

Irl L. Walker, Sr., RR 1, Pennville, died Tuesday evening at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic, Bluffton.

Walker was a lifelong farmer in Penn Township and attended the Gilead Church, northeast of Pennville.

Born Jan. 6, 1909, in Jay County, he was the son of Carl and Zella (Pence) Walker. A 1927 graduate of Pennville High School, he was first married in 1945 to Dorothy Barker, who died in 1946. He was then married to Wilma Kelly Petro, who survives.

Surviving besides his wife are his stepmother, Mrs. Laura Walker, Union, Mich.; two sons, Irl L. Walker Jr., Bradenton Beach, Fla., and Carl Walker, RR 1, Pennville; two daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Barbara) Gillum, Bluffton and Mrs. Edward (Janice) Cooley, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; three brothers, Dick Walker, Montrose, Colo., Kenneth Walker, Russellville, Ark., and Don Walker, Union, Mich.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services are set for 2 pm Friday in the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Voegelé officiating. Burial will be in the Pennville IOOF Cemetery.

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