

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**

*Preston Walker*

Sunrise: March 27 - Sunset: June 27



**Service:**

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**UNION CHAPEL CHURCH**

1424 Gustav Avenue • Union, New Jersey

# Order of Service

Officiant ..... Reverend Samuel M. Wright Jr.  
Hymn of Praise ..... Choir  
Old and New Testament ..... Pastor Dennis Malloy  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Richard Hayes  
Song Selection ..... “I’m Free” – Bridget Hayes  
Proclamation ..... Councilman Tony Alston  
Time of Remembrance ..... Deacon Joe Delapara  
Acknowledgment and Condolences  
Reading of the Obituary  
Eulogy ..... Reverend Samuel M. Wright Jr.

## **INTERMENT**

Graceland Memorial Park  
1900 Galloping Hill Road  
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

*Repass Location: Galloping Hill Caterers,  
1085 Galloping Hill Road, Union NJ 07083  
2pm - 5pm.*



# Obituary

**Preston Walker** was born as Willie Preston Walker in Capps, Alabama on March 27<sup>th</sup> to the late Buster and Gertrude Walker. He was the fifth of 10 siblings. At an early age, he joined Rocky Mount Baptist Church in Abbeville, Al. A significant part of the Walker family heritage, Rocky Mount Baptist Church was close to his heart. Preston attended Henry County Training School, but had to leave school early, to help his parents on the farm. Later he joined the army and was honorably discharged.

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Shortly after, he married his first wife Essie (deceased). They moved to Jersey City, NJ. To this union, son Joseph Walker was born. Preston went to school and learned how to fix televisions. He was employed at Dresser Worthington in Harrison, NJ. Preston was a crane operator and worked his way up to foreman. He retired after 40 years of service.

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Preston met his current wife Genitha in Newark, NJ and they married on August 10<sup>th</sup>. To this union, daughter Monica Walker was born. They bought a home in Hillside, NJ. Preston loved watching baseball. His favorite teams were the Mets and Yankees. He also played the guitar. He was self-taught and it gave him a lot of enjoyment.

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Preston was always, cool, calm, and collected. He was the “Billy Dee Williams” of his day. According to his son Joseph, “dad could always bust a move, get down, and groove.” His friends affectionately called him “Johnny”. He kept to himself, and followed his own lead. Back in the day, when his brothers went left, he went right. He did not believe in compromising. If asked why he had an independent agenda, he replied, “I’m just cool like that!”

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One of the highlights of Preston’s life was taking care of his grandson Christian. Preston enjoyed spending time with Christian. Christian was the apple of his eye.

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The last of his siblings, Preston departed this earth on June 27<sup>th</sup>. He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife, Genitha of Hillside, NJ; son, Joseph Walker (Ida) of Daytona Beach, Fl; daughter Monica Walker of Hillside, NJ; granddaughter Latoya Walker of Naples, FL; grandson Christian Walker of Hillside, NJ; an uncle Marty Williams of Chipley, Fl; two sister-n-laws (Zora Walker and Bea Walker), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# *Homage to My Dad*

If you every heard me talk about my story, then you know about my dad. He meant so much to me. It is often said that a daughter's first love is her dad and I feel the same way. My dad was my greatest fan, and friend.

My dad guided me, hugged me, rescued me, and educated me about life. He was a great provider. For the first 3 years of my son's life, my dad was his caretaker while I went to work. This created a special bond between my dad and his grandson (Christian). I will never forget the unconditional love he gave to us. He was the head of the household, always keeping the family together through challenges and good times. In my eyes, he was my hero and will always be.

Monica Walker #daddygirl



## *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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