

IF I COULD SPEAK ONE MORE TIME

A Message from Doug

*If I could speak to you one more time,
I'd tell you not to spend too much time crying for me.*

*Instead, remember the laughter,
the cookouts, the football games,
and the many moments we shared together.*

*When you gather as a family, tell the stories.
Laugh out loud. Eat well. Love each other.
And if somebody burns the food on the grill,
just smile and say, "Doug would've had something
to say about that!"*

*To my beloved wife, children, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren, family, and friends—
thank you for filling my life with love, purpose, and joy.
You were my greatest blessing, and nothing made me
prouder than being part of your lives.*

*Remember me not for the day I left,
but for the life I lived.
Remember my laughter, my encouragement,
and the love I carried for each of you.*

*Stay close. Forgive quickly.
Love deeply. Family is life's greatest treasure.*

*And whenever you think of me,
don't hang your head in sorrow—
lift it high, smile, and know that I'm smiling too.*

*Until we meet again,
Love You More,
Doug ("Funzo")* 

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Chazdin Miller Sr. Timothy Herring Jamarin Whitaker
Robert Miller III Kamari Whitaker David Whitaker

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Family & Friends

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

*The family of Walter Douglas "Doug" Whitaker
gratefully acknowledges and sincerely thanks everyone for the
prayers, love, support, and expressions of sympathy extended
to us during our time of bereavement.*

*Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, visits, calls, cards, and
prayers have brought comfort and strength to our family as
we celebrate Doug's life and legacy. We are deeply touched by
the outpouring of love shown to us during this difficult time.*

*May God richly bless each of you for your kindness and
continued prayers.*

*With heartfelt appreciation,
The Whitaker Family*



*We would like to take this opportunity to express our
gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the
Homegoing Service of your loved one. Our fervent hope is that
all measures of assistance rendered to your family have been
completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our
staff and me, we will be forever grateful.*

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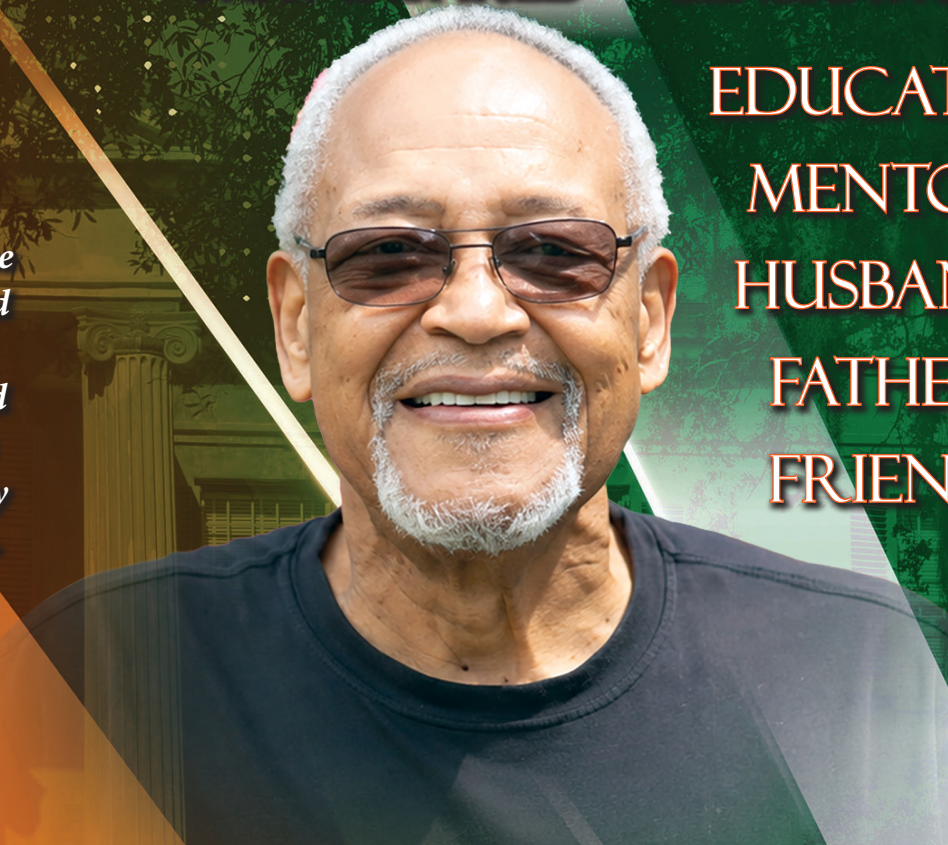
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FRIEND

Walter Douglas WHITAKER

LIFE'S SUNRISE
October 16, 1948

"Doug"

LIFE'S SUNSET
June 17, 2026

Friday, June 26, 2026 | 11:00 AM

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Pastor, Saint James AME Church | Live Oak, Florida

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THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF *Walter Douglas "Doug" Whitaker*

"His life was a blessing, his memory a treasure."

Walter Douglas Whitaker, affectionately known as "*Doug*" by his family and "*Funzo*" by his many friends, was born on October 16, 1948, in Tallahassee, Florida. He lived a life defined by service, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the people he loved. A man of remarkable character and boundless energy, *Walter* was a beacon of encouragement whose presence could light up any room. Known for his booming voice, infectious laughter, and warm spirit, he never met a stranger. He possessed a unique gift for making others feel valued, offering wisdom, support, and a kind word whenever it was needed.

Walter received his formal education through the Leon County Public School System and was a proud graduate of Old Lincoln High School, Class of 1966. The values instilled in him during his formative years would become the foundation upon which he built a life of service, leadership, and community involvement.

Following his education, *Walter* dedicated much of his professional life to public service through education. For nearly 40 years, he faithfully served within the Leon County School System, leaving a lasting impact on generations of students during his tenure at James S. Rickards High School. More than an educator, *Walter* was a mentor, role model, and father figure to countless young people whose lives were forever changed by his guidance, encouragement, and genuine concern for their success. His influence extended far beyond the classroom, helping shape future leaders and inspiring others to reach their fullest potential.

A true lover of life, *Walter* found joy in bringing people together. Whether gathered around a grill preparing a meal for family and friends or sharing stories filled with humor and wisdom, he created moments that became cherished memories. He was a passionate sports enthusiast who proudly supported Florida A&M University athletics and remained a devoted fan of the Dallas Cowboys. His enthusiasm for sports was only surpassed by his love for people. On June 17, 2026, at the age of 77, *Walter* answered the Master's call and entered into eternal rest. Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we celebrate a life beautifully lived and a legacy that will endure for generations. *Walter's* kindness, wisdom, humor, and unwavering love will forever remain in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

Family was the foundation of *Walter's* life. He cherished his beloved wife, Jazzie Whitaker, and was a devoted father to Douglas (Kenisha) Whitaker and Robin Herring. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family and celebrating their accomplishments. He was an especially proud grandfather to Chazdin, Robert III, Adrianna, Tiana, Twinte, Kamari, Jamarin, and David, and a loving great-grandfather to Chazdin Miller Jr., Leilani Miller, and Chazdin Miller II. Whether attending sporting events, school activities, or family gatherings, *Walter* could always be found cheering on those he loved with unmatched enthusiasm, pride, and affection.

Walter was preceded in death by his father, Walter Whitaker; his mother, Mary Austin; his son, Robert Miller, Jr.; and his beloved grandson, Timothy Herring.

His life was a testament to the power of encouragement, the importance of family, the value of service, and the joy of living each day to the fullest. Though he is no longer with us in body, his spirit will continue to inspire, uplift, and guide all who were fortunate enough to call him family, friend, mentor, or simply "*Doug*."

"Well done, thy good and faithful servant."
Matthew 25:23

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



THE DIVINE ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude The *J.P. Moore* Gospel Band

Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the Family The *J.P. Moore* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation..... Pastor Dana Dudley

Solo Brother J.P. Moore

"Lord Do It"

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Deacon Reginald Dudley

New Testament Deacon Dwayne Purifoy

REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

Two Minutes Each, Please

As I Knew Him

Rev. Oliver Simmons

Walter "Bean" Whittaker

James Dorsey

Douglas Whitaker

Acknowledgements & Resolutions..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Tribute of Love Sister Jazzie Whitaker

"My Strongest Weakness Is You"

Words of Comfort Reverend Marvin Bouquette

Service of Committal

Mortician's Brief.....Mr. Jamarie "J.P." Moore, LFD

Recessional Clergy & Family

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." — 2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)