



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

Upcoming 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

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 - Yesterday at 08:35 AM



“ *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