

*Celebration for the Life of
Winston Walters*

September 24, 1933 – April 28, 2014



Saturday, May 24, 2014 - 2:00 pm
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
Thompson Pen (Greendale Community)
St. Catherine
Officiating Minister: Donovan Masters

Order of Service

Chairman Clint Harris
Song 111..... “He Will Call”
Opening Prayer Clint Harris
Memorial Discourse Donovan Masters
Song 134..... “See Yourself When All Is New”
Closing Prayer Donovan Masters

Interment

Saturday, May 24, 2014
Dovecot Memorial Park • (St. Catherine)

Concluding Remarks at the Graveside

Song 55 “Life Without End-At Last” (*John 3:16*)
Song 22 “Jehovah Is My Shepherd” (*Psalms 23*)
Song 19 “God’s Promise of Paradise” (*Luke 23:43*)
Song 12 “Life Everlasting Is Promised” (*Psalms 37:29*)
Song 24 ... “Keep Your Eyes On The Prize” (*2 Corinthians 4:18*)

Reflections of Life

There are people, whose lives may be eulogized in a single page. However, that is impossible for Winston Walters, a man whose character, values, and beliefs were vividly revealed in the way he lived his life. It's just not enough to mention that he loved his family, his friends, and embraced just about everyone he knew; instead, it is significantly more affirming to share brief anecdotes that highlight his conduct as a husband, a father, and a friend.

"Hands and gloves" best describes the marriage between Winston and his surviving wife, Monica Walters. Where ever you saw one, you also saw the other. They vacationed and traveled mostly to Jamaica, their home away from home, together. They visited their children and grandchildren, together. They ate at the dining table, often seated next to each other, together. They worked in and around their home, together. They went grocery shopping, together. They did just about everything one could think of, together. They were inseparable.

The term, 'inseparable,' also describes his relationship with his first wife, Mavis Prince. She labels him as a good husband; caring, loving, and a father in every sense of the word to his children. She also added that he frequently communicated with her and the children during extended periods of time away from home, as he worked feverishly in Bermuda to ensure that he was fully equipped to meet the needs of his family.

While living in Jamaica, he attended Barbican Baptist Church regularly along with his family, and he maintained his membership there until his conversion to a Jehovah's Witness. One of his sons stated, "Daddy was a God fearing man, one who allowed the principles of the Scriptures to mold his life. So convinced he was about his faith, that he used every opportunity to share his faith with others."

Throughout his lifetime, he relished every opportunity to spend quality time with his six children (two predeceased him), fifteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, brother, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends. His visits with his children and grandchildren were filled with joy and laughter; he would laugh at his grandchildren's jokes, and he took great joy and satisfaction in their personal and professional achievements. He always brought along gifts that included monies and clothing of all sizes and descriptions. Thankfully, he had an eye for fashion; a trait that was very well appreciated by his grandchildren, who were proud

and excited to wear and show off to friends, the clothes grandpa gave them.

When he visited his daughters in New York, he brought them multivitamins and a host of other nutritious products. I guess one could say, they were daddy's little girls. Every morning he made oatmeal for his step-daughter, who resided with him and his wife; a treat that she looked forward to. He was not a therapist by trade or any professional standards but he knew exactly what to say in order to bring comfort and hope to his children during challenging times. As one of his sons recalled, "One thing that stands out in my mind is the fact that he was a good listener. Often times, I would speak with him on the phone and share some very deep and personal information. No matter the circumstance, he would give me an opportunity to express what was on my mind without being judgemental. Having listened, he would process carefully what was said.

Following this, he would respond in a way that reflects insight and wisdom. This is indeed a legacy that I will work at characterizing in my own life."

It is no surprise that his children and grandchildren have accomplished great feats in their lifetime. He modeled his expectations for his children by working tirelessly as a Mason to meet the needs of his family; ensuring that the multitude of resources that were accessible to children of the rich and famous were also attainable for his own children. This is a legacy that his children passed on to his grandchildren and it continues to live on. He was also a construction worker.

Modesty was a principle upheld in his household. His wife remained mindful of his expectations when choosing hairstyles and clothing, and his children did the same. As a young adult, Jennifer asked him for a pair of pants and he calmly and gently reminded her that "women do not wear pants." That conversation was never revisited because his expectation was clear. At least Jennifer asked about pants, Georgia on the other hand approached her desire to wear pants differently. Using his calm and gentle voice, he reminded her about women and the need for modesty; a lesson she will never forget.

Etiquette was as important to Winston as modesty. At meal times, he and his family would be seated upright at a dining table, with hands in their laps but never on the table unless they were holding a knife and a fork. Every meal was preceded by a prayer that he prayed; he was a

man that thanked Jehovah consistently for his daily provisions and this practice continues in the lives of his children and grandchildren.

Not only did he practice eating etiquette, but he also never uttered a word that would be considered inappropriate by swearing or cursing. The closest he got to cursing was saying, "I'm going to give you a blooming konk." This is exactly what he would say when he reprimanded his children.

Outside of his family, Winston has left footprints in the lives of his friends and the community of Jehovah's Witnesses. During a recent trip to Jamaica, he was approached by several friends, who graciously thanked him for the time he spent teaching them the skills of Masonry. They each used those skills as a means to meet the needs of their families. At the Kingdom Hall, he is described as a sound man, one who was never without his Bible and meticulous because of his role in the timely distribution of various reading materials.

Winston is survived by his beloved wife, Monica Walters, a host of family members and friends. His conduct as a husband, a father, and a friend throughout his lifetime is certainly a model for all to follow.



Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 3:00 pm

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Order of Service

Reflections of Life David Mann

Discourse David Mann

Song 111 "He Will Call"

Prayer Nathan Williams

Pall Bearers

Colin Walters (son)

Claude Walters (son)

Courtney Walters (nephew)

Ryan Walters (grandson)

Luke Walters (grandson)

Oscar Wright (cousin)

Paradise

By Tallia J. Dosser

In a blink of an eye All was at peace
Life without end Tears that will cease
Unity Love Fears cast aside
Wolf and Lamb As one Will reside
A mere young boy Innocent as can be
Will lead them all For eternity
Old will be made young Skin fresh and new
Death no more Will haunt me and you
As the dead open their eyes To a peaceful new shore
Clean and serene The earth will be Forever more
As we stand before Jehovah A happy people
We shall be Though we've struggled
Through trials Tribulations Persecutions And greed
He's pulled us through In our greatest Time's of need
Now as one We all reside In this peaceful
New world Called a Paradise

Acknowledgement

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