

Delno Proctor Walden Jr.

June 4, 1953 - March 14, 2025

Delno Proctor Walden Jr., son of Delno Walden and Helen Naomi (Brundage) Bagby, was born on June 4, 1953, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He passed away on March 14, 2025, in Springdale, Arkansas, at the age of 71.

A true anomaly for those who got to know him, Delno was a jokester, a history buff, and an eclectic music fan who loved both classic rock and opera. Though he had no interest in big crowds or ever visiting New York City, he was almost always seen wearing a Yankees baseball cap—or, just as often, his signature pith helmet—paired with cut-off overalls, a look that endlessly embarrassed his children.

Delno found the most joy in life's simple pleasures. He cherished time at home with his wife of 32 years, Kim, where they spent their days gardening, stargazing, and enjoying quiet moments on the porch.

Delno retired from Franklin Electric in 2008 after 35 years of service. He and his wife Kim then bought Arkansas Air Fragrances, a commercial fragrance company that will continue to operate under her ownership. Known as the self-appointed “Smeller Feller” to his customers, Delno was often the highlight of their month with his quick quips and monthly jokes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Bagby and Delno Walden;

his sisters, Tiana Proctor and Linda Wilmoth; his brother Larry; and his grandson, Caleb Nash.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kim Walden of Gentry, AR; his children, Tonya Nash and husband Brian of Gentry, AR, Amy Jech of Gentry, AR, Derek Jech of New York City, NY, and Delno Proctor Walden III (Trey) of Gentry, AR; and his grandchildren, Drew, Lilly, Myah, Harlee, and Aspyn, all of Gentry, AR. He is also survived by his sisters Valena, Eula, Debbie, and several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and many dear friends, colleagues, and customers.

Delno will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him. While he has moved on from this world, he'd like everyone to know he's enjoying the peace and quiet—so no need to drop by for a visit anytime soon.

Service Details:

Thursday, March 27th

Wasson's Funeral Home – Siloam Springs, AR

-10:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Visitation

-11:00 AM - 11:30 AM: Break

-11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Celebration of Life Service

Delno was never one for pomp and circumstance. Please wear casual clothes and bring a funny story about him. If you're willing, share your story during the service—yes, there will be a mic, and yes, you are encouraged to be as colorful as he was.

There will be no graveside service, but rest assured, he will be placed at Springtown Cemetery, where he can officially be left alone in peace.

Cemetery Details

Springtown Cemetery

Springtown, AR
Springtown, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Kim, We were so sad to hear of Delano’s passing. He always made us smile when we saw him. You will continue to be in our prayers.

Ann Smythe - April 02, 2025 at 10:33 PM

BC

“ Brenda Cain- I will miss seeing Delno riding his 4 wheeler, side saddle to Tommy and Ruths on Saturday morning to deliver cinnamon rolls he had just made.His apron, cut off overalls, cap and tennis shoes. He would stop and visit sometimes if I was in the yard but, only after he had made his delivery. Loved his humor!!

Brenda Cain - March 27, 2025 at 10:07 AM

BS

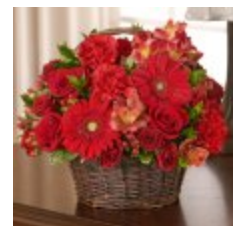
“ Bill Staggs lit a candle in memory of Delno Walden



Bill Staggs - March 26, 2025 at 09:41 PM

GS

“ Gary Southern purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Delno Proctor Walden Jr..



Gary Southern - March 26, 2025 at 05:16 PM

WN

“ Wes and Lou Nash purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Delno Proctor Walden Jr..



Wes and Lou Nash - March 26, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Delno Proctor Walden Jr..



March 25, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JK

“ Jim and Judy Kay Krein purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Delno Proctor Walden Jr..



Jim and Judy Kay Krein - March 24, 2025 at 04:42 PM

JK

“ Jim and Judy Kay Krein planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delno Proctor Walden Jr..

Jim and Judy Kay Krein - March 24, 2025 at 04:42 PM

LG

“ *Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Delno Walden*



Lynne Glass - March 24, 2025 at 07:05 AM

DP

“ *always enjoyed being with Delno and his conversation. It was fun knowing him*

David Pickle - March 22, 2025 at 01:58 PM

LR

“ *On to greener pastures, rest easy friend.*



Liz Reading - March 22, 2025 at 06:54 AM

KS

“ *I met Delno at Franklin Electric years ago. He was absolutely the Best. Kind, helpful, genuine, funny and respectful. He was a really great guy and I will miss him terribly. Our post Franklin visits at Walmart were always a highlight of my day. He always said he was out taking care of his Honey Do lists! Always left me with a joke and a smile. He was a wonderful friend!*

Kelley Stewart - March 21, 2025 at 06:08 PM