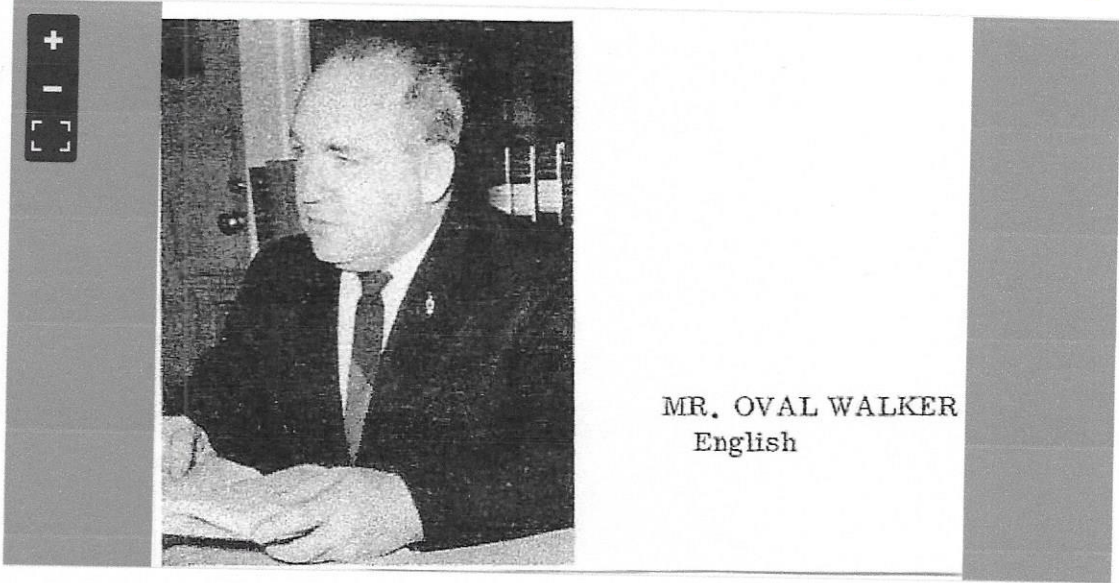


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Effie (Gammy) Walker passed away shortly after noon March 31, 2017 at her home in Regency Assisted Living in Boise, Idaho. Effie was born to Ben and Ophelia Satterwhite of New Willard, Texas on August 3, 1924. After completing Milby High School in Houston, TX, she graduated from Massey Business College, and worked as a secretary.

She met the love of her life, Oval Walker, Jr. while roller-skating in Houston, Texas. They married and had three children. Yvette Walker Ward, Dan Walker, and Don Walker. The family moved from Texas to Idaho in June of 1959 to help pioneer Southern Baptist Churches in the area.

Effie was an amazing wife, mother, and homemaker, but her personality and love for children led her beyond the normal family roll. She was a business owner, founding Gammy's Day Care in Boise, Idaho. Through her amazing skills in childcare she loved and nurtured hundreds of children through more than 30 years. Through the years, adults she had cared for as children brought their own children back to Gammy, and some of "her kids" returned as adults to work at Gammy's. Gammy closed her day care and retired in 2000.

She was extremely active in Southern Baptist Church life throughout the Utah-Idaho area. She was an amazing pastor's wife and always an extreme hostess in the churches she attended. There is no telling how many pairs of shoes or clothes or whatever a child needed that she made sure they had. There is no telling how many people she brought into her home and were given a place at her table that was, of course, laid out in proper southern style with Tiara place settings and silver service, because she would not allow them to be alone on a holiday. Her home was dubbed the "Walker Hilton" by those who knew overnight guests were always welcomed there.

Her care for others was present throughout her life. Recently, some of her caregivers—in a casual conversation with each other—asked themselves, "If the situation were reversed, and we were the residents here, which of the residents would we want to care for us?" Gammy topped the list for most of them.

Effie was preceded in death by her husband, Oval Walker; her brother, Joe Satterwhite; and several half-siblings. She is survived by 2 sisters, Betty Burley of Livingston, Texas, and Faye Bradley & husband Bill Bradley of Lebanon, Tennessee; her three children, Yvette Ward, Dan Walker and his wife Sherrie, and Don Walker

and his wife LaRae; her 7 grandchildren—Heather Weibye of Double Oak, Texas; Taffe Drury, Shauna Perry, Colin Walker, and Brett Walker of Boise, Idaho; Star Neely and Sinda Peery of Salt Lake City—and her 13 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind hundreds of people who grew up knowing and loving “Gammy.” She made a difference in the world because she made a difference in children! She will be greatly missed.

A Memorial Service to honor and remember this amazing woman will be held at 11:00 A.M. on April 13, 2017. The service will be at Pierce Park Baptist Church located at 5350 N. Pierce Park Lane, Boise, Idaho 83714 with Reverend Tim Peery officiating.