



William "Bill" Walker

February 11, 1940 - May 12, 2026

William "Bill" Lowell Walker, 86, of Richmond, Virginia, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on February 11, 1940, in Richmond, he was the son of the late Elbert V. Walker, Sr. and Grace M. Walker. He was raised with strong values of family, hard work, and community that guided him throughout his life.

Bill was a proud member of Armstrong High School's Class of 1958 and remained actively involved in alumni events over the years. He later graduated from Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) and served honorably in the United States Air Force. After his military service, he dedicated 35 years as a vehicle mechanic with the United States Postal Service before retiring.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Bill married his beloved wife, LaFran "Fonnie" (Purnell) Walker, in 1964. Together, they shared 61 years of love and commitment and reaffirmed their vows in 2024.

A man of deep faith, Bill gave his life to Christ at an early age while attending Fourth Baptist Church and later became a dedicated member of Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church. In his younger years, he enjoyed recreational softball, and later in life he developed a love for international travel.

He is survived by his loving wife, LaFran; his children, Kathy (Marvin) Dickerson of Germantown, Maryland, and Mark (Janet) Walker of Garner, North Carolina; and his grandchildren, Ericca, Kailyn, Symone, and Myles. Additionally, he is survived by his devoted niece and "bonus daughter," Renee

Gaines; his goddaughters, Morgan Gaines and Aalayah Scott-Holley; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

In addition to his parents, his brother, Elbert V. Walker, Jr., preceded him in death.

Flowers are welcome, and contributions in his memory may also be made to Bridge of Life (DaVita Dialysis), P.O. Box 786087, Philadelphia, PA 19178-7087.

Bill will be remembered for his kindness, jovial spirit, and quiet strength. His legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the love he shared.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

MAY 20. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

MAY 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Sincere sympathy for the loss of yiuur loved one, Mr. William Walker. May the cherished memories help to sustain you during the difficult times. May God's Comfort. Grace and Peace be with you. Sheila Cunningham Price (RMZ)

Sheila Cunningham Price - May 21 at 07:16 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sherri Smith - May 20 at 11:39 PM

JT

“ James Thompson purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of William "Bill" Walker.



James Thompson - May 20 at 10:07 AM

TT

“ Tanger Corporate Security Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" Walker.



Tanger Corporate Security Team - May 19 at 11:13 AM

MH

“ *The Hughes family extends our sympathy and condolences to the Walker family, during this difficult time, may God bless and keep his arms around The family ,to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, Rest in peace my brother and We'll done.*

Michael Eugene Hughes - May 19 at 08:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Walker.*



May 18 at 08:02 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" Walker.*

May 18 at 05:27 PM

TB

“ *I have no specific memory of Bill. I just remember how much of a man he was. Always inviting you into his world and making you feel like you were just as important as anyone else. My prayers are with his family*

Tyrone Brooks - May 17 at 07:22 PM

VF

“ Vivian, Michael, Myra, and our family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Walker.



Vivian, Michael, Myra, and our family. - May 16 at 09:08 PM

VF

“ Vivian, Michael, Myra, and our family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Walker.

Vivian, Michael, Myra, and our family. - May 16 at 09:08 PM

VG

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Lafran and the Walker family. Praying for comfort and strength during this difficult time.
Tyrone and Vanesta Gaines



Vanesta Gaines - May 16 at 02:34 PM

VB

“ My condolences to the Walker family. May God comfort and strengthen you all.

Vickie Blunt - May 14 at 08:35 PM

DH

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

*Derith Hatcher
Rising Mount Zion*

Derith Hatcher - May 14 at 09:16 AM

GC

Sending love and prayers to the Walker Family in the loss of your love one may the Blessings of the Lord continue to guide you today and always Geraldine Hall

Geraldine Hall an old classmate - May 15 at 08:35 AM

CP

*Lafran and Family,
Condolences to you and your family. Bills' passing brought back memories of the old Woodville neighborhood we lived in. Your loved ones remain with us through the memories we have of them. Let the many memories you have of Bill comfort you going forward.*

Carl Page

Carl Page - May 20 at 01:17 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 - May 13 at 04:31 PM