

**Pallbearers  
Nephews**

**Floral Bearers  
Nieces**



### **In Appreciation**

The family of **Esaw Walters Sr.** wishes to express our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for every act of kindness, love, and support shown during this difficult time. Your prayers, comforting words, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, and other thoughtful expressions have truly meant more to us than words can express.

We are grateful to our extended family, friends, neighbors, and the community for standing beside us as we celebrate and honor the life of our beloved father, grandfather, and loved one.

May God bless each of you for the love and compassion you have shown our family. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Special thanks to Edna Coleman (niece) for her contribution.

**The Walters Family**

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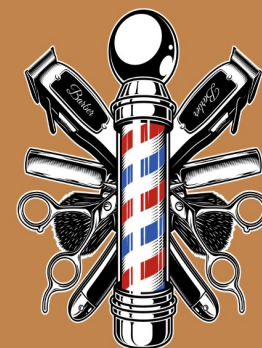
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Funeral Service



**ESAW WALTERS, SR.**



# Celebration of Life



SUNRISE: JULY 15, 1935

SUNRISE: MARCH 3, 2026

Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
1:00pm

Salem Chapel and Heritage Center  
101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter SC 29150

Pastor Willie A. Wright, Jr., Eulogist  
Rev. Leroy Blanding, Officiating

## *Reflections of a Life Well Lived*

Esaw Walters Sr., 90, of Sumter, South Carolina, peacefully gained his wings and transitioned to eternal rest on March 3, 2026, at his home. He was born on July 15, 1935, in Sumter, South Carolina, to the late Amy B. Walters and Manning Walters.

Mr. Walters was educated in the Clarendon County school system. He was united in matrimony to the late **Lucille E. Walters**, and from this union came five beautiful children.

From an early age, he developed a strong work ethic and a deep sense of responsibility toward family and community. A man of dignity and perseverance, he worked many jobs throughout his life, including employment with Campbell Soup Company and Southern Coating, always committed to providing for his family and building a better future.

His dedication eventually led him into entrepreneurship when he opened his own business, **Carolina Place**, which housed both a restaurant and **Carolina Beauty and Barbershop**. Through this venture he not only created a successful business but also provided opportunities for many others in the community. Mr. Walters was recognized as the oldest and last remaining business owner in the Manning Avenue area.

For more than 70 years, Mr. Walters was widely known throughout Sumter and surrounding communities as a legendary master barber. His barbershop was more than just a place for haircuts, it became a cornerstone of connection, mentorship, and opportunity. Generations of men, young boys, community leaders, and families gathered there. His barber chair became a place where wisdom was shared, laughter was heard, and encouragement was given.

However, his impact went far beyond barbering. Mr. Walters was a visionary entrepreneur who believed strongly in helping others succeed. He provided jobs and opportunities for individuals who might not otherwise have been given a chance. He trained and mentored aspiring barbers, invested in young people who needed direction, and helped many develop skills that supported their families for years to come. Many successful professionals in the community began their journey because he believed in them first.

His service extended well beyond the walls of his shop. Mr. Walters worked alongside fellow business owners, faith leaders, mentors, and community advocates to support initiatives that strengthened and unified the Sumter community. Whether contributing to local programs, encouraging young entrepreneurs, or quietly creating opportunities behind the scenes, he remained committed to making a lasting difference.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Walters enjoyed playing checkers as he was a member of the South Side Sumter Checker Club. Mr. Walters was known within his family as the **comedian**, always bringing laughter and joy to those around him. He shared a special bond with his children and grandchildren and had an incredible ability to sense when something was wrong simply by the sound of their voices. In fact, he knew his family so well that he could often tell exactly which child or grandchild was calling just by hearing their voice.

He was also a proud brother of **Freemasonry**, embracing its values of brotherhood, service, and integrity.

He was also the last surviving sibling of fourteen children.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lucille E. Walters; his parents, Amy B. Walters and Manning Walters; thirteen siblings (seven sisters and six brothers); two sons, **Larry Walters** and **Esaw Walters Jr.**; and one grandson, **Eric Walters**.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories his children: **Amy (William) Walters- Toney** of Sumter, South Carolina; **Lorenzo (Melissa) Walters** of Ellenwood, Georgia; and **Christopher (Brenda) Walters** of Sumter, South Carolina; along with a bonus daughter, **Rudina McFadden** of Sumter, SC

He also leaves behind a loving legacy of **12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren**, sisters-in-law, Mary Walters and Ola Mae Walters, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

For decades, Mr. Walters quietly served as a pillar of strength within the Sumter community.

To his family, he was more than a father and grandfather he was their protector, teacher, and the heart of their laughter.

Though he has taken his rest, the legacy of Esaw Walters Sr. will continue to live on through the countless lives he touched, the wisdom he shared, and the community he helped shape. His chair may now be empty, but the lessons, love, and opportunities he gave will remain for generations to come.





*All of My Children*

# Order of Service

Reverend Leroy Blanding, Officiating

**Prelude** ..... Medley of Worship

**Processional** ..... Clergy and Family

**Closing of Casket** ..... *I Shall Wear A Crown* ..... Children & Grandchildren

**Opening Hymn** ..... *Hold To God's Unchanging Hand* ..... Walters Family Choir

**Prayer** ..... Troy Ragin

**Solo** ..... Sister Ola Mae Walters

**Scripture Readings:**

**Old Testament** ..... Psalm 121:1-4 ..... Pastor Michael Walters

**New Testament** ..... John 3:16-17 ..... Pastor Sandra Simmons

**Solo** ..... Jamek Brown

**Poem** ..... Mi'Yana Lesesne  
*"Legacy In My Blood" (written by Doshamire Nelson)*

**Reflections: (limit to 3 minutes please)**

Tony Burgess - Former Barber of Carolina Barbershop  
 Rev. Calvin K. Hastie, City Councilman - Community, St. Matthews MBC  
 Deacon Bryant Laws, Community/Church  
 Rodney Ragin, Nephew  
 Amy Walters, Daughter  
 Tomoneka Nelson & Shannon Walters - Granddaughters  
 Kenny Harris, Southside Sumter Checkers Club

**Acknowledgements** ..... Yolanda Walters-Simmons

**Solo** ..... *Sit Down Servant* ..... Walters Family Choir

**Words of Comfort** ..... Pastor Willie A. Wright, Jr.

**Recessional** ..... *On The Other Side* by Slim & The Supreme Angels

## Interment

Rock Hill Baptist Church Cemetery

Manning, SC 29102

