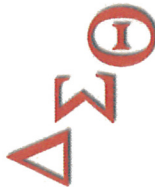




PALL BEARERS

G. Steven Walker
 Pleasant Carr
 Terrance T. Walker

Patrick Walker
 Deon Lee
 James R. Davis, Jr.



HONORARY FLORAL ATTENDANTS

Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

ACTIVE FLORAL ATTENDANTS

Classmates of Pender High School, Burgaw, NC
 Classmates of Morris College, Sumter, SC

INTERMENT

Walkertown Cemetery
Burgaw, North Carolina

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Walker/Murray family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness that have been shown. We pray God's richest blessings upon you. A very special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff of the 9th Floor Duke University Hospital, Durham, NC.

The Walker/Murray Family



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE of

Melisa Ann Walker-Murray
 "Missy"

Sunrise:

November 10, 1966

Sunset:

April 29, 2015



Monday, May 4, 2015
 1:00 P.M.

Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church
 312 N. Wright Street
 Burgaw, North Carolina

Reverend James O. Eason, Pastor
 Reverend Dr. Arthur Komegay, Jr., Eulogist

Missing My Sister and Best Friend

One morning I found you in eternal sleep;

I tried to wake you as I began to weep,

But all my pleas you could not hear;

Oh if I could have only kept you near,

Away from the voices of those who went before,

Who beckoned you to come to that distant shore.

I find it so very hard to believe

That you have gone and I must grieve;

I call out your name -- you answer not,

And I look for you in every familiar spot.

Everything seems so strange and surreal,

I ask every day is it a dream or real?

Where are the soft brown eyes of affection?

Where is the laughter and talk of childhood reflection?

Where is the loving care when I was sick or sad?

Where is the generous soul for which I was glad?

Where is the forgiving and understanding heart?

Where are the bonds that were there from the start?

I miss all the little ways you showed you cared,

For there were so many good moments we shared;

Looking back on my life's assorted scenes,

I realized you taught me what love truly means;

You were my trusted confidante and best friend,

On whose loving support I could always depend.

Loving you and missing you always,

Darlene, Jackie & Freda



If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me.

Place them in my mother's arms and tell her they are from me.

Tell her that I love and miss her, and when she turns to smile,

Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day.

But there is an ache within my heart that will never go away.

Rest in Paradise Beautiful. Loving you always,

Jada



Carolina, where she enjoyed college life. She even did something that she always dreamed of... she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Missy was a very proud DELTA! Balancing family life, working a full-time job and attending college full-time was no easy fete, but she worked hard to achieve her goals. The same emphasis that she put on her own education was applied to her children. She was determined to see them succeed. Missy was employed by Wages, NC for twelve years, working her way up the ladder and becoming a Supervising Social Worker. She made friends at Wages that she considered family. She was always a selfless person that loved helping people do better. If she could help somebody, that's just what she did. Every time you saw her, she greeted you with her beautiful trademark smile. If you were special to her, she made sure that you felt special. If she loved you, she made you feel loved. Missy had the biggest heart and ALL of her nieces and nephews loved her so much. They always knew that they could come to her with anything. She was such an understanding person. They knew that if Mama said no, Aunt Missy would always say yes. She was an amazing wife, mother, daughter, sister, auntie, cousin, niece and friend. She never left you without saying "I love you" and you just knew that she meant it.

During her formative years, Missy attended St. John's United Holy Church in Burgaw along with many of her cousins. Aunt Lucy made sure that her nieces and nephews all attended regularly. For many years she also attended The Lord's Table in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Missy had a tremendous faith and was a firm believer in the Word and Will of God. Throughout her illness you could still hear her thanking and praising Him for His mercy.

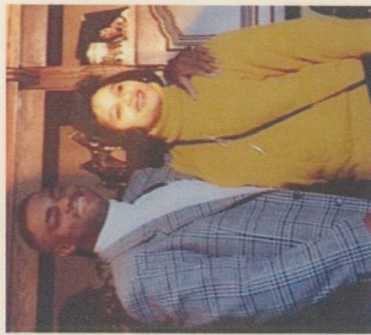
Missy leaves behind to cherish her memory: her husband of 26 years, MSG James Rudolph Murray, Jr. (Retired), whom she affectionately called "Murray"; one son, Trevin Lee Murray; one daughter, Jada Nicole Murray; father, Harry Lee Walker; stepmother, Esther Simpson Walker; grandmother, Gladys Underwood; four sisters, Darlene Walker Avery, Jacqueline Williams (Matthew), Freda Woods and Terry Simpson; two brothers, Darryl Bowden and Steven Simpson; mother and father-in-law, Lauretta and James Murray, Sr.; one sister-in-law, Danielle Murray-Broussard; six aunts, Amelia Lee, Shirley Jordan (James), Lucy Walker, Lilly Parker, Geraldine Butler (Jimmy), Joyce Walker; four uncles, Arthur Walker, Jr., Marvin Walker (Linda), Elijah Walker, and Linwood Williams (Barbara); six nieces, Kelsea, Kelli, Tyra, Zion, Azha'ne and Tiffany; seven nephews, Eric, Kemm, Darryl, Justin, Ja'Vier, Ryel and Steve, Jr.; great niece and nephew, Laila and Elijah Woods; special friend, Janice Fenner; her cousin, brother, mechanic, confidant, champion for life and friend, Donald Ray Walker and Cynthia were very close to her heart; Roscoe, her faithful four legged companion whom she loved dearly; along with many, many, cousins, family and friends too numerous to name, but each one sharing a special place in her heart. She made each one of you feel like you were her favorite because you were! Whether you visited, prayed, sat with the family, delivered food, or just sent a kind thought, she was eternally grateful.



Photographic Tributes



*Love
Always*



THE OBITUARY

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 5:1

Melissa Ann Walker-Murray, affectionately known to all as "Missy", was born on November 10, 1966, to the late Ruby Parker-Walker and Harry Lee Walker, in Burgaw, North Carolina. She enjoyed a carefree childhood living in the Walkertown Community, growing up with many cousins to play with and enjoy. She was always the "good" girl amongst her siblings and cousins, rarely doing anything to get into trouble. Now if she did get into trouble, you can best believe that it was because her ace in the hole, her best friend and sister, Daahhleena (as she always called her) had put her up to it! As kids, if Darlene said do it... she did it, if Darlene said try it... she tried it and it was always just that way, all the way into adulthood. Back in the day, the "crew" consisted of Missy, Darlene, Tricia, Brenda, Amanda, Carrilla, Bernadette, Julie and Rodney. Oh what fun they had! In Walkertown, everyone's house was like "your" house and you were welcome. Whether it was Aunt Mattie and Uncle Rat's, Aunt Lucy's, Uncle Bobby and Aunt Linda's or Grandma and Granddaddy's house, you were as good as home. If it takes a village, Walkertown was her village and she dearly loved the land and all of its inhabitants. The bonds of family that were made in her early childhood were never broken.

During her time in high school, she was involved in many activities, but her favorite was driving bus #165. It was in high school that she met the one and only true love of her life, James Rudolph Murray, Jr. They enjoyed a romantic courtship that included days of him riding his bicycle all the way from Highway 117 down to Highway 53 to visit her. She graduated from Pender High School in June 1987. James soon joined the Air Force and they married in August of 1988. Missy worked in the Emergency Room as a Patient Intake Representative at Pender Memorial Hospital until they received orders for deployment to London, England. This was the first time that she'd be leaving the familiarity of country living, coupled with the fact that she was a Daddy's Girl, so this made this transition very hard. She was both afraid and excited, but there was no turning back. They were off to see the world to begin their lives together. While living in England, they welcomed their first child into the world; a son and the love of her life, Trevin Lee Murray. After returning from England, they were deployed to Montana. This part of the world proved to be an adjustment because of the extreme cold. She said that even in June it was cold! It was during their time in Montana that they welcomed their second child, Jada Nicole Murray, her own little carbon copy to love. Their family was complete. They moved several times during James' military career, finally settling in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Missy gave so much of herself to her family and children but she always yearned for something more. She decided to return to school and continue her education. She attended and graduated from Morris College in Sumter, South

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding.....Rev. Deborah Boggs
Musical PreludeMrs. Pearl Carr-Simpson
Family ProcessionalSoft Music
Omega Omega Service.....Dr. LaTasha Parson-Harris
*Delta Sigma Theta Chapter XI Rho
Morris College, Sumter, SC*
Hymn of ComfortBurgaw Community Choir



OLD TESTAMENT READING
Bishop William A. Davis, Sr.

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Rev. Deborah Boggs

Prayer of ConsolationRev. Arnold Moore
SelectionBurgaw Community Choir
RemarksElijah G. Walker, Family
Minister Ha'Neffa Best, Community
Mrs. Patricia Beier (Program Director), Wages NC
SelectionMs. Pearl Carr-Simpson
Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Ms. Cheryl Beatty
Silent Reading of the Obituary.....Soft Music
Solo.....Mrs. Antea Davis Faye
EulogyRev. Dr. Arthur Kornegay, Jr.
*Pastor, Pike Creek Missionary Baptist Church
Burgaw, NC*
Mortician's BriefBob Dunn, Jr.
Recessional

The family will receive guests for a repast following the graveside rites at the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church fellowship hall, 312 N. Wright Street.