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**W**alker Jeter Hester, 59, a beloved father, son, brother, Veteran Naval Aviator, and devout Christian, passed away in an accident while test-flying his newest airplane. Born in New England but a true son of the south, he graduated from Germantown High School in 1974. After completing a degree in Journalism at the University of Memphis, he served in the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator, call sign "Boxer." Following an honorable discharge in 1987, he joined Delta Airlines as a First Officer, progressing rapidly to Captain. Walker's greatest passions were his work in evangelical prison ministries, cheering on the University of Tennessee Volunteers, and traveling to Charleston, SC to spend time with his beloved daughter, Laine. A daredevil at heart, Walker pursued adrenaline pumping adventures from aerial-acrobatics, to motorcycle racing, to powered paragliding. Mourning his loss are his daughter, Laine Hester, stepmother, Deborah Hester Harrison, siblings, Sullivan Hester (Shea) and J Ross Hester, extended family, as well as many friends from his worldly travels. We celebrate his life as he is welcomed into the Kingdom of God and is joyously reunited with loved ones. The service will be held on April 1 at Riverside Chapel at Memorial Park, Memphis, TN. There will also be a celebration of life held in Atlanta, GA on April 2. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Wings of the Morning special event fund at Bill Glass Behind the Walls

<https://www.behindthewalls.com/>.



## Tribute Wall

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JK

**Jacob Kines** posted:

The first time that met Walker at one of the Bill glass DOC Events I couldn't help but like him. What a wonderful speaker he was and I still find it hard to believe but my comfort is knowing that one day we will meet again, RIP, My Brother in Christ Jacob Kines, Teammate with Behind the Walls

April 3 at 3:41 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walker Jeter Hester.

April 1 at 7:28 AM

JO

**John** posted:

Heaven has gained an awesome man. The world has lost one true warrior. Fly high brother!!! See ya in heaven. John M. Lance- Platform guest speaker with Bill Glass Prison Ministries.

March 31 at 2:39 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walker Jeter Hester.

March 31 at 7:01 AM

PW

**Pat Wakefield** posted:

Well spoken Kent I was so saddened to hear of this tragedy yet triumph. Walker's memory will live on. I am sure "well done my good and faithful servant is echoing in his ear"

March 30 at 4:31 PM



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FG

**Frank Green** posted:

Dear Hester Family: We served with Hester in prisons with the Bill Glass Ministry. He was a great friend and we will miss him as a friend and servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing him in heaven. Our prayers go out to you. GOD Bless. Frank & I La green, Fortescue, N.J.

March 30 at 2:59 PM

PP

**Paul Plackis** February 26 at 5:41 PM

We met at AOCS in Pensacola and were commissioned on the same day back in the summer of 1980. He was a good man and always set an example as a Christian man by never forgetting to say grace before a meal. Fair winds and following seas. Paul Plackis AOCS Class AV-04

W1

**Walker's Germantown High School 1974 Cla** posted:

Walker's Germantown High School 1974 Classmates purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Walker Jeter Hester.

March 30 at 12:44 PM

ME

**Mike Elligott** posted:

I never met Walker but remember his name from seeing it on a jet on the USS Forrestal. Last year my daughter Kelli was taken under his wing when they met at Delta Airlines, my daughter is a flight attendant. She often spoke of him and felt connected because of both of us being prior Navy. I thank him for looking out for her on the overseas flights and keeping her safe. He is a true shipmate that will be truly missed. Farewinds and following seas shipmate.

March 30 at 10:32 AM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Walker Jeter Hester.

March 29 at 10:00 AM

ST

**Steve** posted:

Thanks Walker for all the memories.

March 28 at 1:50 PM



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**Kent Lucas** posted:

Walker was a true friend to just about everyone he met. He was certainly a good friend and brother in Christ to me. I enjoyed our many times together working in prison ministry and being a part of "Wings of the Morning" and assisting with the air shows over the prisons and shooting many photos of the beautiful blue jet with the white cross emblazoned on the bottom.. I will forever remember flying with him in North Carolina in the Provost Mark V. What a thrill! His love for flying was only eclipsed by his love for Christ and his love for Lainie. He shared that love for both every where he went. I loved Walker Hester and was blessed and honored to know him. I will miss, for sure, but will look forward to one day seeing him again in Heaven. Enjoy your reward, my Brother. You earned it. You lived well and represented our Lord with excellence!

March 27 at 3:48 PM



**Anne-Caroline** posted:

Sweet smile.

March 27 at 9:54 AM



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