

A portrait of an elderly African American man with glasses, wearing a dark grey suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is standing against a background of a sunset or sunrise sky with clouds.

*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life of*

*William Fox Walker*

*Sunrise*

July 15, 1917

*“Mickey”*

*Sunset*

February 28, 2012

Service

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street

Roselle, New Jersey

**Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor**

## *Life Reflections*

**William Fox Walker** was born on July 15, 1917, in Bishopville, South Carolina, son of Bertha Stradford Walker and Lucius Walker, Sr. Raised and educated in Roselle, NJ, he graduated from Roselle High School in the Class of 1935. He later received a certified in the field of Welding. After High School he worked as a Pullman Porter which serviced routes between New York and Chicago.

On September 1, 1940, he was joined in holy matrimony to Gladys Spaulding and this union was blessed with five children, Dennis, Donald, Barbara Jean, Eugene Manning and Cheryl. He resided in Roselle, NJ with his family for over 80 years.

William had been employed as a welder at Thatcher Furnace Company in Garwood, NJ. He also owned a neighborhood grocery store in Roselle, NJ, named Walker's Meat Market, where he helped many families feed their families. He owned a cement plant, Instant-Crete in Hoboken, NJ with his sons Dennis and Donald, Sr. He partnered with Dick Goldberger in State Welding and Sandblasting and Garden State Brickface and Stucco, both in Roselle, NJ. He designed and fabricated tools, equipment, and truck bodies to make the work environment more efficient and safe. He was honored as a long time employer after fifty years. He designed and created iron railings for many homes and businesses throughout the tri-state area.

"Mickey", as he was affectionately known, was a long-time member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Roselle. In 2011, he was honored as the Eldest Male Member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. He was a member of the World Famous Apollo Basketball Team. He was an avid bowler for many years until he took up golfing which became his passion. He won many awards in both bowling and golf. He instructed a summer youth golf program in Roselle, NJ with Leonard "Bud" Simmons, his lifelong friend. Mickey was known for his fish fry's and for making delicious homemade rolls.

William Fox Walker was predeceased by his wife Gladys Spaulding Walker, a son, Donald R. Walker, Sr., his parents, Bertha and Lucius Walker, Sr., five brothers and three sisters and grandson, Dennis Darrell of Charlotte, NC.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his children, Dennis Walker (Dolores) of Metuchen, NJ, Barbara Jean Cameron of Blackwood, NJ, Eugene Manning Walker of Roselle, NJ and Cheryl Williams (Glenn) of Linden, NJ; fourteen grandchildren; thirty great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a sister, Lottie Bethea of Plainfield NJ and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn .....”Let the Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Music Selection

Words of Comfort .....Bishop Wayne Johnson  
Rev. James Moore, Sr.

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary .....Carol Walker-Crudup

Solo .....by Deacon Goodman ”Someone Prayed For Me”

Eulogy .....Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor

Recessional

## Interment

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

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*Gladys and William Together Again*

**PALLBEARERS**

Family and friends of **Mickey Walker**

DENNIS HOPSON II  
MICHAEL E. JACKSON  
DERRYK B. SELLERS  
DONALD R. WALKER, JR  
WILLIAM D. WALKER, JR  
KELLEN A. WILLIAMS

*Acknowledgement*

The family of **Mickey Walker** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this “our” hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.