the Columbia School of Pharmacy and Fort Lauderdale University. After college Walker lived in Florida and New Jersey and was actively involved in banking, marketing research and real estate. He was a sports car enthusiast, floral gardener, furniture restorer who enjoyed hosting family and friends at the lake. Walker is survived by his brothers Harry J. Dross and wife Karen of Syracuse, NY and William R. Dross and wife Betty of Meadville, Pa, as well as, nephews William R. Dross Jr., Christopher R. Dross of Meadville, PA, Robert A. Dross of Boston, MA and niece Sandra E. Dross of Seattle, WA, grandnieces Elizabeth Dross, Chelsea Krasa, Cassandra Dross, Julianna Dross and grandnephews Brock Krasa and Aaron Stallsmith. Memorial services will be held 5:00 PM Saturday at Park Central Presbyterian Church, 504 E. Fayette St. at Townsend in Syracuse. Interment will be at the family plot in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Totowa, NJ. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to: St. James Thrift Store c/o St. James Episcopal Church 96 East Genesee St. Skaneateles, NY 13152. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus. Please sign his guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com).



# Tribute Wall

RR

“ To the Dross Family, I am so very sorry to hear of Walker's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Although Walker and I didn't know each other during our days at Ridgewood High, we later connected through Classmates and Facebook and quickly became friends. Walker was a very kind person and a true gentleman. I will very greatly miss receiving his kind emails, almost daily Facebook wall posts and seeing his wonderful photos, as well as receiving his advice about gardening and photography, both of which he was very talented at. I feel honored to have gotten to know him through Facebook and to have been able to tell him several times, the last being in a 1/14 email, how much I truly cherished and appreciated his friendship. Walker will indeed be very much missed. Sincerely, Ruth Rothschild

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**Ruth Rothschild** - January 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To the Dross Family We are so sorry for the loss of our good neighbor Walker. Our sympathies to the family; he will be missed. Doug and Judy Robertson

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**Douglas & Judith Robertson** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Although I didn't know Walter personally, I wish to offer my sincere condolences to your family. He apparently was a wonderful and well-loved man. Sincerely, Margaret (Egerton/RHS'67) Foxon

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**Margaret Foxon** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ My sincere sympathies go to the family and friends of Walker. It was so good to see him at our last RHS reunion. I'm so glad that he made the commitment to attend. My fondest memory was going with a large group to a pre junior prom dinner at the Duck Cedar Inn. ( and he looked so handsome in his tuxedo!) My late husband and I actually bought the home on East Ridgewood Ave that Walker had grown up in. We raised 3 BOYS there, too, and my husband practiced Dentistry! Walker was a gentleman, a pleasure to know and call a friend. I loved how his sweater and socks always matched! Heaven's gardens will be even more beautiful now. Debby Muster Monroe Tarvin

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**Debby Tarvin** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Dear Harry, I was so saddened to hear of Walker's passing. He has been a very steadfast and special neighbor and friend to my mother over the years and I know that his passing will touch her deeply. I send my deepest condolences to your entire family for your loss. Erika

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**Erika Kindlund** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ It is with great sadness I send my condolences to the Dross Family. I too knew Walker at Somerville School and right through RHS. Walker's wonderful spirit touch many of us with his willingness to share, his kindness, thoughtfulness - he will truly be missed.

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**Dodi Nelson Jennings** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ Dear Harry and Bill, I am so sorry and shocked about the loss of Walker. He was truly a good friend and I enjoyed our emails and phone conversations. We reminisced about our younger days at Ridgewood H.S, Walker was a kind, empathetic, sensitive, and peaceful man. My prayers are with you and I know Walker will always be in my heart. holly

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**holly handy lawson** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Dross Family. I knew Walker back in the days of Sommerville School. We had reconnected on FB and I was amazed at what a fantastic memory he had and all the amusing anecdotes he would post. Loved all his photos too. I'll truly miss him and I'm sure you have wonderful memories to help console you.

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**Connie Pastras** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am so shocked to have lost this good and kind friend. I went to RHS with him, but came to know him best through Facebook. His almost daily emails were full of life, with advice about gardening, cooking and just thoughts of the moment. He was a good friend and I already miss him.

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**Jill Kennedy** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Bill, Betty Dross and family our deepest sympathy with the loss of your brother Walker. Helen and Bob

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**Helen and Bob Beier** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our memories of Walker's contributions to all of our lives will remain with us. His love for the flowers, furniture re-finishing and love for the lake house were remarkable. We will miss him. To Harry and Karen, Bill and Betty, we wish you our deepest condolences. May Walker's memory live with you.

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**Brian and Laurie Behling** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ bill and betty dross and family, deepest regrets from our family to yours.

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**paul r. pontillo** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My deepest sympathy to Walker's family. Walker was a gentle man and a cherished friend. And, on behalf of Ridgewood Expats, I extend our collective condolences. We miss you Walker.

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**Sue Mortimer** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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**Sue Mortimer** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

*“ In this difficult time we are thinking of you and sending you thoughts of love and support and many prayers. Thinking of you on this sad occasion, hoping that your fond memories will help sustain you in this time of sadness. The Surgery/Anesthesia/CPD Departments @ Meadville Medical Center.*

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**Surgery/Anesthesia/CPD Meadville Medical Center** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

*“ Harry and karen I am so sorry for your loss my though are with you*

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**cass moon** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

*“ TO BETTY AND BILL AND TO ALL OF THE DROSS FAMILY, I WILL MISS WALKER VERY MUCH. SINCE MEETING HIM AT THE LAKE HOUSE WE HAVE KEPT IN TOUCH. ON MANY DAYS HE WAS THE LIGHT OF MY DAY WITH HIS E MAILS AND E CARDS. HE NEVER MISSED A HOLIDAY. I WISH I HAD GOTTEN ANOTHER CHANCE TO VISIT WITH HIM, HE WILL BE IN MY HEART ALWAYS. LOTS OF LOVE, TERRY*

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**TERRY RAYMOND** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

*“ I never met Walker in person and Bruce had not seen him in many years but he seemed to be a friendly soul. He sent us lovely cards with personal messages for any occasion that he seemed to think would require them. He kept in touch with his aunt who is Bruce's mother by telephone and had a long friendly talk with her not long before he died.*

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**Elaine Behling** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ To the Dross family: Again my deepest condolences go out to you.  
Miss ya Walk! Chris

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**Carol Lutz - Garton** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Bill and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult  
time. May the Lord be with you, Tom & Chris Nuzback

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**Tom & Chris Nuzback** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ To all of the family and friends of Walker, I am deeply saddened to  
hear of Walker's untimely death. Through the use of social media,  
Walker & I shared many thoughts and ideas. And he too shared so  
much of what he loved.....flowers, cooking, and his love of  
sports, especially the Orangemen of Syracuse. We all will miss his  
kindness and caring for each and everyone whose life he touched. I  
miss you Walker, Hal

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**Hal D** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Harry, Karen, Bill and Betty, as a follow-up to my earlier e-mail message, I wanted to post this message, again expressing my sincere condolences at this time of loss of a special guy. Mark

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**Mark Fuller** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Dear Harry and Karen, My deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. It is never easy to say goodbye to a loved one no matter how old. You were very close to him and I know he will be greatly missed. Memories are a wonderful thing and I hope that the memories of Walker will make his passing a little less hurtful. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gretchen

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**Gretchen Van Emburgh** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ To all of the Dross family: our deepest condolences from Walker's friends at Ridgewood High School. We will all miss him!

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**Ralph Tileston** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Dear Harry & Karen, Bill & Betty, I'm still having trouble believing that Walker is no longer with us. He was the closest in age of all of you to me, his cousin. He was the best person (other than my Mom) to talk to when the competition playing ping-pong or basketball at your house in Ridgewood got unspeakably competitive. I will miss him very much. Love to all of you, Bunny

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**Elizabeth Oestreicher** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Harry, So sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. I know you will miss and remember him always. Please accept my best wishes.

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**Lois Chertow** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Walker's passing. I have good memories of the Dross family during our high school years. Please accept my condolences.

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**Kurt Lutz** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Oh Harry, I'm so sorry to hear about Walker. I know how much you loved each other, and how much you enriched each other's loves.  
Hugs, Liz

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**Elizabeth Handler** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM