

Order of Service

Processional	
Receiving of Family and Friends	1:30 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.
Call to Worship	Reverend Jonathan Boyd
Solo	Iris Degree
Scriptures	
Old Testament	Minister
New Testament	Minister
Prayer of Comfort	Minister
Remarks (Two Minutes Please)	Sandra Anderson & Family
Selection	
Words of Comfort	Reverend John Boyd
Recessional	

Interment
Rose Hill Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers
Family and Friends



I am home in Heaven dear ones;
Oh, so *happy and bright!*
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at
peace forever.
Safely home in Heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh the joy to see you come!

In Gratitude

In everything both great and small, we see the hand of God through various expressions of sympathy you have extended to us. It is with deepest gratitude that we thank each of you during this most difficult time.

The Family of Essie Mae Walker



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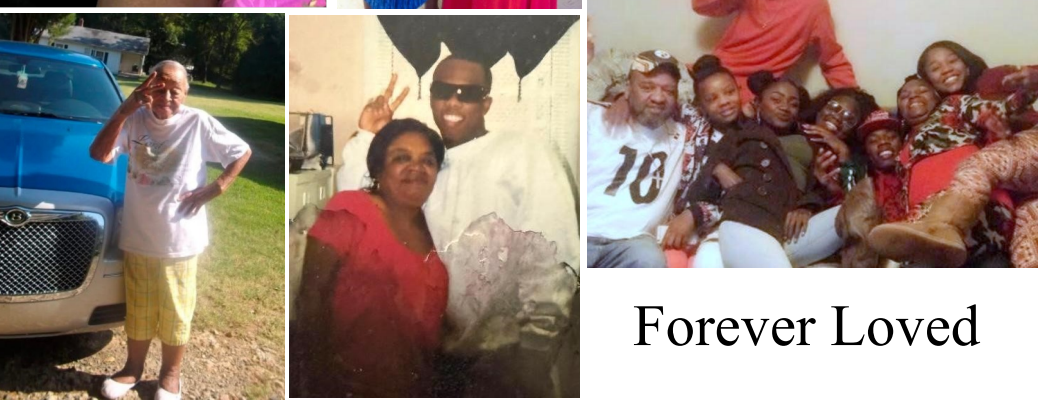
Celebration Of A Life Well Lived Essie Mae Walker



On Earth
June 18, 1943

In Heaven
April 22, 2025

Sunday, April 27, 2025
2:00 pm
Light Oak Baptist Church
2311 Oak Grove Road
Shelby, North Carolina 28150
Rev. John Boyce, Officiating



Forever Loved



Her Journey

Mrs. Essie Mae Rebecca Williams Walker, daughter of the late Ila Mae Wilson Williams Adams and Ruther Williams, was born on June 18, 1943, in Gastonia, NC, and departed this life on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the Robin Johnson Hospice House.

Essie was known for her warm heart, vibrant spirit, and unwavering commitment to her community. She had a passion for dancing, cooking, and solving crossword puzzles. But more than anything, Essie was a giver. She opened her heart and her home to many—offering meals, comfort, and shelter to anyone in need. She was a true pillar of her community, always ready with a kind word and a helping hand.

Essie's greatest joy came from her family, especially her children and grandchildren, whom she adored beyond measure. She poured endless love into their lives, always present with warm hugs, wise words, and meals made from the heart. Her legacy lives on through them and her loving children, Shawn and Christopher Walker - a reflection of her kindness, strength, and deep, abiding love.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse C. Walker; her mother, Ila Mae Wilson Williams Adams; her father, Ruther Williams; two sons, Antonio Mortel Walker and Jessie Collins Walker Jr.; two brothers, Henry Williams and Billy Ray Williams; and one sister, Gracie Z. White.

She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved sister, Garnell Gillespie of Gastonia, NC, whom she loved dearly; one sister-in-law, Mary Williams of Lake Wylie, NC; one daughter, Shawn Walker Love (James Love) of Midway, GA; one son, Christopher Walker of Bessemer City, NC; one adopted son, Johnathan Kendrick of Gastonia, NC; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Her legacy of kindness, strength, and love will live on in the lives she touched and the family she cherished so deeply.

