

In Loving Memory of



James V. Walker

Sunrise

November 29, 1948

Sunset

July 31, 2013

Service

Tuesday, August 6, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

Solid Rock Baptist Church

644 Chancellor Avenue

Irvington, New Jersey

Rev. Reginald Pitts, Pastor

Rev. Evans Spagner, Officiating

Carlton Carter, Organist

Obituary

James V. Walker was born on November 29, 1948 to the late James Walker and the late Rebecca Walker in Baltimore, MD. Jimmy, as so affectionately known, moved to Martinsville, VA with his parents and siblings, where he attended elementary and high school. During his time in Virginia, Jimmy lived a fulfilling life as a little country boy who knew how to skip rocks, shoot rifles and save his sisters from snakes that slithered about the outhouse. Though Jimmy was the second in birth order, he did not shy from being an organizer and began planning his career early in life. Once Jimmy graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Martinsville, he migrated with his family to Newark, NJ.

Soon after, he enlisted in the US Air Force. Jimmy was proud to serve his country. Serving in the Vietnam War in Thailand, he was honorably discharged once his duty had been served. When Jimmy left the service, he attended Rutgers University. He was such an intelligent man, and found himself on the Dean's List throughout his education. In fact, he and his sister Joyce competed in education, often having lengthy debates about similar classes and who could get what grade, and which professor was the most difficult. Jimmy was a faithful believer in the Lord. He was a Christian man and when he moved to New Jersey he left his Presbyterian roots to join the Baptist Church. His favorite Bible verse was Psalm 23.

While working as a communications worker for the NPD, he was once again, called to serve. Jimmy entered the police academy, and joined the ranks of the Newark Police Department. It is there that he found his career and home. He LOVED being a police officer. He EMBRACED his duty. He HONORED the force, and he exemplified LOYALTY and COMMITMENT every step of the way. While on the police force, Jimmy received numerous commendations for his achievements, and rose to the rank of police detective. Jimmy gained a wealth of experience and worked in several departments throughout his career: Rapid Robbery, Licensing, and the Chief's office, to name a few. He loved being a detective and was kind and helpful to many who continue to tell stories of how our beloved James...Jimmy...Uncle Jimmy...had their backs or went above and beyond to help in difficult situations.

In 2007, Jimmy retired from the police force after more than 26 years of protecting and serving the community. Jimmy continued to stay abreast of current events and loved an intellectual debate or conversation about politics. In fact, he read a total of five newspapers per day, beginning at 5am every morning; one of them being the Martinsville Herald, which kept him tied to his Virginia roots.

What many do not know about Jimmy is that he was very talented as an artist. He could draw very well, and spent hours at a time painting in his youth. In fact, he completed his own self-portrait, and was skilled in demonstrating how to tell the quality of oil painting by the richness and depth in the color.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his baby brother Otto Von Walker, and baby sister, Verlie (Dee) Walker. His eldest brother Thomas Walker, and sister Mary Martin, whom will miss him tremendously, survives him. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Don Martin and sister-in-law Colleen Walker, whom Jimmy always believed would take care of his siblings in his absence. Jimmy had a host of nieces and nephews: LaTonya, TaVongala, Tarmeka, Iesha, Eddie, Jerry and Helena, and a host of great nieces and nephews who will continue to cherish the time they spent with him and the joy he brought to each heart.

Order of Service

Processional.....Ministers and family

Ministry In Song.....Choir

Solo.....Andrea Martin

Scriptures

Old Testament Reading - Psalms 39:4-7

New Testament Reading - Romans 8: 38-39

Prayer of Comfort.....Al-Donn Riddick

Acknowledgement

and Obituary.....Gale Hunter and LaTonya White

Ministry In Song.....Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. Evans-Spagner

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Recessional

Interment

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey

Repast at the church

Dear Brother

*Thank you for protecting and encouraging excellence,
through talks of kindness or embarrassment.*

*Thank you for cooking fruit pies for us after sending us
to pick the fruits in the hot fields while you waited in the shade.*

*Thank you for combing and braiding my hair,
which is still out of control.*

*Thank you for making sure we didn't miss the school bus,
when you were the only one who wanted to go to school.*

*Thank you for helping put pins in my dress that you all helped to rip
(by tumbling me down a hill or chasing me up a tree),
before momma and daddy got home.*

*Thank you for forging momma's name on all the notes to
Dora at the local store so we could get cakes, chips, and ice cream on credit.*

*Thank you for making me physically tough and showing
me how to defend myself, even when I was wrong.*

Thank you for beating up kids when I exaggerated my hurt.

*Thank you for loving and supporting my children. When they were young you
spoiled them, cleaned their noses, and was right by
my side at their significant events. They loved uncle Jimmy!*

*Thank you for letting me take care of you for the past 8 months.
Obviously, I did a good job, because you smiled,
bossed me around, and kept me on the move.*

*Most of all, thank you for loving me. I told you last week,
I knew I was your favorite. I will love you and cherish the memories
I have of you forever.*

Your Sister

Acknowledgement

You are special in our hearts...we would like to thank all of our family and friends for your love, kind deeds and support. We especially thank the Solid Rock Baptist church family. Most importantly, we thank the Lord above for comforting and keeping us during this time of need.

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