

*Celebration of Life Services of
John Thomas Walton, Sr.*



Sunrise
May 24, 1927

Sunset
January 17, 2015

Friday, January 23, 2015 - 11:30 A.M.

Trinity Temple SDA

35-37 Hillside Avenue
Newark, New Jersey
Dr. N. Miles, Pastor

Elder Austin Whitaker, Eulogist
Bishop David E. Barnes, Officiating
Stanley Luke, Drummer
Chris Brascom, Organist

Obituary

John Thomas Walton, Sr. was born on May 24, 1927 to the late Charlie and Leola Walton in Butler, GA. He was one of fourteen (14) children, and grew up in a large loving Christian family. He attended school in Butler, GA.

John and Leary Dwight were united in marriage in 1946. During their sixty years of marriage, they raised nine children. John and his family later relocated to Newark, NJ. He was employed by South Orange Paving Inc., until he retired at the age of 69.

He was a great comedian, and had favorite stories to tell to anyone who would listen, and especially his favorite about himself and his brother, the late Pastor Charles Walton, working in the fields of GA. He was seriously burned because he was hard headed and didn't do what Pastor Walton had told him to do. Grace Cathedral knew this story word for word, because every time he got up, he worked it into his testimony.

He would drive his wife Leary to services, Wednesday Night, Friday Night, All Day Sunday, and then would sit outside in his car, listening to the baseball game on radio. He even got himself a portable TV to see the games. Once services were over, then they would go home. When his daughter, Pastor Lillie Williams, started Grace Cathedral Outreach Ministries, he actually began coming inside and participating in Services, and affectionately known as "Father John".

During the last two months of his life as he lived with cancer, he began to refuse to take medicine. Up to this point, John was a "hand full". When the family begged him to take his medicines, he strongly said, almost yelling at us, "NO, NO, the Lord is going to heal me. I'm risen with the Lord. Even if you offered him water, he would inspect the water to make sure the water was not containing anything but water. Not even in the hospital or in the Rehab facilities. He held to that belief that the Lord was going to heal him, and indeed, the Lord did heal him, on the other side. And just to prove his point, he did something in the last 2-3 weeks of his life, we never saw him do before: in his weaken condition, down to about 110 pounds, he would drag himself out of that bed, grab hold of the bed railings and give a "Dance of Praise" unto the Lord. He would then look back at us, crawl back into bed and return to that weakened state. His favorite songs: "This little Light Of Mine" and "Let Jesus Lead You".

John lived to the blessed age of 87 and a half years old. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Leola Walton, his wife, Elder Leary Dwight-Walton, sons, John, Jr. (Sonny), Dennis, Edward (Roger), daughters, Janice and Michelle Commander, brothers, Pastor Charles Walton, Alonzo, S.T., Chester, Marvin (Nelson), sisters, ZellaMae Walker and Annie L. Taylor.

He leaves to cherish his life: his daughters, Pastor Lillie Williams (Ernest), Diane Barthelus (Florian, Sr.), Carolyn Lee and Debbie Walton; one remaining sister, Dolly Mae Woods; sisters-in-law, Ethel, Evelyn, Catherine and Maryann Walton; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional of Clergy and Family

Hymn of Consolation..... “At The Cross”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-4 Evangelist Gloria Turner

New Testament - John 14 Missionary Betty Scovil

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Mary Maddox

Musical Selection Combined Choir
Throwback Gospel Song

Resolutions, Acknowledgements, Obituary
Missionary Belinda Ward

Representing Mid Atlantic Diocese, CLG, Inc. Bishop C. Harvey
Pastor Jerome Hubbard

Special Remarks Oakwood Towers
April Moore
Wanza Walton
Maude Williams
Mother Emma Gaskin
Leary L. Walton

Remarks Visiting Clergy

Family Representative Pastor Lillie Williams

Musical Selection Combined Choir

Introduction of Eulogist..... Elder Valerie Turner-McElveen

Eulogy Elder Austin Whitaker

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

Repast

*Donald K. Tucker Complex #2
23-35 Elizabeth Avenue, Newark, NJ*

I've Changed My Address

*I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.
I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.
I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place where you'll find me.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.
I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the sky.
I have no burdens or heartaches
and from tears I am now free.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place to find me.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion
and my name is on the door.
You can find us walking together,
for where He is, I'll always be.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.*

-Author unknown

Floral Bearers:

Michelle Walton, Carolyn Walton, Monica Walton, Jade Barthelus

Pall Bearers:

Shawn Walton, Allen Walton, Florian Barthelus, Sr.,
Nakyle Walton, Marquise Walton

Honorary Captain Pallbearer

Deacon Ernest Williams

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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