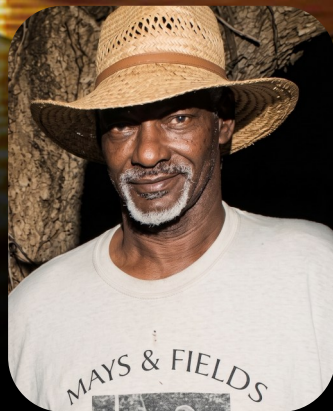




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We are extremely grateful to you for all expressions of Love, words of Encouragement, Services rendered beyond the call of duty and the Joy you've shared to enlighten us during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep each of you in a very special way.

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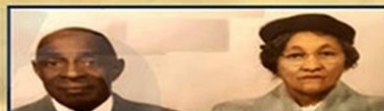
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BETTER KNOWN AS
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SUNRISE
April 10, 1945

SUNSET
July 26, 2026

OBITUARY

Mr. Walter L. Mayes of Jackson, Mississippi, made his transition on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

On April 10, 1945, God presented Walter, the first son, to the late Elijah Mays, Sr. and the late Lillie Fields-Mays. He was preceded in death by his wife of thirty-three years, Dorothy Mayes; his siblings, Laura Mays, Mary Preston (oldest sister), and Elijah Mays, Jr. (baby brother); and his son, Tyrone Butler.

"Slick" was an avid hunter who befriended people throughout Mississippi who shared his passion for raccoon hunting. Long before virtual learning became common, Bud and Uncle Slick were already putting it to practice: when Bud went hunting, Uncle Slick joined him by phone, sometimes staying on until 4:00 a.m. During the day, he advised Bud and Fred where to move to find deer, and at night, he directed Marvin and Jermaine where to release the dogs to track raccoons. Walter was truly his own person, and he and his brothers learned from their father how to master a wrench.

The train stopped at his bedside and the conductor called: "Walter Lee Mayes, it is your appointed time. Welcome aboard, servant; well done."

Leaving cherished memories to his son and grand-son, Walter D. Mayes and Lennox Isaac Deron Mayes, that POP affectionately called "Lil Walter," of Jackson, Mississippi, his daughters, Shani Winder of Jackson, Mississippi, Leila (Roy) Horton (2) Sommerville, Tennessee, Vera Horton (10) and Rhonda (Marcel) Livers (3) both Muskegon, Michigan; his brothers, Frank (Gloria) Mays and Frederick (Nicole) Mays both of Leesburg, Georgia; his sisters Ann (George) Miller of Palmetto, Georgia, Geneva Mays of Tyrone, Georgia, Desarie Mays of Smithville, Georgia, Arlene McClary of Ideal, Georgia and Pam Lawrence of Fayetteville, Georgia; his aunts, Charlotte Sapp of Leesburg, Georgia and Janie Williams of St. Petersburg, Florida; five brothers-in-law Warren (Rostella) Winder, Lewis (Evelyn) Winder, Sammy (Filista) Winder all of Ridgeland, Mississippi, Wilmer Winder of Jackson, Mississippi, John (Faith) Winder of Euless, Texas; three sisters-in-law, Affteen (James) Taylor, Billie Thomas both Jackson, Mississippi and Diane (Vincent) Lewis of Denver, Colorado; a devoted caregiver, Carolyn Collins of Jackson, Mississippi; aunt/friend, Brenda Cheeks-Mays; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many sorrowing friends, including his special long time friend, Willie Christmas and his friend Bennie Rouser.

WEEP NOT FOR ME

*Weep not for me though I have gone, into that gentle night.
Grieve if you will, but not for long,
Upon my soul's sweet flight.
I am at peace, my soul's at rest. There is no need for tears,
For with your love I was so blessed.
For all those many years.
There is no pain, I suffer not, The fear is now all gone.
Put now these things out of your thoughts,
In your memory I live on.
Remember not my fight for breath,
Remember not the strife.
Please do not dell upon my death,
But celebrate my life.*

"Together Again"



To Those I Love

*When I am gone, release me, let go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love; you can only guess
how much you gave me happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I travel on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must
then let your grief be confronted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then when you must come this way alone
we'll meet in Heaven around God's throne.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday | August 8, 2026 | 1:00 PM

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Chapel

407 West 17th Avenue | Cordele, Georgia

Reverend Wadis Williams | Officiant

Pastor | Thankful Baptist Church | Newton, Georgia

Musical Prelude
Brother Curtis Mathis

Processional
Led by Reverend Wadis Williams

The Final Viewing
The Final Closing of the Casket

Hymn
Brother Durrell Mays

Prayer of Comfort
Deacon Robert Hawkins

Solo
Sister Kenya Jones

Old Testament Scripture
Reverend Willie Walker

New Testament Scripture
Reverend Samuel Stokes

Solo
Deacon Kenneth Smith

Eulogy
Reverend Wadis Williams

**Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible
and Memorial Blanket Presentation**
The J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional and Postlude

THE COMMITTAL

Piney Grove #3 Church Cemetery

Lee County, Georgia

*The service can be viewed on the
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