Home Going Celebration for **Rev. Bobby Levi Wayne Walker**

Sunrise March 4, 1944 **Sunset** May 17, 2015

Saturday, May 23, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Congregational Baptist Church 399 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Reverend Linwood McNeil, Pastor Pastor Dale Ciceron, Officiating

<u>Obituary</u>

Bobby Wayne Levi Walker was born on March 4, 1944 to the late Levi Wayne and Laura Walker of Portsmouth, VA. He attended elementary and middle school in Portsmouth, VA and graduated from Weequahic High School in Newark, NJ in June 1962. A few years later, he met Rosa Oliver and they were united in holy matrimony on June 26, 1965. From this union came five children, Bobby Jr., Regina, Sharon, Timothy and Anthony. On April 6, 1993, Bobby married Mary Harrell and they established residence in Linden, NJ and finally in South Hampton, NJ.

Bobby began his employment career as a warehouse worker for Celentano Brothers in Verona, NJ for many years. He went on to work as a cable installer at Gateway Cable in Newark, NJ and then as a cable installer manager for Citi Cable also in Newark, NJ. Bobby also pursued his entrepreneurial passion by opening an antique retail store. Later in his employment career, Bobby worked for Coastal Plumbing for approximately fifteen years until his retirement on March 31, 2015.

Bobby accepted his call to ministry at Unity Temple Church of God In Christ in Newark, NJ, under the leadership of the late Elder Leslie Jones, Sr. He played the organ and he loved to sing

congregational hymns and songs. He served as the assistant pastor and was soon appointed as the pastor under the late Bishop Esau Courtney, Sr. After leaving Unity Temple, Bobby joined Wells Cathedral COGIC in Newark, NJ. Bobby and his wife, Mary, later joined Christian Pentecostal Church in Irvington, NJ. Some years passed and the Lord directed him to begin a ministry in his home, Second Chance Ministries, while living in Linden, NJ. Until his untimely death, Bobby and his wife, Mary were faithful members at Agape Family Worship Center in Rahway, NJ.

Bobby truly was a skillful handyman. Yet, he was always willing to learn new skills and was not intimidated by how long the process may take. He enjoyed watching science fiction, karate and comedy films. He loved to laugh and have a good time with family and friends. Bobby, a praying man with strong faith, was very knowledgeable in the Word of God. He always greeted you with a smile and encouraging words and was helpful to anyone in need, even if it meant giving you the shirt off his back. Bobby loved the Lord and he loved God's people. This was evident because he lived his life through the words of his favorite hymn:

If I can help somebody as I pass along If I can cheer somebody with a word or song If I can show somebody that he's traveling wrong Then my living will not be in vain

Bobby made his heavenly transition on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Virtua Hospital in Mt. Holly, NJ.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Mary; his children, Bobby Jr. of Orange, NJ, Regina Walker of Orange, NJ, Sharon (Kevin) McKie of Columbia, SC, Timothy Walker of Orange, NJ, Anthony (Yolanda) Walker of Macungie, PA, Jacqueline (Kevin) Brown of Knoxville, TN, Elijah Harrell, Jr. of Passaic, NJ and Maurice of Irvington, NJ; his siblings, Jimmy Joyner (Ivy) of Plainfield, NJ, Arthur Pickett (Poochie) of Irvington, NJ, Tommy Pickett of Newark, NJ, Theresa Torain, Virgie Wilson and Doug Lunsford from Maryland; his in-laws, Roberta Leary (Charlie) of Edenton, NC, Walter Jernigan (Doris) of Edenton, NC, Warner Jernigan of Edenton, NC, Andrew Jernigan (Indra) and James Jernigan from Flushing, NY; Fred (Dorothy) Hill of Edenton, NC. He leaves a legacy to his fourteen grandchildren, Asia, Stefanie, Porsha, Kamille, Brianna, Jonathan, Kenia, Keshon, Anthony Jr., Shanelle, Alexis, Joshua, Maurice and Jazmyne and to his six great grandchildren. He also leaves to cherish his memory his goddaughter, Denise Carr; his godson, Terry J. Jonas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalClergy and Family
InvocationDeacon Kirk Walker
Prayer of Consolation
SoloMae Walker
Hymn
Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 27Kevin Brown New Testament - John 14:1-6Kevin McKie Tributes and Reflections(limit to two minutes please)
Musical Selection
Church Resolution
Acknowledgements, CondolencesDenise Carr and Obituary
Musical Selection
EulogyPastor Eric Walker
RecessionalClergy and Family



Interment Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me-but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know. Laugh at the things we use to do miss me-but let me go. -author unknown

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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