



Deaconess Mary Elizabeth Walker

November 18, 1936 - August 24, 2025

God touch our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Mary Elizabeth Walker, on Sunday, August 24th, 2025.

Mary, affectionately known as “Babysis” was born in Hanover, Virginia, to the union of Sallie and Marshall Lewis, Sr. She was the second youngest of three siblings: born from that union, her late brother, Marshall Lewis Jr., and her devoted sister, Edith Giles. At the early age of 10, she joined Brown Grove Baptist Church in Hanover and remained a faithful follower of Christ ever since.

Mary graduated in 1956 from John M. Gandy High School in Hanover, VA. She then attended Maggie L. Walker High School in Richmond, where she studied sewing for two years. In the 1960s, Mary moved to Brooklyn, New York where she taught sixth-grade Home Economics at Concord Baptist Church.

Mary moved back to Richmond in the late 1970s, where she worked at Sears and Roebuck making curtains and draperies. She was also employed by General Electric for ten years and the Tobacco factory for five years. In 1978,

Mary joined Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church, where she remained a dedicated and faithful member. She served as chairperson of the church Hospitality Ministry and was also a member of Kavanza Smith Ushers, Senior Ministry, and the Spratley Allen Missionary Ministries. On May 23, 2010, Mary was consecrated as a Deaconess at Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Roscoe D. Cooper III. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Deaconess Conference of Richmond and Vicinity.

Mary will be lovingly remembered by her devoted sister Edith Giles. She was a dedicated mother who shown an undeniable love to her three children: Cynthia Anderson, Debra Wynn and Michael Walker. She leaves behind three grandsons, Andre Anderson, Anthony Wynn, and Lamar Wynn; one granddaughter, Sage Walker; three great grandsons, Javeon Billie, Raghi Anderson, Antonio B. Wynn; and one great-great-great grandson, Jace Billie. Two God children, Jonathan Guyton and Kim McCutchen. She also leaves behind a host of cousins, devoted family and friends.

Mary had a passion for working with kids and devoted her time working at Wynnies Childcare and to her Rising Mount Zion Family. Though small in stature, Deaconess Mary Walker was a giant in spirit—a loving mother and a faithful servant who embodied Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E. Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2705 Hartman Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deaconess Mary Elizabeth Walker.



September 05, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deaconess Mary Elizabeth Walker.

September 04, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“ Thank you so much Ma Walker. Rest, well done 🙏🙏

Marion McMackle Jr. - September 03, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ Debra and Family...Sending love and prayers to you all in the passing of your mother. May Momma Walker forever rest in heavenly peace 💜

Cheryl Snyder - August 31, 2025 at 03:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deaconess Mary Elizabeth Walker.*



August 28, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ *Cynthia, Debra, and Michael....I am here for you all! This is an unbearable moment and it's tough, this is your Mother who saw your first smile, school play, and birth of your children, and she will forever hold a specific place in your hearts and minds. I know first hand the grief of losing a parent, this is not a day any of us want to experience But God is with you, I know the days will be long and nights may seem longer But God is omnipresent and He'll carry each of you through this time. Your mother will live forever in your hearts, reflect on the laughs, and memories of togetherness, it's okay to cry and heal overtime, and let the family know if you need anything. She loved each of you more than you know! Keep your hands in Gods and He'll direct your path! Love you all!!!*



Mrs. C. Brooks

Mrs. C. Brooks - August 28, 2025 at 06:52 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with The Walker Family during this difficult time. May God grant you strength, comfort and peace, today and in the days to come.*

*Derith Hatcher
Rising Mount Zion*

Derith Hatcher - August 27, 2025 at 02:32 PM

MW

Thank you.

Michael Walker - August 28, 2025 at 03:12 AM

LB

My heart goes out to you; Mrs. Walker didn't give up until The Lord said "It is Finish" she will miss.

*Linda Bennett
Rising Mt Zion Church*

Linda Bennett - August 28, 2025 at 09:05 PM

JB

My condolences to the family. Mrs Mary was an absolute amazing person who inspired me to work with her in the hospitality ministry. She will be missed. Job well done 👍

Jerry Branch - September 04, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - August 27, 2025 at 12:18 PM