

May I Go

May I go now? Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain filled days and endless lonely nights.
I've lived my life and done my best, an example I tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first. I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now to a warm and loving light.

I want to go, I really do. It is difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can to be here just one more day.
To give you time to care and share your love and fears,
I know you are sad and afraid, because I see your tears.
I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know,
My spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go.
Thank you so much for caring and loving me, you know I love you too.
That's why it's hard to say goodbye and end this life with you.
So hold me now, just one more time and let me hear you say,
Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today!

Pallbearers

Derrick Bryant
Charles Watson
Charles Richard, Jr.

Pierre Swint
David Bradshaw
Jason Bradshaw

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Walter David Bradshaw

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Homegoing Celebration for

WALTER DAVID

"Pete"

BRADSHAW

SUNRISE
October 28th, 1952



SUNSET
September 2nd, 2026

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

VISITATION 10:00 AM | FUNERAL SERVICE 11:00 AM

WALKER FUNERAL HOME - WALNUT HILLS CHAPEL
2625 GILBERT AVENUE, CINCINNATI 45206

Obituary

Walter David Bradshaw is lovingly known as “Pete” to his family and friends. Walter was born on October 28, 1952, to the late Theopolis Bradshaw and Bernetta Bradford-Bradshaw. Walter departed this life to eternal rest on September 2, 2026.

Walter was a graduate of Withrow High School in 1970. After graduation Walter joined the United States Coast Guard. He was an upright standing and proud Coast Guardsman for 23 years.

During his military service, Walter was involved in the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War. He received many medals of honor, including the Expert Rifle Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Humanitarian Service Medal for his multi-range of services and extreme courage. When Walter retired in October 1993, the United States Coast Guard awarded him with full honors to include the Good Conduct Award, Special Operations Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Sea Service Ribbon.

In his spare time, Walter absolutely loved watching old TV comedies and old western shows. You would also find Walter watching NCAA basketball and NFL football games. His favorite team to watch was the Cincinnati Bengals!

Walter was an avid reader of old comic books and quite the artist as well. He will always be remembered for his fantastic drawings and for his big, beautiful smile.

Preceded him in death: His brother, Robert Bradshaw, grandmother, Blanche Bailey, and grandfather, Bennie Bradford.

He leaves to cherish his memories: His sisters, Roberta Bennett, Rosalind Bradshaw, Beatrice (Dee Dee) Walker, Stephanie Walker, Rachel Walker, Dorian Garner and DeLisa Brooks; his brothers, David Bradshaw, Frankie Brooks, and Melvin Brooks, along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

For my brother, I will always miss the laughter we shared, the thoughts, comments of various events, and as well as speaking on the growth of the family. Knowing and Loving you as my brother, I will miss hearing your voice will never be forgotten. Love you always Pete!

Love Your Sister, Tabby

Order of Service

Pastor Annette Phelps, Officiating

Musical Prelude	
Parting View	Immediate Family
Prayer	Min. Eugene Meadows
Scripture	Dcn. Eddie Williams
Selection	Pastor Annette Phelps
Acknowledgements	Rachel Walker
Remarks	Family & Friends (Please Limite Remarks to Two Minutes)
Obituary	Read Silently <i>A time to reflect and thank God for the life of Walter David Bradshaw</i>
Selection	
Eulogy	Pastor Annette Phelps
Benediction	Pastor Annette Phelps
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family



Final Resting Place

Vine Street Hill Cemetery
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

Repast

Windham Hall
817 Windham Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229