

IN LOVEING MEMORY

Mr. Walter Lee Cheatham



Sunrise

October 10, 1938

Sunset

May 10, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

1400 Ridgeway Street

Jackson, Mississippi 39213

Rev. Reginald Buckley, Officiating Pastor

Obituary

-WALTER LEE CHEATHAM -

Walter Lee Cheatham was born on October 10, 1938 in Benton, MS to the late Maude and Thomas Cheatham Sr. He was preceded in death by 1 brother and 2 sisters, H.M., Erma, and Geneva. He was the fourth (4th) child of ten (10) children. At an early age, his family relocated to Jackson, MS, where they attended Cade Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Walter accepted Christ at a young age under the leadership of Rev. J.D. Hayden. He worked in various ministries at the church which included Sunday School floor superintendent, Trustee Board, Transportation, The Brotherhood and Laymen .

Walter attended Jackson Public Schools and received his high school diploma from Lanier High School, Class of 1959. During his high school years, Walter exemplified excellent athletic abilities in football. He received a scholarship from Rust College. After attending Rust College, his workforce career began at St. Dominic hospital in 1960. It was there, he met the love of his life, Lula Bernice Lockett from Camden, MS. His life changed forever. Walter and Bernice were joined together in holy matrimony. To this union three (3) precious children were born, Bruce Anthony, Jennifer Kaye, and Andray Kenyatta. Bruce and Andray also preceded him in death. Walter later gained employment with Eaton Aerospace where he worked faithfully for 40+ years until his retirement.

Walter was passionate about sports. He used baseball to change the lives of many young boys which later included girls. For over 60 years, Walter was committed to coaching young black boys who were eager to learn the game of baseball. He recruited in several communities which included Virden Addition, Shady Oaks, George Town, and other areas throughout Jackson. His team was called The Royals (ages 9 to 16). His great achievements included multiple local and state championships and a trip to the Little League World Series located in Florida where they represented Mississippi receiving third place. As a result of his great achievements, the City of Jackson honored Walter and his brother Thomas Cheatham by naming Grove Park baseball fields after them.

Walter Cheatham went peacefully to be with the Lord with his family at his side on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of 62 years Lula Bernice Cheatham, one (1) daughter Jennifer Cheatham, two (2) sons Napoleon Alexander Sr. (Autumn) of Desoto, TX and Markus Bell of Jackson, MS, three (3) sisters Maude Simpson of Los Angeles, CA, Martha Ann Cheatham of Jackson, MS, and Judy Faye Cheatham of Dallas, TX, three (3) brothers Thomas Cheatham Jr. of Jackson, MS, Henry Cheatham (Helen) of Chicago, IL, and Clarence Cheatham of Los Angeles, CA. He also leaves one (1) sister-in-law Joyce Johnson of Los Angeles, CA, two (2) brother-in-laws Larry Lockett of Oakland, CA and Charles Lockett of Oakland, CA, three (3) grandchildren, eleven (11) great grandchildren, and one (1) great-great grandchild.

Order of Service

Prelude Medley of Songs

Processional Clergy and Family

Scriptures:

Old Testament Elder Napoleon Alexander

New Testament Rev. Harris

Prayer Rev. Kenny Philips

Selection Cade Chapel Male Choir

Reflections (3 minutes):

As A Friend Zachery Robinson / George Barnes

As A Coach Rev. Ken Wells

As A Church Member Oliver Sims

As A Family Member Thomas Cheatham

Words of Comfort Rev. Marvin Powell

Acknowledgements Tzatwanza Dixon

Solo Rhonda Cheatham

Eulogy Rev. Reginald Buckley





You were the Love of my life for 62 yrs.

We made it through trials & tribulations.

You have done what we all have to do.

You won't have to worry about any more pain.

You have the best doctor now that can give you peace.

You are now free from all suffering & pain.

Say hello to my First & Last born.

I will miss you dearly!

You are gone but never forgotten.

--Your devoted wife Bernice



From Our Hearts

Daddy, you are now resting in the Master's arms. No more pain and suffering!

“Now I lay me down to sleep I pray the lord my soul to keep; If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.” Rest easy Daddy! Gone for now, but never forgotten. Your one & only daughter, Jennifer aka Geese. Love you forever & always!

Till we meet again! --Jennifer and Lula Cheatham

Today we celebrate your life and forever will we reflect on the memories that we shared with you. Yes you fought an outstanding fight. Always telling me your plans once you got well. One of the most important things was you walking again. I know you are walking now and shaking the Master's Hands.

Cheat, you will always hold a special place in my heart. Every time I see the M&M's with peanuts, I will think about the time you drove me nuts just to find you some, LOL; and so many more things you asked for that you were not supposed to have. For I have confirmation to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. In 1Thessalonians 4:13 it states, “But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.” I have found great joy in knowing you are in God's care.

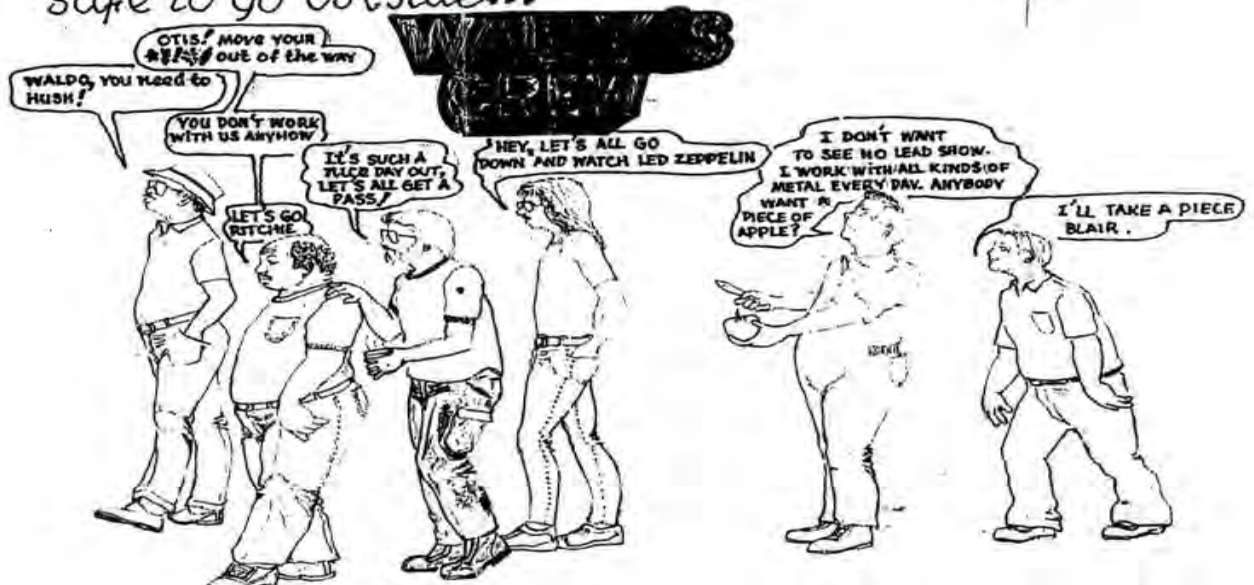
You will be missed, Cheat.--Markus Bell

End of watch 10/10/38 to 05/10/23 R.I.H





They're Back! -
... Just when you thought it was
safe to go outside...



Active Pallbearers

Dennis Mills
Jimmy Davenport
Ken Wells
Marcus Cheatham
Marlan Cheatham
Napoleon Alexander Jr
Rex Harris
Roderick Washington
Zackary Robinson

Honorary Pallbearers

Lanier High School -Class of 1959

Committal Interment

Garden Memorial, Jackson, MS

Arrangements and Services Entrusted to:

Collins Funeral Home, Inc.
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Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Walter Lee Cheatham would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food, and other expressions of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. Special thanks to the Cade Chapel Church family, Enhabit Home Health and nurses, Enhabit Hospice and nurses, Dr. David Mulholland and St. Dominic Heart-Failure Clinic and staff, St. Dominic Wound Healing Center, UMMC Mind Center, and his private home nurse. May God bless you and keep you forever.

