

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.



Pallbearers

Kenneth Gilyard Jr. Ras-Haile Inman
Calah Inman Jason Gilyard
Micah Inman Devyn Walker
Joshua Pickett John Pickett IV

Granddaughter and Nieces

Honorary Pallbearers

Anthony Walker Jr. Menelik Inman
Kenneth Gilyard Sr. Charles McWhorter
John Pickett III

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 Anthony Walker



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MEMORY



Anthony Walker, Sr.

Sunrise: August 18, 1938 - Sunset: February 20, 2025

March 8, 2025

Visitation: 10:00am - Funeral Service: 11:00am

Greater St. John A.M.E. Zion Church

772 Whittier Street | Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Rev. Herbert Mabry, Officiating

Obituary

Anthony "Tony" Walker Sr. was born on August 18, 1938, in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the fifth of six children to the late Benjamin Sr. and Fannie (Crum) Walker. He peacefully entered his heavenly home on February 20, 2025, in the cherished residence he created for his family.

Tony graduated from Central High School in 1956. Shortly thereafter, in 1958, he married his loving and devoted wife, Joyce Isham, affectionately known as "Chicken." Their union was blessed with five children, and they celebrated 66 years of marriage on June 28, 2024.

Tony began his career as an apprentice with the R&O/B&O Railroad for seven years, followed by nearly seven years at Union Terminal. Encouraged by his father, he joined General Motors in Norwood, where he worked until his retirement in September 1989. Post-retirement, he enjoyed a part-time position delivering flowers for Benken Florist until health issues led to his first open-heart surgery for a leaky valve.

Tony had a wide array of interests and talents. He loved singing, listening to oldies music, playing poker, and visiting casinos. A social butterfly, he cherished gatherings with friends and family, attending lunches with GM colleagues and seniors at the local center. Tony and Chicken were inseparable, always on the move and enjoying life together.

A passionate bowler, Tony introduced his family to the sport and found immense joy in watching his grandchildren and friends participate. An avid skater and dancer, Tony and Chicken would light up the dance floor at every event they attended.

Often behind the camera, Tony loved capturing precious family moments, relishing the joy of reliving them through his recordings.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Joseph Walker, Ester West, Ella Segar, Benjamin Walker Jr., and Michael Walker.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Joyce ("Chicken"); children: Antonia Gilyard (Kenneth Sr.), Darlene McWhorter (Charles), Anthony Walker Jr. (Catherine), Orlandia Lynn, and DeAnna Pickett (John III); grandchildren: Kenneth Gilyard Jr., Jason Gilyard, Courtney Gilyard, Yah-Ner Walker, Ras-Haile Inman, Calah Inman, Micah Inman, Iyana Inman, Menelik Inman, Adina Inman, Addi Inman, Devyn Walker, Stephanie Benton (Rodney), Joshua Pickett, John Pickett IV, Mary Pickett, Joycelyn Pickett, Jasmine Pickett, and DeJah Pickett; 46 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Forever In Our Hearts



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Parting View

Prayer Robin Boozer

Scripture Robin Boozer

Selection Walker Family
(Sharon McCullom, Wiley West, Donald Segar Jr., Adolphus McCullom II)

Tribute
(Gwen Hargrove, Joann Jackson)

Acknowledgements Gwen Hargrove

Remarks

Obituary Rev. Herbert Mabry

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Eulogy Rev. Herbert Mabry

Benediction Rev. Herbert Mabry

Recessional



Final Resting Place

Spring Grove Cemetery

4521 Spring Grove Avenue - Cincinnati, Ohio
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