



Melissa Kay Walker-Collier

July 27, 1966 - November 1, 2025

Deaconess Melissa Kay Walker-Collier was born on July 27, 1966, in Manning, South Carolina, to the late John Henry Walker and the late Ida May Cummings Walker. She was the youngest of five children.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving and devoted husband, Deacon Chris Alexander Collier of the home; two adoring sons, Christopher “CJ” Collier, Jr. and Justin Chandler Collier, both of Georgia; her siblings Alice (Myron) Alford of Columbia, SC; John Edward Walker of Manning, SC; Barbara (Marcus) Campbell of Columbia, SC; and Betty (Scipo) Smalls of Georgetown, SC.

She is also survived by her nieces Ashley Harris of Powder Springs, GA; Johnijaha Walker of Manning, SC; and Stephanie (Delin) Jackson of Lexington, SC; nephews Gregory (Danielle) Campbell of Columbia, SC; and Sterling (Yolanda) Smalls of Anderson, SC; and her “four heartbeats” — Kingston, Aniston, and Easton Harris of Powder Springs, GA, and Brooklyn Smalls of Anderson, SC.

She will also be lovingly remembered by her father-in-law, JC Willis of Jackson, GA; close friends Sakinah Jihad and Valerie Garrow; her bonus daughter, Shayla Reed of Decatur, GA; her Manning High School Class of 1984 sisters—the “Cool & Coolettes” (Cool- Melissa | the Coolettes- Doris, Gretser, Jackie, and Tawanda); the Boss Babies of New Piney Grove Baptist

Church; her Ryder Trucking Company family; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Melissa was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Specialist Gregory “Batmice” Walker.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on Friday, November 7, 2025 from 4:00 pm until 8:00 PM at Rainbow Park Baptist Church, 2941 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30034.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 11 AM at New Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 2580 Snapfinger Road, Decatur, GA 30034, with burial to immediately follow in Kennedy Memorial Gardens.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church
2580 Snapfinger Road
Decatur, GA 30034-2319

Burial

NOV 8. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Kennedy Memorial Gardens
2500 River Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Laura R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.*

Laura R. - November 14, 2025 at 09:53 AM

LR

“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family. Praying for peace, comfort, and strength for you during this time. Melissa will be truly missed.*



Laura Riddle - November 14, 2025 at 09:48 AM

DH

“ To Melissa’s family,

Melissa was more than just someone we worked with she was someone we could be completely ourselves around. She had this peaceful strength about her, and somehow, she always knew how to bring calm when things got heavy.

She didn’t just show up to work she showed up for people. She listened, she cared, and she made space for everyone to feel seen. On the days when we were struggling, she had a way of reminding us that everything would work out, even if it didn’t make sense in the moment.

Losing her hurts, but we’re grateful we got to know her the way we did. Her kindness, her faith, and her presence will always stick with us. She made a difference not just in what she did, but in who she was.

Rest easy, Sis. You’ll always be remembered with love

D

Dawn Hursey - November 09, 2025 at 06:14 AM

BT

“ Brenda M. Thompson lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier



Brenda M. Thompson - November 08, 2025 at 09:40 AM

MI

“ Our hearts goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in love of those around you and peace in the memories you hold dear. May God surround you with many angels.

Deacon Albert & Deaconess Mary Irvin

Mary Irvin - November 07, 2025 at 06:22 PM

LL

“ I'm so saddened by this recent and rapid turn of events. I pray that your family finds strength and comfort in all the many fond and delightful memories Melissa left here for you. She was such a kind, helpful, and loving person. I will miss her dearly. Peace, be still...

Laya Lee - November 07, 2025 at 02:24 PM

SR

“ Shayla Reed purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



Shayla Reed - November 07, 2025 at 12:07 PM

FR

“ Florrie Rivers lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier



Florrie Rivers - November 07, 2025 at 11:07 AM

FR

My condolences to the Walker-Collier families may she rest peacefully in God's hands.

Florrie Rivers - November 07, 2025 at 11:10 AM

CL

“Lessons from Melissa”

*You led with love, with faith so true,
And lifted hearts in all you'd do.
You showed me how to lead with care,
To stand for people, to be fair.*

*You taught that prayer can guide the way,
And grace can shape a brighter day.
Your spirit walked in purpose strong,
With kindness steady all along.*

*Melissa, your lessons still remain
In every choice, through joy and strain.
You've gone to rest where angels sing,
But your light still shines in everything.*

I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to the entire Walker-Collier family! You will forever missed Melissa. May you rest peacefully.

Chantalle Labastille-Marc - November 07, 2025 at 10:35 AM

CL

“Chantalle L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.

Chantalle L. - November 07, 2025 at 10:29 AM

AG

“ Adam G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.

Adam G. - November 07, 2025 at 09:53 AM

MJ

“ Marlene J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.

Marlene J. - November 07, 2025 at 09:19 AM

CF

“ Charles & Daisy Jones & Grate Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



Charles & Daisy Jones & Grate Family - November 07, 2025 at 09:16 AM

CF

“ Charles & Daisy Jones & Grate Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.

Charles & Daisy Jones & Grate Family - November 07, 2025 at 09:16 AM

AM

“ To Alice, Barbara, John, Husband and children. We all grew up together in Manning. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Look to the hills from which your help comes from in this most difficult time.
Audrey Smith-McCarthy of Columbia, SC



Audrey McCarthy - November 07, 2025 at 09:11 AM

SB

“ Our prayers are with the Walker- Collier family during this difficult time. May God grant you strength on today and the days ahead as you process the loss of your beloved sister, wife, mother and additional titles of Melissa. Alice, please know that I grieve with and for you, my sister in Christ. Reverend & Mrs. Ronald I Best

Sandra M. Best - November 07, 2025 at 08:06 AM

MA

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier. May God wrap you in his everlasting love and give you strength. Melissa will truly be missed. Marlene J.



Marlene - November 07, 2025 at 06:49 AM

MA

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE WALKER -COLLIER FAMILY IN THIS VALLEY YOU FIND YOURSELF IN... MAY IT COMFORT YOU TO KNOW SHE TOUCHED AND BLESSED SO MANY SUCH AS MYSELF AND IS RESTING IN THE ARMS OF OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN .

MARLO - November 06, 2025 at 11:11 PM

GB

“ Sending condolences, prayers and hugs to the Collier and Walker families. Melissa was an Amazing Lady who will be missed dearly. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Gail Barton-Ford

Gail Barton-Ford - November 06, 2025 at 10:10 PM

LD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Walker and Collier families. May God continue to bless you all.

Love,
Leroy and Sharlissia Dennis



Leroy and Sharlissia Dennis - November 06, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JF

“ Jasmine and Deja Simon - Ryder Family purchased the Peace & Prayers Blue & White Standing Cross for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



Jasmine and Deja Simon - Ryder Family - November 06, 2025 at 06:05 PM

JS

“ Melissa was the very definition of a Proverbs 31 woman. She led with integrity, grace, and love. All qualities that will be deeply missed. Her humor, encouragement, and unwavering faith touched everyone around her. I will forever cherish her memory and the lasting impact she made on our lives.

Jasmine Simon - November 06, 2025 at 05:23 PM

VW

“ *In Loving Memory of Melissa*

Melissa was more than a coworker, she was a true friend, a guiding light, and a champion for those around her. She stood up for her team and always put others before herself, embodying what it truly means to lead with heart.

Her caring spirit touched everyone she met. Through her kindness, laughter, and unwavering dedication, she built a network of people who will forever carry her legacy forward, a legacy of love, joy, compassion, and courage to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Melissa's impact will live on in the lives she touched and the hearts she inspired. She will be deeply missed, but her light will continue to shine through all of us.

*Nuff Love Mi Sistren, walk good.
Veron Wright*

Veron Wright - November 06, 2025 at 05:16 PM

VF

“ *Veron Wright and The Ryder Family purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.*



Veron Wright and The Ryder Family - November 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

VF

“ Veron Wright and The Ryder Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.

Veron Wright and The Ryder Family - November 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

DM

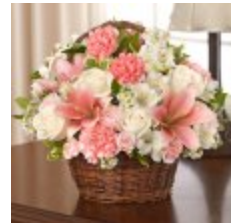
“ Deacon & Deaconess Keith & Chena Melvin purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



Deacon & Deaconess Keith & Chena Melvin - November 06, 2025 at 04:45 PM

MF

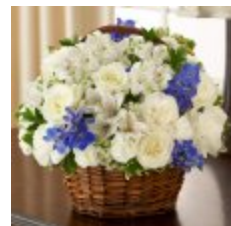
“ Mary Mcneill and family. purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



Mary Mcneill and family. - November 06, 2025 at 01:20 PM

MD

“ Mark and Lori Dobash purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



Mark and Lori Dobash - November 06, 2025 at 09:46 AM

IW

“ *Irita Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier*



Irita Witherspoon - November 06, 2025 at 08:10 AM

HS

“ *Heather Stewart lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier*



Heather Stewart - November 06, 2025 at 02:32 AM

AS

“ *Melissa's presence always left a strong impression on everyone she met. Her faith was a beacon for others to see. She had quite the sense of humor too. She will certainly be missed by her Ryder family, and myself. It was a pleasure working with her and we had some unforgettable outings. I pray for the family and friends in their time of loss, that they may find peace knowing she is home.*

Ash - November 05, 2025 at 01:35 PM

AJ

“ *Andrea Belin Johnson purchased the Plants-A-Planty for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.*



Andrea Belin Johnson - November 05, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



November 05, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ Betty Lloyd Nesbitt and Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



Betty Lloyd Nesbitt and Family - November 05, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ Betty Lloyd Nesbitt and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.

Betty Lloyd Nesbitt and Family - November 05, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ Deaconess Collier you will be truly missed. The kindness you showed to our family will never be forgotten. Love, Catherine Spencer and Sarah & Olivia Hobbs.



Sarah Spencer - November 05, 2025 at 09:06 AM

SL

“ *Condolences to the family of Melissa Collier! May you find your strength in God and in many sweet memories you have of Melissa. I have been blessed to have known Melissa although only for a few years. Her warm spirit and sweet smile will always be remembered. She had an incredible faith and conviction that was truly inspiring. One of her sayings here at Ryder Customer Response Center is “when they go low, you go high”. Melissa you are and will forever be dearly missed! Until we meet again, much love ❤️.*



*Samantha L.
Ryder*

Samantha Louissaint - November 05, 2025 at 07:34 AM

CM

Sending sincere condolences and uplifting prayers to the family and all those that loved and cared for Melissa. I have memories with the family from Manning, SC by way of my sister Jackie. May God's love surround you during this difficult time.

Cynthia Conyers McDaniel - November 06, 2025 at 08:16 AM

EF

“ *Eb F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.*

Eb F. - November 05, 2025 at 01:13 AM

NR

“ My dear friend and sister in Christ Collier. will be missed as we would always say to each other "This friendship ya can't buy in Walmart". I'm so happy that I had the opportunity to tell you that I loved you and that I was looking forward to us getting together you know just to have a girl's day brunch, but God decided to call his little girl his servant home before we were able to get together for that brunch, I love you my sister but He loves you more. To the family may the Lord continue to strengthen you continue to keep you in his keeping care as you continue your journey know that all is well all is well in Jesus name ❤️ Love Nicky

Nicky Robinson - November 04, 2025 at 11:13 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



November 04, 2025 at 10:38 PM

VW

“ My condolences to the entire Collier and Walker families. I pray the lord gives you comfort and strength during this very difficult time.

I hate to be talking about my friend in the past...Her gift was to bring people together full of grace full of love. She always had a prayer or a verse. She loved hard and was always laughing. A pillar of strength you were, an amazing light, a wonderful gift and a Woman of purpose who loved the Lord and her family.

I miss you sis, thank you for the laughs, the lessons and the prayers. I'm happy to have had you in my life, I will hold our memories close. Rest In Eternal Peace. I love you Always💜



Venice Waithe - November 04, 2025 at 03:55 PM

RJ

Condolences from Robert Jackson and family to the Collier and Walker families Melissa may you Rest in Peace.

Robert Jackson - November 04, 2025 at 09:14 PM

VD

Too The Walker Collier Family” in The Exchange of a loving soul who love and works speak well of her. May her memories linger near as you grieve with hope knowing this exchange is from labor to rest” God said he wouldn’t put no more on us than we can bear” God knows his children he is faithful and too Awesome of a creator to make a mistake “ so to the husband and family and friends grieve with hope knowing Melissa is free from the suffering of this world and resting peacefully her Faith in God has healed her and she want have to suffer “ Melissa has gone home to be with The Lord and she is at Peace□□□

Vickie Tubner Dennis - November 05, 2025 at 09:23 AM

RC

“ Ryder- Contact Center purchased the Red Rose And Lily Floor Basket for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



Ryder- Contact Center - November 04, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TK

“ Dear Walker-Collier Family,

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I had the privilege of working alongside Melissa at Ryder, and she often expressed her deep love for the Lord, her sons, her husband, and her family. Her presence will be greatly missed.

*With heartfelt condolences,
Tosha K*



Tosha Keaton - November 04, 2025 at 12:40 PM

BC

“ *I was heartbroken to hear the news about Melissa. She was an incredibly kind, thoughtful, and professional leader. She created a wonderful work environment, and her dedication and bright spirit made a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of working with her. We will miss her deeply. My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time. Please accept my deepest condolences.*

*Forever in my heart,
Brittanya Cooke*

Brittanya Cooke - November 04, 2025 at 12:28 PM

KT

“ My deepest sympathy 🌸 to you all. My prayer is that God will continue to keep you all in perfect peace during this season.



Kizzy Thomas - November 04, 2025 at 12:26 PM

KT

“ Kizzy T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.

Kizzy T. - November 04, 2025 at 12:23 PM

RM

“ To Alice and Myron and to the entire Family of Melissa Walker-Collier. We express our sincere condolences to you all. Words can not heal the hurt you are experiencing, but know God makes no mistakes and He is and will be with each of you during this time. We will continue to pray for your strength during this time and we are here for you always.

Reverend Dr. and First Lady McCallum - November 04, 2025 at 12:01 PM

MG

“ My sincere condolences to the family!

Melissa, I will always remember you for your kindness, laughter, and friendship. Working with you was a blessing, and knowing you even more so. I am grateful for the friendship, the conversations, and the support. You will be missed beyond words but never forgotten.

My forever boss lady ❤️

Marie Gervais - November 04, 2025 at 11:02 AM

MG

“ Marie G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.

Marie G. - November 04, 2025 at 10:20 AM

WS

“ Melissa, you are such an amazing person. During one of my hardest moments, the Lord led me to reach out to you for comfort and you were there without hesitation. You even reached out to my sister-in-law(late) and prayed with her. Your kindness and compassion will never be forgotten. May your beautiful soul rest peacefully in heaven. Wideline Seide Ryder Family.

Wideline Seide - November 04, 2025 at 09:40 AM

AS

“ My condolences and prayers to the Collier, Walker, Campbell and Alford family during this difficult time Melissa will be truly missed. Earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal.



Angela Scott - November 04, 2025 at 09:19 AM

HF

“ I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

House Family - November 04, 2025 at 08:58 AM

TF

“ I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

The House Family - November 04, 2025 at 08:57 AM

BF

“ *Melissa was not only a valued colleague but a genuinely kind and generous soul whose presence brightened every room. Her dedication and warmth touched so many of us, and she will be profoundly missed.*

*Becky Fouts
Ryder Family*

Becky Fouts - November 04, 2025 at 08:32 AM

JS

“ *Melissa - I take comfort in the fact that you now reside with our heavenly father, but I am profoundly sad we don't get to rush and see who can start the meeting first or share tidbits of our faith.. May God's love encompass the family and give their hearts his unsurpassed peace during this time...*

Jonathan Swann - November 04, 2025 at 08:29 AM

SB

Melissa - I'll always remember the fun we had in Jamaica and how genuine your spirit was. Rest peacefully with our Heavenly Father.

Shatelle Brumfield - November 04, 2025 at 08:57 AM

BG

Our prayers go out to the family and friends. May God continue to be with you guys.

Betty Murray Glover - November 04, 2025 at 10:01 AM

GM

Melissa to me you was more than a,Deaconness you were a good friend with a glowing spirit for JESUS I will miss you calling me Brother and the fun and laughter we shared...my wife and I regret we didn't do dinner like we planned for so long we will miss you but won't forget you REST WELL MY SISTER...Praying for the Family and Friends....

Gary Mcwhorter - November 04, 2025 at 12:54 PM

PL

“ Our prayer and condolences to the Collier and Walker family. May God give you comfort during this difficult time and for the days ahead.

Pastor Major and Christine Lloyd

Pastor Major and Christine Lloyd - November 04, 2025 at 08:29 AM

ML

“ Major And Christine Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier



Major and Christine Lloyd - November 04, 2025 at 08:19 AM

BM

“ My prayer and condolences to the Collier and Alford Families. May God continue to give comfort and peace in the days ahead In Jesus Name.

BBC Grief Outreach Ministries - November 04, 2025 at 08:17 AM

SM

“ My sincere condolences to the Collier, Campbell and Alford Families. I am and willing praying for you during this beyond difficult time. May the love that you share and the memories you share sustain you during this most difficult time. But we know "God Is Able and Wise". Much Prayers and Love

Sandy Myers - November 04, 2025 at 08:15 AM

MK

“ Carol and I thank God that He caused Kay and our paths to cross. Our connection and friendship blossomed over the years. Kay's transition will leave a big hole of Love and laughter in this world to be filled. To the entire Collier, Walker and Campbell family, we know this is hard and we pray you all find comfort in this, "The Lord said He will never leave you nor forsake you". Lean in on Him and He will give you all comfort and peace. Mark & Carol Knight

Mark Knight - November 04, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.



November 04, 2025 at 07:52 AM

LG

“ To know Kay is to Love her. A woman of Class, Dignity and full of God's Love and Grace. This doesn't seem real, but the life she lived will forever speak for her. Gone to soon for all who knew her but God was ready to receive her home. My condolences to the family and many friends.... May God continue to heal this family 🙏🙏🙏

Lavern Glover - November 04, 2025 at 12:05 AM

ST

“ Melissa's decorum and pleasant nature was unmatched. My most sincerest condolences to her family and friends alike.

Sandra Treadway
Ryder Family

Sandra Treadway - November 03, 2025 at 09:53 PM

KE

“ *A smile we will truly miss. Praying for strength for the family.*

Kelvin & Keisha Robinson

Keisha - November 03, 2025 at 08:04 PM

KE

“ *I am really going to miss my big sister- auntie Melissa. You meant so much to me and my family. We will forever hold all of sweet memories close to our hearts. You were one of a kind!*

Love, your Bossbaby / dollface~ Ke'Andria & The Foreman and Edwards family.

Keandria Foreman Edwards - November 03, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ *Lavender & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Melissa Kay Walker-Collier.*



November 03, 2025 at 05:56 PM