

Walker's widow, Christine, taught in the public schools for 20 years. His daughter, Lisa, a nurse, has worked in the child protective services. His younger son, Joseph, is employed with a pharmaceutical company.

John and Christine Walker raised their two sons and daughter in Edgewater Park, a co-op community in the Throggs Neck section where the Bronx shore is washed by the waters of Long Island Sound. He served as president of Edgewater Park Owners Cooperative Board of Directors. At nearby St. Francis De Chantal Church, he served as lector and CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) teacher. At DOC, he was a member of the Emerald Society.

Possessed of a mind ever interested in learning more, Deputy Warden Walker would find time or seek and be granted time to take special training to expand and enhance his "on the job" performance. These included courses in institutional nutrition, "Interpersonal Communications for Institutional Personnel," legal research methodology, and firemanics. He saw where being able to notarize document signatures would be useful, given his various roles. So he underwent the appropriate training and became certified as a Commissioner of Deeds.

He once acknowledged that he saw himself as "results oriented." Undoubtedly, those up the chain of command at DOC saw him that way too. That's why he was selected to help expedite bringing on line, not just one, but two historic inmate housing projects – the Tombs' White Street Jail and VCBC -- during a period of intense pressure on the Department due to massive overcrowding. Their confidence in him proved well placed.

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Above Walker family snapshots made available to DOC include, l to r, Dep. Warden's retirement party, Walker Jr. & III & wives renew wedding vows, brother Joe at III's promotion to detective rank. Below more family photos relating to the detective promotion. Additionally, the below far left photo shows White Street Jail "A Piece of the 'Rock'" plaque presented to Dep. Warden Walker and now given to DOC care.

