

OBITUARY

“For I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

In the stillness of the predawn morning, July 19, 2012, God called Ray E’Lafayette Walker, of the Rhynes Cross Road Community, from labor to reward. He was born December 29, 1934 in Pender County, North Carolina, to the late Joel and Carrie Herring Walker.

During his childhood and youth, Ray received his religious training in the home and at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church which was the family church. Recently, he rededicated his life to God having the full assurance of God’s salvation.

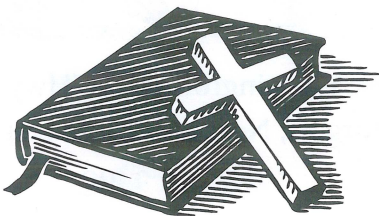
Ray received his formal education in the Pender County school system. He never married nor had children of his own but provided support in the upbringing of his nieces and nephews. He also mentored numerous young men in the community. He was a caring person, who was passionate and intense in helping anyone who needed it.

Ray had a love for the land and could successfully grow anything, which led him to a career of landscaping, gardening and farming. As a young adult, Ray moved to Newark, New Jersey, where he was employed by Drewett’s Nursery and Landscaping Company until his retirement and return to Pender County. Ray always grew a

beautiful garden that was enjoyed by, and shared with family, friends and others.

Until his decline in health, Ray was a great sportsman and took pride in cooking and eating what he caught. He led a very active lifestyle and loved the outdoors. Taking morning rides on his moped, visiting neighbors, and going out for breakfast with friends and family, were his favorite daily activities. He was a loving brother, special uncle and friend. He will best be remembered for his integrity, wittiness and his quiet strength and faith, even when circumstances were tough. He was predeceased by his parents; six siblings, Willie, Reginald, Cleveland, Arbelvia Walker, Juliette Goodwyn, and Mae Ruth Calloway.

Ray leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: five sisters, Bertha Bannerman, Watha, NC; Frances B. White (Clifford), Burgaw, NC; Vivian Minatee, Watha, NC; Dolores Tyree, Rocky Point, NC; Esther Brinson, (James), Decatur, Georgia; one brother, Carl Walker, (Janet), Conway, N.C; two godchildren: Monica and Kevin Lowe; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; two devoted cousins, David Jacobs, Jr., and Hezekiah Jacobs; and special friend, Wailen Rivenbark.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude.....	Mr. Herman Lewis
Processional (Clergy & Family).....	Soft Music
Hymn of Comfort.....	New Hope Missionary Baptist Mixed Choir
Scriptures	
Old Testament.....	Elder Clifton McIntyre
New Testament.....	Evangelist Tommie Newkirk
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. R.T. Coston
Solo.....	Mr. Albert Harrison
Reflections.....	Dea. James E. Brinson “Teddy” (Brother-in-law) Mr. Terrance Walker (Cousin) Mr. Elijah Walker (Cousin)
Acknowledgements.....	Mrs. Queen Faison
Obituary.....	Read Silently (Soft Music)
Solo.....	Mrs. Dorothy Bland
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Elbert Fowler
Mortician’s Brief.....	Mr. Bob Dunn Jr. Dunn Funeral Home
Recessional	

The family will receive friends and relatives during the repast at the church fellowship hall, immediately following graveside rites.



CASKET BEARERS
Nephews and Friends

FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces and Friends

INTERMENT

Joel Walker Family Cemetery
Watha, North Carolina

The family deeply appreciates the many expressions of friendship and caring extended to us during these sad hours. Your concern, love and numerous acts of kindness are most sustaining and shall be remembered. We also extend very special thanks to the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Staff and the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Care Center Staff for your love and caring support.



"The Final Care of Our Loved One Has Been Entrusted to:"

Dunn Funeral Home Directors

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Burgaw, North Carolina 28425
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Celebration of Life

for

Ray E'Lafayette Walker

(December 29, 1934 - July 19, 2012)



Monday, July 23, 2012

11:00 AM

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Watha, NC

Elbert Fowler, Pastor