

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

INTERMENT

Green Lawn Cemetery
1000 Greenlawn Ave, Columbus, OH 43223

PALLBEARERS

Charles Chandler
Chaz St. Clair
Harold Townes, Jr.
Alvin Monroe
Marco Adams
Brian Harden

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The late Billy Townes, Sr.
The late Robert Monroe
The late Jessie Frank Monroe
The late Effort Monroe
The late Lewis Monroe

HONORARY FLOWERBEARERS

The late Mary M. Townes
The late Doris Warren
The late Doris Monroe (Effort)
The late Doris Monroe (Lewis)

Walter "Walt"
MONROE

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 29, 1937 | SUNSET: DECEMBER 28, 2025

Saturday, January 3, 2026
Visitation 9:00am | Service 10:00am

Marlan Gary Funeral Home
The Chapel Of Peace, East
5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232



MARLAN GARY
FUNERAL HOME
1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

MINISTRY OF COMFORT ENTRUSTED TO:

NORTH CHAPEL
2500 CLEVELAND AVE.,
COLUMBUS, OH 43211
614-267-8310

EAST CHAPEL
5456 LIVINGSTON AVE.,
COLUMBUS, OH 43232
614-604-8774

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MANSFIELD, OH 44903
419-324-6999

SPRINGFIELD CHAPEL
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SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45506
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CINCINNATI OH 45229
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Obituary

Walter Monroe, affectionately known as Walt, was known throughout the city as the man who could fix anything. While his hands were able to craft a solution for every problem, his mind held a depth of knowledge earned through years of dedication, discipline, and pride in his craft. To know Walt was to know reliability. He took care of every responsibility, even those that weren't his own, with a sense of ownership and a heart of service.

Walt was born October 29, 1937 in Hazlehurst, Mississippi to Frank and Ruth Monroe. He helped out on the family farm, taught his younger brother to be right handed, and eventually got a job assembling store displays on his way to elementary school and disassembling them on his way home. His quiet charisma and servant leadership served him well throughout high school where he was voted both homecoming and prom king. Upon graduation, Walt enlisted in the United States Air Force as an Air Force mechanic, where precision, responsibility, and commitment were not optional but a way of life. Those same values followed him home and defined his character long after his service ended. He returned to New Orleans where he had strong ties since childhood, traveled the country, and completed several additional certifications climbing the ladder in civilian life as a mechanic and in his second and third careers before retiring.

During the early years, he married his lifelong love Deanna and built a loving family including his daughter Crystal who he enjoyed motorcycling and cheering on the Buckeyes with. He later welcomed a granddaughter and partner in crime Christen with whom he enjoyed sharing his gift of building and gardening with, and a great-granddog, Imani who he cultivated a spirited relationship with.

Beyond his unmatched skill, Walt believed deeply in providing for his family, his friends, and anyone who found themselves in need, caring the load with quiet strength and unwavering resolve. He was heavily involved in the service ministries as a deacon at True Christ Ministries, a volunteer in the community, as well as serving his fellow steel workers in union leadership. Walt lived his life not seeking recognition, but earning respect.

After years of living with dementia, he faced a sudden illness and persevered through one last Christmas with his family before deciding to rest. On December 28, 2025, with his daughter and granddaughter by his side, he rose above to join his wife Deanna, Mother, Father, Sister Doris, and Brothers Jessie Frank, Effort, Robert, and Lewis. He leaves his daughter, Crystal; granddaughter, Christen; great-granddog, Imani; brother, Alvin (Jackie); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends to cherish his memory and an example of what it means to serve well, work honestly, and love deeply.

Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor Terry Townes

Old Testament ~ Psalms 23

New Testament ~ 2 Timothy 4:7-8

PRAYER

Pastor Terry Townes

SELECTION WITH SILENTLY READING OF OBITUARY

“Order My Steps in Your Word”

GMWA Women of Worship

MEMORIES OF WALT

Paula Ray

THE EULOGY

Pastor Terry Townes

BENEDICTION

Pastor Terry Townes

RECESSIONAL WITH SELECTION

“Encourage Yourself”

Donald Lawrence and Tri City Choir