

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Jannie M. (Watkins) Walker*

**Sunrise  
October 21, 1923**

**Sunset  
September 26, 2021,**

**Friday, October 8, 2021 - 12:00 Noon**

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**  
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey  
*Rev. Alfred Steele, Officiating*

# *Obituary*

Jannie Mae (Watkins) Walker was born October 21st, 1923, in Buckingham County, Virginia. She was born to the late Mattie Lillian Allen Watkins and Aaron Watkins.

On Sunday, September 26, 2021, Jannie had a peaceful transition to be with our Lord and family.

Jannie was the youngest of eight brothers and sisters, Aaron Watkins, Clyde Watkins, Edward Watkins, Olivia Watkins, Corene Watkins, Beatrice Hawks, Eloise Smith and Janie Walker.

She was reared in Buckingham County and attended school there. At an early age, she accepted Christ and was baptized at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Buckingham County by Rev. Harvey.

Jannie moved to Baltimore Maryland for a short stint. From Baltimore she moved to Newark, NJ to live with her sister Beatrice for a short period of time. She later moved to Passaic, NJ where she met Roy Walker whom she dated and then married. From that beautiful union they had two sons and a daughter, Leroy Walker, Harold Walker and Donna Marie Walker Valentine (Sydney Valentine).

Jannie consistently reminisced about her parents and her life growing up on the farm which were happy times. Jannie and Roy would take Leroy and Harold down to the farm twice a year to experience the pleasure of the farm that Jannie grew up on.

Even though she lived in the city, one of the biggest things that would put a big smile on Jannie's face is when her husband Roy would return home from hunting with game. It reminded her of being back home in the country.

She was predeceased by her son, Leroy Walker, as well as eight brothers and sisters.

She leaves behind three children, Harold Walker and Donna Marie Walker Valentine; grandchildren, Aaron Valentine wife Natasha Valentine, Noah Valentine fiancé Asia; great grandchildren, Ramir, Carter, Zion and Carmello. She also leaves faithful family friends, Carl Kearney and Regina Smith and her most cherished and devoted nephew, Robert Louis Bolling.



# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Alfred E. Steele

Seminary Baptist Church

Recessional

*Interment*

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave

Clifton, NJ 07014

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Jannie M. (Watkins) Walker** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

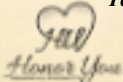
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