



Jesse Walton Sr.

December 1, 1946 - May 16, 2023

Jesse Walton, Sr., was born with a fraternal twin in Augusta, GA, to John and Eleise Walton on December 1, 1946. He was the third of their seven children. At a young age, Jesse was baptized at Second Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. He attended Lucy C. Laney Comprehensive High School and graduated in the Class of 1965. In 1967, Jesse was drafted by the United States Marine Corp and became a veteran of the Vietnam War. He served honorably, achieving the rank of Lance Corporal. For his service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and a Purple Heart. Prior to being drafted, Jesse was introduced to Rosa Kate Vandergriff by one of his Atlanta cousins. They stayed in touch throughout his military duty and later married on May 26, 1968, and resided in Augusta, GA. In January 1969, Jesse and Rosa started their family with the birth of Angela Denise Walton, the first of their two children. Just a few months after Angela's birth, Jesse was offered a civil service job to become a Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service. He accepted the job and they moved

their family to Decatur, GA. A few years later in October 1972, Jesse Walton, Jr., was born, their second child. Jesse had a 31-year career at the United States Postal Service before retiring in the 2000. While with the Postal Service, he built lifelong friendships with many co-workers, and cultivated a multitude of relationships throughout the Decatur community. Jesse also received numerous acknowledgements throughout his career, such as Letter Carrier of the Month and Letter Carrier of the Year.

Jesse dedicated his life to being the leader of his home and a loving, devoted spouse to Rosa for 55 years.

Throughout his years, he focused his energy on family by being a devoted, involved father to his children and influential in the lives of those around him. He was extremely passionate about watching his son,

Jesse Jr., play little league baseball and football, high school football, and college football at Howard

University. In addition, Jesse was an avid fisherman, bowler, and huge Atlanta Falcons fan. Jesse's strength

and vision for his family included ensuring that his children graduated with a four-year college degree.

Furthermore, he was a shining example of being a strong black father, devoted to shaping, molding, and bettering his family and future generations through high character, integrity, loyalty, sacrifice, and work ethic.

Jesse is survived by: his loving and devoted wife, Rosa, and their two children, Angela (Tony) Nelson and Jesse (Angela) Walton, Jr.; four grandchildren, Miranda, age 13, Dante, 25, Bryce, 10, and Duke,

5; siblings, twin brother, James "Huck" Walton, and sisters, Sarah (Clarence) Grier, Mary "Bet" Porter, Joann (Robert) Madison, and Dorothy (Jerol) Dunbar; and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Elease Walton; brother, Robert "R.W." Walton; and nephew, Royal Marshall.

Cemetery Details

Hillandale Memorial Gardens

6201 Hillandale Drive
Lithonia, GA 30058
(770) 981-1144

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory- South Dekalb
4347 Flat Shoals Parkway
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jesse Walton Sr..



May 26, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Jesse Walton Sr..



May 25, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jesse Walton Sr..



May 25, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ *Sincerely, Lyvette Sancho* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Jesse Walton Sr..



Sincerely, Lyvette Sancho - May 24, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse Walton Sr..*



May 24, 2023 at 05:48 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jesse Walton Sr..*



May 24, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Peggy Wallace and Corona Craddock purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jesse Walton Sr..*



Peggy Wallace and Corona Craddock - May 24, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jesse Walton Sr..*



May 23, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jesse Walton Sr..

May 22, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy. Lucy Laney c/o 1965

Lucy C. Laney High school c/o 1965 - May 21, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ Remembering your family in heartfelt prayer. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers. because he cares for you. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - May 20, 2023 at 08:38 AM