



Mr. Welford Washington Walker

December 23, 1938 - June 13, 2025

Entered into eternal rest on Friday, June 13th, 2025. He is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Helene; one daughter Brigitte (Donya); one son, Jacques (Kelli) 4 grandchildren (Blake, Pearce, Mackenzie, JP); and a host of other relatives, friends, and colleagues. Welford is preceded in death by his twin brother, Wilbur. Visitation will be held Thursday July 17th, 2025, at 10:00 AM until the memorial service at 11:00 AM at Marshall- March Funeral Home located at 4217 9th St. NW, Washington DC 20011.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Welford Washington Walker*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - July 16, 2025 at 04:23 PM

TD

“ *Timothy D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.*

Timothy D. - January 19 at 05:10 PM

TD

“ *Duke and I were Buck Sergeants in the USAF SAC Bangor ME. He was my best friend during those last 2 years 1964-66. We talked on the phone many times about our great memories together. He was a wonderful friend and person. I emailed him about a year ago and didn't hear back. I just found this obituary and I am so sorry he is gone. He talked about his kids and wife all the time. My prayers to you all in this time of sadness.*

Timothy Davis - January 19 at 05:08 PM

WG

“ With love and sympathy, the Guillaumes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.



With love and sympathy, the Guillaumes - July 15, 2025 at 10:14 PM

YF

“ Yves Robitaille’s family. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.



Yves Robitaille’s family. - July 15, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.



July 14, 2025 at 10:19 PM

TP

“ Terry & Linda Payne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.

Terry & Linda Payne - July 14, 2025 at 12:35 PM

TP

“ Terry & Linda Payne purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.



Terry & Linda Payne - July 14, 2025 at 12:35 PM

ME

“ Maria and Elvis purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.



Maria and Elvis - July 14, 2025 at 10:55 AM

ME

“ Maria and Elvis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.

Maria and Elvis - July 14, 2025 at 10:55 AM

AC

“ Aya, Ayana and Cheick Coulibaly purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.



Aya, Ayana and Cheick Coulibaly - July 13, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.



July 12, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ Andrea and Charles Corpening planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.

Andrea and Charles Corpening - July 11, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ Andrea and Charles Corpening purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Welford Washington Walker.



Andrea and Charles Corpening - July 11, 2025 at 06:52 PM

LK

“ I met Welford while working at the U.S. Agency for International Development as a Contract Specialist. One of the documents I dealt with when I first started working there in the early 80s had something to do with excess property which was handled by folks located in Cumberland, Pennsylvania (if I recall correctly). Later in the late 80s or early 90s someone brought Welford Walker to my desk to introduce me to him since I would be working on the SBA 8(a) contract that would handle that program. Welford explained to me years later what the excess property was all about – finding homes for property no longer needed by the Government. I retired in Jan 2007. I would run into him at the Giant Grocery Store located on Eastern Avenue and Riggs Rd. in Hyattsville, Md. During the COVID crisis, I was sitting at the Pharmacy after getting my second shot when he walked by. I couldn't think of his name so I yelled out “Excess Property.” He came over to me and we talked for a while as he told me about a former co worker who had died. I last saw him a year or so ago at Giant.

I wish the best to his family at this sad moment for them.

Loretta King

Loretta King - July 10, 2025 at 06:03 PM

WE

“ I was blessed to have been introduced to "Wel Wel" in 2008 through my former nonprofit organization, Loving Hugs, Inc. Welford was a magician at connecting people and organizations to multiply and maximize the good we could provide to the world.

He drew people together who had strong hearts of commitment to helping the world in its times of trouble. I've never met anyone like him before, or since! His generosity made an enormous difference to me and our outreach, enabling me to meet the amazing people he introduced me to, our group of Caped Crusaders!

My favorite Wel Wel story of all time(!):

I was living in Colorado and am an early riser; my now former husband...not so much. Wel Wel forgot that I was 2 hours behind his time zone when he called me early one morning, about 6:30 am. I answered the phone quietly and took a large sip of tea. When I answered, Wel Wel said, "Good morning, Wendy! I've got Senator Denton on the line!" I was so (happily!) surprised that I ended up spewing my tea across the room, nearly choking, and said, "Good morning, Welford(!), and Senator Denton, what a pleasure to meet you!" LOL! I hoped they couldn't hear the tea spewing in a spray from my mouth. I was aiming for professionalism. Lol! It has brought me many giggles with this fond memory since then.

I truly have never met a more generous heart, soul, and fun spirit in a person, without judgment, and all in giving, kindness, compassion, and caring. Heaven has received one of the world's A-Team members! We were all blessed to know and work with Welford. What a blessing he has been in my life. I not only learned a lot from Wel Wel, but he also introduced me to so many amazing, great human beings. God bless you, Wel Wel, through eternity.

Wendy - July 01, 2025 at 10:43 AM

CD

“ Walker (that is what I called him) and I worked together at USAID for 15 years as contractors. We worked well together. He was a remarkable man. He could network like I had never seen before. After our contract ended in 2010, we remained friends for all these years. He was like a father figure to me. He was my political advisor. We had a lot of good laughs and I will truly miss him. I find myself remembering some of his famous sayings, while we worked together. He was always trying to “Save the World”, while “Cooking with Gas” and it was “Nothing But A House Party” when a plan came together at USAID! Walker did amazing work at USAID with the LEPP Excess Property Program.

Walker loved and cherished his family. I want to express my sincere condolences to Mrs. Walker, Jacques and Brigitte. He always shared wonderful stories of his grandchildren. He was so proud of them all. Walker enjoyed all the trips he and Mrs. Walker took together while we worked at USAID together. He also loved to go to the beach with his family.

Once again, he will truly be missed!

Charlene Donfor

Charlene Donfor - June 25, 2025 at 01:42 PM

SC

“ An Unsung Hero of American “Soft Power”.

The USG has many areas of administrative duties. One of the largest areas is the effective management of property. That includes tangible property, vehicles, and supplies. But what about “excess property” or property that no longer had use to the USG?

As USAID’s former coordinator of the Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP), Welford was the point person that coordinated the distribution of excess property from the US military, federal agencies and non governmental organizations (NGOs). He would then find available cargo space on military planes through the Denton Humanitarian Assistance Program to transport these items to needy recipients worldwide. USAID offices overseas would work with Welford to identify excess property that was available and then Welford would coordinate with NGOs to transport the property to US military air fields for shipment overseas. This was always a complex and logistical challenge. It was also a wildly popular and successful act of generosity of our government to countries in need. Welford was essential to its success.

In the 1980s, Welford coordinated getting needed supplies to Peace Corps Volunteers such as motorcycle helmets and medicines. He continued his critical and under the radar support as a USAID contractor for many of us in finding excess property for needy recipients in our countries of assignment.

Welford Walker was a friend to many of us in USAID and Peace Corps and an unsung hero of America’s “Soft Power”. He was a true patriot, full of joy and energy and always a pleasure to be with.

Stephen Callahan - June 20, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JR

I knew Welford at Peace Corps in the late 1970s. He was a great colleague, always had a smile on his face and always ready to help get something moving to support operations overseas. His family can be proud of his great public service legacy.

James Robertson - June 29, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - June 18, 2025 at 04:24 PM