

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

Ushers



Acknowledgement

The family of Frances Walker would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the expressions of love, kindness and condolences that have been a source of comfort during this difficult time. We will always remember your love and support.

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to her caregivers Juanita Easterling and Juanita Heard for the exceptional care and compassion you provided to our mother. Your presence brought her peace and comfort, and we will always remember the love and care you showed her.



Repast

Good Neighbor Baptist Church
100 Chancellor Avenue
Newark, NJ

Interment

BG William C. Doyle Veterans
Memorial Cemetery
350 Province Line Road
Wrightstown, NJ

Professional Services Provided by:
The Ferguson-Rayam Funeral Home
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HOMEGOING

Celebration FOR



APOSTLE FRANCES INEZ WALKER

NOV 9, 1929 - JUL 23, 2024

“For to me, to live is Christ
and to die is gain. - Phil. 1:21



AUGUST 7, 2024
10:00AM

GOOD NEIGHBOR
BAPTIST CHURCH
100 Chancellor Avenue
Newark, NJ





Obituary

APOSTLE FRANCES INEZ WALKER



NOV 9, 1929 - JUL 23, 2024

In loving memory of Apostle Frances Inez Walker, a beacon of light and love who graced this world from November 9, 1929, to July 23, 2024. Frances was a cherished mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend whose presence brought joy to all who knew her.

On November 9, 1929, in Spring Lake, New Jersey, Frances Inez Wran, affectionately known to many as "Ma" or "Tiny," was welcomed into the world by her parents, Tessie and Jasper. She was blessed to have two loving grandparents, Arch and Mary Smith, and was privileged to be raised by them in Oxford, North Carolina. Her southern upbringing provided her with a wealth of knowledge, determination, and pride in the history of her ancestry.

Frances met Levy Walker there, and after a courtship, they united in marriage. From that union, they were blessed with five children. Frances and Levy were entrepreneurs who owned and operated Walker's Cafe in Oxford, North Carolina, which became a meeting place for blacks during the time of segregation. They were very prosperous in their business but were planning for a better future and, in 1959, moved their family to New Jersey.

Frances had a long and colorful career with many interesting and rewarding work experiences, including licensed nurse, real estate agent, café owner, airline gate agent, notary public, laundromat owner, and pastor.

From her early years, it was evident that Frances had a higher calling from God. Raised in the church, she was taught the importance of worship and studying the word of God. She taught her children the same morals and values that were bestowed upon her by her loving grandparents.

Frances attended the Ministry of Salvation Bible

School and received an Honorary Doctorate from The World Christianship Ministries Bible School.

She was destined to preach the word of God and, on June 9, 2000, she was called by God to carry out the great commission of Jesus Christ. She became Pastor and Founder of the Bright and Morning Star Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. In 2001, she was further elevated and was consecrated as a Bishop and later as a covenant member of United Deliverance Tabernacle Covenant Fellowship Ministries Incorporated. In 2010, she was affirmed as an Apostle.

With her vision from God to do much more for the Kingdom, Frances founded the Twelve Anointed Women of God Ministries as well as the Homeless Ministry at the Bright and Morning Star Church. She was a member of the World Christianship International Association of Clergies, The Women's Clergy Association, and the American Association of Christian Counselors.

Frances is survived by her sons, Kareem (Levy, Jr.) and Stanley; daughters, Sylvia and Pamela; eight grandchildren, Anthony, Abdunnur, Wahaba, Simone, Tyran, Mueedna, Jared, and Shana (Ashley); twelve great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Levy, and son, Lynwood (Toney).

Frances' passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew her, but her legacy of love and kindness will continue to shine brightly. Her powerful presence, wise counsel, and vivacious spirit will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Poem

A TRIBUTE TO OUR MOTHER

by Pamela Walker



In the tapestry of life, your threads shine bright,
Unwavering love, a beacon of light.
For family, you stood, with strength so divine,
In faith and love, you forever align.

God-fearing and steadfast, your heart pure and true,
In every moment, His love carried you.
"Look fine, feel fine, and know I'm fine," you'd say,
A mantra of grace, guiding our way.

With **J.O.Y.** in your heart, you taught us to see,
Jesus, Others, then Yourself, the path to be free.
Strong in faith, unselfish, a prayer warrior bold,
Fearless and self-assured, your story told.

Beautiful and smart, with a tireless spirit on fire,
Knowing God's protection, your soul's true desire.
In abundance you lived with a love that would raise,
Your children and many others, in countless ways.

Mom lived out loud, her presence so grand,
Teaching charity, love, and to lend a hand.
Unconditional love, you showed us so clear,
What it looks like, feels like, and sounds like, so dear.

How to care for ourselves, to read a room's face,
To get what we want, by faith in God's grace.
Despite circumstances, His work we'd behold,
Miracles unfolding, His glory untold.

"It's alright, it's alright, it's alright," you'd sing,
"Long as I know I got a seat in the kingdom, it's alright!"
We love you, Ma, and thank you for all,
Your spirit, your wisdom, your strength standing tall.

In our hearts, forever, your love will reside,
Guiding us always, with you by our side.

WE'LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER BY AND BY

We are often tossed and driv'n
On the restless sea of time,
Somber skies and howling tempests
Oft succeed a bright sunshine,
In that land of perfect day,
When the mists have rolled away,
We will understand it better by and by.

Refrain

By and by when the morning comes,
All the saints of God are gathered home,
We'll tell the story how we've overcome:
For we'll understand it better by and by.

We are often destitute,
Of the things that life demands,
Want of food and want of shelter,
Thirsty hills and barren lands,
We are trusting in the Lord,
And according to His word,
We will understand it better by and by

Refrain

Trials dark on ev'ry hand,
And we cannot understand,
All the ways that God would lead us
To that blessed Promised Land;
But He guides us with His eye
And we'll follow till we die.
For we'll understand it better by and by.

Refrain

Temptations, hidden snares
Often take us unawares,
And our hearts are made to bleed
For many a thoughtless word or deed,
And we wonder why the test
When we try to do our best.
But we'll understand it better by and by.

Refrain

Order of Service



OFFICIATING PASTOR

Reverend Shaunda Sutton

PROCESSIONAL

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Reverend Shaunda Sutton

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament – Psalms 23
Leslie Peters

New Testament - John 14:1-7
Colby Tyner

OPENING HYMN

We'll Understand It Better By and By

REFLECTIONS BY FRIENDS & FAMILY

OBITUARY (Read in Silence)

MUSICAL SELECTION

Pastor Michael L. Williams

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MUSICAL SELECTION

Semora Johns

EULOGY

Pastor Michael L. Williams

CLOSING PRAYER

Reverend Shaunda Sutton

RECESSIONAL





“ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.
- Revelation 21:4

