



Gayden Walker Robert

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Gayden Walker Robert , “Walker” died at University Hospital in New Orleans on Tuesday October 23rd, 2018.

Walker was a graduate of NOCCA (New Orleans Center of Creative Arts). He then attended Florida State University, and graduated with a BA in Music from Loyola University of New Orleans.

Walker had a big heart coupled with a complex and beautiful mind. He had an incredible passion for creative pursuits including (but not limited to) writing and performing, discovering, and sharing music. In recent years he also realized a passion for teaching children. It was sometimes hard for us mortals to process his talent, quick wit, and rapid fire intellect.

He is survived by his Wife, Yifan Chen, whose kind and gentle demeanor helped to soothe a sometimes troubled soul. Also survived by his parents, A Gayden Robert Jr and Jan Marie Toca Robert. Also survived by his sister Marguerite Claire “Maggie” Robert. His maternal Grandparents survive him: Melvin Martin Toca and Alice Walker Toca. He is predeceased by his paternal grandparents Agrippa Gayden Robert and Mary Lewis Mayer Robert. Walker is also survived by numerous loving Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

It would be remiss not to include as survivors the wonderful village and tribe of friends who helped to raise him and support our family (you know who you are).

Many thanks to the wonderful Emergency Department and ICU staff at University who saw us through the last few days of Walker’s life. Also thanks to the staff of LOPA (Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency), who helped Walker to live on in the lives of others in a very real way.

Also, a very special thanks to Dr Robert Blanche, who tackled a herculean task with unwavering resolve.



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There will be a memorial ceremony on Friday October 26 at 5 PM, at the Columbia Street Landing on the Bogue Falaya river in downtown Covington. As would suit Walker, informality will rule, so dress and act accordingly.

We request no flowers or gifts. If you must, please send a donation to NAMI St Tammany (National Alliance on Mental Illness). PO Box 2055, Mandeville, LA 70470. That would be greatly appreciated.

Peace and love at last to Walker.




Events


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Memorial Services

 **Friday**, October 26, 2018

 5:00 PM CT

 **Columbia Street Landing**
100 N Columbia Street, Covington LA 70433



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JC

John Chew posted:

Walker came to see my baby soon after he was born here in Hong Kong. He brought a loaf of bread he had purchased in China which he brought back to Hong Kong. It was an odd gift, a partially eaten loaf of bread a few days old, but I accepted the gift graciously as he did go out of his way to visit me. I had a fiddle on hand, and he played the beginning of the Bach Chaconne in D Minor for me. I hadn't been in touch with Walker after he returned home to the States. This is a shock for me. I wish the Roberts' and family my deepest condolences.

November 12 at 3:55 AM

CC

Chloe Coombe posted:

Jeff and I are sad to hear of your great loss. Our prayers are with you all for comfort and peace.

October 26 at 3:02 PM

RM

Rafael Montoya posted:

I have so many memories with Walker. Such an amazing human and great friend. I'll miss him so much, my heart goes out to his family and all his friends!

October 25 at 10:55 AM

CB

Carolyn E. Burn Burns posted:

Dear Jan and Gayden, Sending tender thoughts honoring Walker and you all. I remember Walker and Nick gliding joyously and in teenage freedom on their skateboards down Jefferson Avenue and poking banter around a table at Emily DaMoor's house. I totally related to the energy of mastery and exploration they exuded. Carolyn Burns

October 25 at 4:42 AM



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ED

Emily Demoor posted:

I have so many fond memories of Walker, it's hard to know which to share. My son, Nick Corbello, and Walker were closest of friends. Nick's 16th birthday party was a formal tea party (Nick's idea, not mine). I made various teas in lovely tea pots, set out my best china, and bought the finest pastries I could find on the North Shore of New Orleans. The young ladies and men came in final attire -- the ladies with dresses and heels; one with a hot pink purse to match her hot pink hair. Walker had on blue jeans with a white, button-down shirt (untucked), tie, and black formal jacket. During our high tea, Walker serenaded us with beautiful, classical music on violin. Afterwards, we moved to the living room. The guys took off their white shirts and spent another couple of hours in their wild and colorful T-shirts, jamming as only "Giraffe Sauce Mandigo" (the name of their band) could. The beautiful lines of Walker's violin improvisations wove a counterpoint to the melodies created by guitars, keyboard and upright bass. I can still hear Walker's violin playing -- sweet, lovely and lyrical -- accompanying my memories of that delightful day. An incredibly versatile musician, he brought a touch of genius to our lives. I am forever grateful for his imprint on our minds and hearts. The last time I spoke to Walker was shortly before he left China. It was a Skype call, so I decided to show him my backyard garden. I remember him laughing and smiling as I walked around, showing him the various plants. I had no idea this would be the last memory I would have of him, but it surely a lovely one! Love you, Walker! Emily DeMoor

October 24 at 4:55 PM

ED

Emily Demoor October 25 at 1:38 AM

It should hand said "formal" attire above. I don't know how to edit it.

JR

Jan Robert posted:

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October 24 at 3:59 PM

SC

Sonia Coppock posted:

Curt and I send you our loving thoughts and prayers! I have fond memories of Kaycie and Walker attending NOCCA together and will keep those memories near and dear to me. Sonia and Curt Coppock

October 24 at 1:15 PM



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Lisa Zenor posted:

Walker Man you are now free to make the beautiful music you so lovingly shared. Hug Uncle Hank and Aunt Meegs for us!! We love and miss you. Aunt Lisa, Uncle Cal, Alex and Hank

October 24 at 9:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gayden by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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