

Celebration of Life
for



Leroy Walker

Sunrise: February 15, 1939 - Sunset: November 19, 2023

Friday, December 15, 2023
Wake: 10:00 am Service: 10:30 am

Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home
2140 N. Fulton Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21215
Pastor Stephen Michael Smith, Officiating

"My Final Flight"

Leroy Walker was born on February 15, 1939, in Lynchburg, VA to the late Willie and Rose Walker. God called him home on Sunday, November 19, 2023, while his wife Brenda, and daughters were by his side. He always had a smile on his face as he endured many illnesses but never complained no matter how much pain he was in or how much he suffered. If you asked him how he was doing he always replied, Oh I'm fine.

Leroy relocated to Baltimore Maryland as a child and was educated in the Baltimore City public school system.

He met and married the former Brenda McGinnis on Nov 30, 1966. Leroy had various jobs. He worked as a licensed barber at the Paramount Barber Shop for 40 years until his illness. He loved to fix things and wouldn't let anything outdo him. His family used to call him Mr. Fix It. They were delighted that he fixed many things himself because it saved them money.

Some of his hobbies were working on cars, trucks, landscaping, and rehabbing houses.

He was a well-groomed, neat, and clean type of guy and he loved to dress.

Leroy loved music and had an ear for it especially playing the guitar. He was a member of three local groups in Maryland, the Stars of Zion, The Strangers Friend, and the Mighty Wonders. He also played for groups such as The Mighty Clouds of Joy, The Five Blind Boys, The Bells of Joy, and the Christianaires.

He truly enjoyed life and spending time with his family. After work, he would take his family to many amusement parks such as Gwynn Oak Amusement Park in Baltimore.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior on Sept. 9, 2002, and became a member of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Baltimore Maryland under the leadership of Pastor, Rev. Arthur J. Benn. Leroy's favorite scripture was 2 Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

He had four brothers who preceded him in death, James, Willie, Richard, and Lewis. Two sisters, Estelle Anderson, and Patricia Walker. Seven children, Leroy Walker Jr. (Manny), Patrice, Charlene, Wanda Golder, Cynthia Mercer, Lena Mercer, and Stephan Mercer.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his best friend and loving wife, Brenda, six daughters, Katherlean Toney (Benjamin), Ramona Beasley (Steven), Towanda Mercer Anderson (Hollis), Debbie LeGrand, Jackie Washington, and Maria McGriff Walker. One brother, David, and two sisters, Alberta Anderson and Rosa Hemphill. Three loyal friends, Freddie Hussey, Paul Dorsey, and Freddie Brown who was with him when he took his last breath. A host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and loved ones.

We love you Leroy, but God loves you best so take your rest.

Order of Service

Pastor Stephen Michael Smith
Officiating

Organ Prelude.....**Sister Marie Alston**

The Processional.....**Clergy and Family**

~ *Period of Visitation* ~

Opening Hymn.....**Congregation**
"Lift Him Up"

The Scripture Readings:

Old Testament – Psalms 23.....**Dea. Cecil Nutter**

New Testament – I Corinthians 15:51-58.....**Dea. Michael Simpkins**

Prayer of Comfort.....**Dea. Emanuel Brown, Hon.**

Selection.....**Combined Choirs of Mount Moriah Baptist Church**

Expressions.....**Bro. Johnnie Dow**

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....**Deaconess Rhonda L. Brown**
Church Clerk

Obituary.....**Deaconess Rhonda L. Brown**
Church Clerk

Words of Comfort.....**Min. Elizabeth Able**

Selection.....**Combined Choirs of Mount Moriah Baptist Church**

"My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord"

The Preached Word.....**Pastor Stephen M. Smith**
Mount Moriah Baptist Church

Closing Selection.....**Combined Choirs of Mount Moriah Baptist Church**

"One Day"

Benediction

Recessional

To my Dad, Mr. Fix It & Smiley

He never needed Google or the internet, he just used four out of his five senses to see if he could see it, hear it, smell it, or feel it then he was able to fix it.

My mom and dad brought a home for the family to live in and enjoy life, but the heat wasn't right. We had oil heat, and on one winter blizzard day, the oil truck could not get out to the house. It was a cold winter night and our dad had to find other means of heat to keep his family warm. He turned the oil heat into wood heat. He would go and chop down trees, collect the logs, and bring them home. The children would take turns putting the logs into the furnace to start the fire to warm our home. When it came to me, I couldn't do it because I was terrified of fire. This made him install radiators in our home. The radiators would be knocking, banging, whistling, and singing. Since the radiators would get so hot that you could get burned good ole dad made covers for the radiators. Now it stopped the burning, but it didn't completely stop the knocking, banging, whistling, and singing

My dad fixed my entire childcare center from putting up the walls to installing the bathroom, putting the sink in the infant room, and adding hot and cold water lines for the washer and dryer. He also built the driveway and the barbecue pit and put up the fence at our house.

I mean there's nothing that my dad couldn't fix. He was truly gifted, and he was a jack of all trades and a MASTER OF THEM ALL!!!!

My dad always had a smile on his face. I never saw him angry or with a frown on his face. He smiled always.

Another time that I remember is when he was riding a lawnmower and as he was ridding up the ramp to load it in the truck the lawnmower came down backward and flipped my dad over and the lawnmower fell on top of him pinning him down and covering his entire body. Even in that situation, he was still smiling while we thought he was dead. Dad, you will truly be missed. Thank you, Jesus, for my Dad!

- Love your daughter Towanda

My Hero

You held my hand
When I was small
You caught me when I fell
You're the hero of my childhood
And my later years as well
And every time I think of you
My heart still fills with pride
Though I'll always miss you Dad
I know you're by my side
In laughter and in sorrow
In sunshine and through rain
I know you're watching over me
Until we meet again

Love your daughter Maria aka Toni



To My Husband

When we get to the end of our lives, the house we had the cars we drove the things we passed won't matter. What will matter is that I had you and you had me for almost 60 years, Nov 29, 2023.

Love your wife, Brenda

Interment

Lorraine Park Cemetery
5608 Dogwood Rd.
Woodlawn, Maryland 21207

Pallbearers

Michael Gee

Alexander Ward III

Tea'Asia Price

Aniya Wade

Deoantry Fritz

Glen Wade

Acknowledgments

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

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