



## David D. Walker

February 18, 1971 - May 29, 2023

David Demetrius Walker was born on February 18, 1971, at Holy Family Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. to David Walker and the late Mamie Lee Walker. He accepted Christ at an early age. He was raised in South DeKalb County, participating in recreation activities at Gresham Park, where he established lifelong friendships. David attended Clifton Elementary and McNair High School, graduating in June 1990.

The next chapter of his life involved receiving a football scholarship at his beloved Morris Brown College (MBC) where he played with vigor and passion. Although, he majored in Early Childhood Education while at MBC, he decided to pursue a career with the DeKalb County Fire Department. He entered the fire academy in October 1999. He served throughout DeKalb County until his retirement in December 2021.

He met Aliya McKenzie in May of 1994 and the couple married on August 21, 1999. From this union, one son, Ashaad Walker was born on September 18, 2003. Coaching his son at Gresham Park was a tremendous source of pride and fulfillment. He often offered coaching tips and pointers to sons of friends and youth that he came into contact with. David was an avid San Francisco 49ers fan, often traveling to games. He enjoyed grilling, entertaining, listening to music, and debating intensely with friends on a variety of topics. He was a good listener and loyal friend, often providing an ear, encouragement, and

support.

On Monday, May 29, 2023, David peacefully transitioned at home surrounded by loved ones. David was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents and his mother, Mamie Lee Walker. He is survived by his loving wife, Aliya, along with his son, Ashaad, his father, David Walker and sister, Nisa (David) King. He leaves behind his mother-in-law, Ann Hudson-Bryant, two sisters-in-law: Ariel Terry and Ashton Hudson. In addition, two nieces: Anari Terry and Kyla King, and three nephews: Armante Terry, Anterrio Terry-Demery, and Bryce King. He will be missed by a host of family members, friends, godparents, colleagues, and neighbors.

# Cemetery Details

## Kennedy Memorial Gardens

2500 River Road  
ELLENWOOD, Ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656

## Family Hour

JUN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656

## Celebration of Life

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church  
1879 Glenwood Avenue, S. E.  
Atlanta, GA 30316



# Tribute Wall

AW

“ I want to send our condolences to the Walker family. David was a close friend to my brother; James Watson. May they both rest in peace. Angela

Angela Watson - June 13, 2023 at 09:19 PM

KA

“ Kimberly Alexander-Freeman lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker



Kimberly Alexander-Freeman - June 12, 2023 at 10:11 AM

MB

“ Mary Ann and Robert Brown purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of David D. Walker.



Mary Ann and Robert Brown - June 06, 2023 at 01:27 AM

KA

“ Kimberly Alexander-Freeman lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker



Kimberly Alexander-Freeman - June 05, 2023 at 09:32 PM

SR

“ I have known David since elementary school and am deeply saddened by his transition. I pray strength for his family.

Shameka Thomas Robinson - June 05, 2023 at 09:04 PM

JE

“ Condolences to the family, RIP my friend! 🙏.



Jennifer Edmondson - June 05, 2023 at 05:38 PM

CF

“ Chandra Folds lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker



Chandra Folds - June 05, 2023 at 03:51 PM

RT

“ Rhonda Tucker lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker



Rhonda Tucker - June 05, 2023 at 03:36 PM

RT

“ I send my deepest condolence to the family. DeDe was such a kind, well mannered, sweet guy. I wish his mold was duplicated so there can be more David Walker with his attributes. He will truly be missed and always lil Morris Chestnut with that swag to me. This is and was a tough pill to swallow. #GonetoSOON #WilltrulybeMISSED

Rhonda Tucker - June 05, 2023 at 03:34 PM

KH

“ DeDe you will be truly missed. Especially around football season. Never seen nobody that debate better than you and G. Will never forget you! You left good footprints in all our lives. Take your place and rest my friend! My prayers go out to the whole Walker family! General Motors kids we are forever!

Kyna

KYNA BOLTON HURT - June 05, 2023 at 03:09 PM



IB

“ Ingrid Birdsong-Henson lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker

Ingrid Birdsong-Henson - June 05, 2023 at 01:38 PM



IB

*David, my heart is broken that you had to leave; such a great childhood and family friend. My love, prayers and condolences go out to family and friends. It's not goodbye, I'll see you later my friend. Loved and never forgotten. 🙏*

Ingrid Birdsong-Henson - June 05, 2023 at 01:42 PM

KH

“ Sending prayers of peace to the family & to his MBC family. XOXO

K Hayes - June 05, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of David D. Walker.



June 05, 2023 at 10:20 AM

C(

“ Chuck & Denise Whitney (Monterey) lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker



Chuck & Denise Whitney (Monterey) - June 05, 2023 at 08:24 AM

CW

*The Walker family is in our prayers*

Carolyn Wyatt - June 05, 2023 at 09:08 PM

SL

“ DeDe was pure joy. He had an infectious laugh! May God comfort all who knew him. Praying for the family, many friends, and our classmates.  
-Shawnette Leach



Shawnette Leach - June 04, 2023 at 10:51 PM

MM

“ Martha E. McKenzie lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker



Martha E. McKenzie - June 04, 2023 at 05:33 PM

MM

Heartfelt condolences to the Walker family.

Martha E. McKenzie - June 04, 2023 at 05:35 PM

CS

“ Sending condolences to David Walker's family.



Catrina Brown Sandford - June 03, 2023 at 08:55 PM

DW

“ I will always remember DeDe true longevity friendship to my brother( Gary Burse) which was also his Barber.. I remember the joy he brought to anyone that was in his company..His Laugh would always tickle me ... He was a Longtime Childhood neighbor, Showed up at a lot of our Family gatherings.. Deeply missed but will always remain in our thoughts , hearts & prayers 🙏  
Holding on to Great Memories as long as I shall remain in this earth .  
Rest eternally David “DeDe” Walker in Jesus Name Amen 🙏.. I’m reminded of this scripture 🙏 that I’m dedicating to his wife , son & Father plus all close and extended family & Friends



“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

John 14:27

With my deepest sympathy  
Darlean Burse Walker

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**Darlean Burse Walker** - June 03, 2023 at 06:15 PM

SH

“ Sharon Harvey lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker



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**Sharon Harvey** - June 02, 2023 at 08:02 PM

CG

“ *Carla Patrick (Mbr Of GPGBC) lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker*



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**Carla Patrick (Mbr of GPGBC)** - June 02, 2023 at 05:31 PM

DL

“ *Dereon And Sonji London lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker*



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**Dereon and Sonji London** - June 02, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David D. Walker.*



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June 02, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David D. Walker.*

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June 02, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David D. Walker.*



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June 02, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Sharanada Berry lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker*



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**Sharanada Berry** - June 02, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Tomeka Starks lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker*



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**Tomeka Starks** - June 02, 2023 at 07:45 AM

LE

“ I worked with David a long time ago at Plymart Lumber Company. David was such a nice guy and always smiling. I used to tell David all the time I wanted his jeep, because it was so clean and he always kept it clean LOL! David used to talk about becoming a Fireman at work and he left Plymart to pursue his dream with the DeKalb County Fire Department. The last time I saw David was some years ago and he and his fireman crew were getting some wings for lunch. He was in uniform and still smiling like always. I said to him you did exactly what you said you were going to do. He said I sure and gave me a hug.

*My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.*

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**Lekita** - June 02, 2023 at 07:39 AM

KA

“ Kimberly Alexander-Freeman lit a candle in memory of David D. Walker



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**Kimberly Alexander-Freeman** - June 02, 2023 at 02:56 AM

KA

“ Friend.. a word not used lightly... I miss you already. Take your rest. You are truly that one of a kind person. Talk to my son up there. I know y'all will hit it off!!! This one is tough...Love you man! 😞

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**Kimberly Alexander-Freeman** - June 02, 2023 at 02:56 AM

EL

“ Seeing you last year at the Alumni Picnic was what we all needed. You were a beacon of light and Friend to all in the McNair Class of 1990 and I'm glad we got to spend that day with you in our presence. Everytime I drink from my tumbler I will toast to you. I'm glad I got you one and I remember you telling me you would use it while watching the football games. I will miss you my Brother, and you will forever be in our hearts and minds. Your Family will be in our Prayers!

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**Ernest Lucas** - June 01, 2023 at 08:30 PM

KA

*Amen. Well said*

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**Kimberly Alexander-Freeman** - June 02, 2023 at 02:57 AM

DD

“ *Rest in Heaven Brother.  
Surely angels will light your path to the throne of the King.  
May the Almighty grant comfort and peace to your family until they meet you at the gates of Heaven.*



*DeKalb Fire Rescue-EMS Division*

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**DeKalb Fire EMS Division** - June 01, 2023 at 03:32 PM

HB

*Rest in piece classmate. I had the great fortune of not only attending school with you at McNair but also starting & finishing with you at Morris Brown. You were a true gentleman and an inspiration to all of us. God bless you and the legacy you've left behind.  
Henry Blackmon III (McNair c/o 90)*

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**Henry Blackmon** - June 01, 2023 at 04:50 PM

IP

*David was truly a friend! He will be deeply missed. Many prayers to his family. Pritch*

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**Inger Pritchett** - June 01, 2023 at 06:55 PM

MJ

*DeDe was an exceptional young man! So kind and caring, I remember all those many years ago when he was born. The Birdsong family and the Walkers shared a loving bond raising our children together. My heart is also heavy and I am lifting the family in prayer. Rest in Paradise DeDe! Madeliene and the Birdsong sisters. Ingrid , Stacy and Tami..."Farewell"*

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**Madeliene Jackson** - June 05, 2023 at 11:45 AM

MB

*David was always so pleasant and friendly when he brought patients into the clinic for dialysis. It was always a pleasure to see him. The world has lost a humble and kind person. My condolences go out to his wife and family. I pray God give his wife and family peace and consolation. May his soul rest in peace----*  
*Marvine Browne*

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**Marvine Browne** - June 07, 2023 at 11:32 AM