

*Celebrating the Life of*

*Minister Samuel Walker*



**Sunrise:**

November 29, 1955

**Sunset:**

December 15, 2023

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

**From the Heart Church Ministries®**

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# Obituary

**Samuel Walker** was born to Wrennie (Peter) and Johnnie Mae Walker on November 29, 1955, in Eutaw, AL. He attended Greene County Public Schools and graduated from Eutaw High School in 1974. He attended Alabama A&M University from 1979 to 1983 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting.

After graduating from college, he relocated to Arlington, Virginia where he began his career in the federal government working for the Department of Defense (DoD). While working for DoD he travelled to several military installations specializing in budget analysis of future military technology, including work at the Pentagon. Samuel then transitioned to the Department of Housing and Urban Development working in multiple roles before retiring in 2014—he even received a Presidential Medal in 2000 for his role in Y2K, stated as going “above and beyond the call of duty.” However, his career was not limited to his roles in the government, as he was very multi-faceted and had a wide range of interests. In his down time, he found joy in multiple avenues of travel sales (including children’s books, household items, health and wellness, beauty, fashion, and more) and investing in real estate!

His career led him to relocate to the DMV area, which ultimately led him to meet his beautiful wife, Jacqueline “Jackie” (Cox) Walker. While working in the DMV, Samuel began attending From the Heart Church Ministries® (formerly Full Gospel) in the 1980’s. It was at From the Heart that Samuel met his “Sweetie” Jackie. They met one day while both attending volunteer ministry meetings at the North Location, having both worked until the building closed. Soon thereafter he asked her to accompany him to grab something to eat after a Sunday church service. Ultimately the couple attended pre-marital class and were married on Saturday, October 24, 1992. From this union was born Samuel Jason Alexander Walker, who married Chandra (Christian) Walker. Samuel Jason and Chandra gave birth to Samuel’s first grandchild, Elias J. A. Walker in 2022, who he affectionately called his “best buddy” to anyone who would listen. He was also expecting a second grandson in May 2024 who he was overjoyed to welcome into the world!

Outside of his career, fatherly and husbandly duties, Samuel loved to spend his time as a thrifting and consignment aficionado. He found great delight in sharing stories of all his well-crafted and unique finds—especially tools, clothing for himself, and antique jewelry for his wife. Many who knew “the Walkers” would have labeled his wife as the fashionista of the family; however, Samuel took great pride in looking spiffy wherever he went! He never wore anything more casual than button-down shirt and slacks with a hat to match, and he always smelled nice. In fact, most would be surprised to know that he indeed had four closets in their home, three more than his wife! He and his wife often coordinated their outfits to match—especially on Sundays and special occasions.

In addition to their shared joy in outward presentation, Samuel and Jacqueline Walker loved to host people at their home for dinner and games. While his wife’s favorite game was Phase 10, his was Scrabble. He often played words nobody knew existed in the English language, and he even owned a Scrabble dictionary to prove they were indeed real words. His favorite television shows included many classics such as Matlock and MacGyver, but his absolute favorite was Wheel of Fortune. Every weeknight at 7:00 p.m., he would make sure to watch and try to solve all the puzzles before any of the contestants. He also enjoyed date nights in, where he and his wife would share dinner while watching seasonal Hallmark movies! Outside of the home, he loved to drive any chance he got whether it was just to catch the sunset, look out over the water, or take a long road trip to see his family. He often visited his siblings who could no longer travel or were ill and could no longer take care of themselves. He would bring his nieces and nephews to Maryland so that they could attend Vacation Bible School or the Youth Institute. His ultimate passion was studying and sharing the Word of God. In his free time, he would go to the library or other peaceful locations and study his church notes, the Bible, and other Biblical resources.

It was his passion for the things of the Lord that ultimately led him to serve in ministry at From the Heart Church Ministries in 1987. On June 14, 2009, Samuel Walker was licensed as a local church minister alongside his wife to collaborate in the Gospel. They both were dedicated and committed to the ministry and were actively involved in the life of the church. They served together in the Church School Ministry, FTH Children’s Choir, School of Knowledge, Intercessory Prayer (former Ministry Head and members of the Intercessory Prayer Council), Membership Care Ministry, and the None Like Us Ministry. He and his wife also taught and assisted with various enrichment classes to include the Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Enrichment Classes. Minister Walker also faithfully served in the Men’s Fellowship Ministry. The deposits he left in the church will continue to live for years to come.

Minister Walker leaves to cherish his memories his son and daughter-in-law, Samuel J.A. Walker and Chandra Walker; grandson, Elias J.A. Walker; siblings: Willie Edward Burton (Dayton, OH), Steve Burton (Tuscaloosa, AL), Robert Earl Walker (Tuscaloosa, AL), Lucas Walker (Tuscaloosa, AL), Henry Walker (Tuscaloosa, AL), and Minnie Ruth Walker (Tuscaloosa); a host of loved ones, relatives, close friends, and his From the Heart church family.

Minister Walker was preceded in death by his mother, Johnnie Mae Walker; father, Wrennie (Peter) Walker; beloved wife of almost 30 years, Minister Jacqueline Walker; and siblings: Willie Mack Burton, Wrennie Lee Walker, Grant Walker, and Jerome Walker.

# Order of Service

## *Processional of Clergy*

### **Invocation**

**Congregational Hymn** ..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

### **Scripture Reading**

Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-14  
New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

### **Prayer of Comfort**

**Selection** ..... From the Heart Adult Choir  
“*Total Praise*”

### **Acknowledgements**

### **Remarks**

Pastor Emeritus Jeffrey V. Branson, From the Heart Church Ministries of Philadelphia  
Reverend André Cook, From the Heart Church Ministries of Cincinnati  
Brother Christopher Robinson, Brother in Christ

### **Obituary** (*Read aloud*)

**Song of Preparation** ..... From the Heart Adult Choir  
“*Praise Him*”

**Message of Hope** ..... Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Episcopal Pastor

### **Call to Christ**

### **Benediction**

### **Recessional**

## *Family Sentiments*



Dad, while we will miss you greatly, we will always cherish the invaluable memories we made together as a family.

Samuel (Jason): I will always continue to use the many life lessons you taught me that made me the husband and father that I am today. I will always miss the times we would go fishing, the road trips up and down the east coast, the bike rides along the Potomac River, the cruises and vacations, and the many game nights.

We as a family, are so grateful for the invaluable time we got to spend with you over the last year here in Michigan. We can't wait to share all the great memories and stories with your grandchildren about who their grandfather was. It still feels strange to go to church without you, or to go out to eat afterwards without having you at the table. Holidays feel incomplete without having you around, and Eli misses you chasing him around the house. We take joy in the fact that you are reunited with Mom, and we know we will see you all again!

*Samuel & Chandra Walker (Son & Daughter-in-Law)*

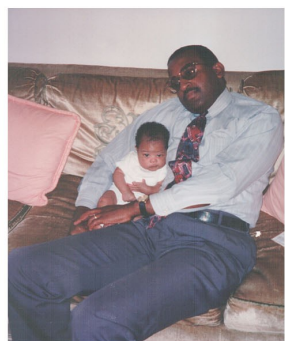
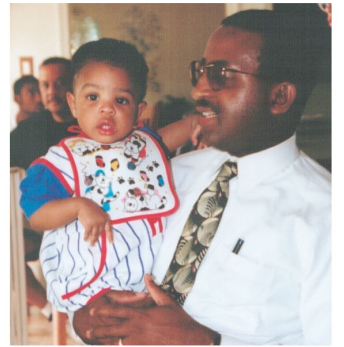
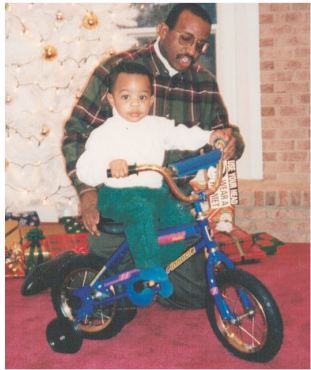
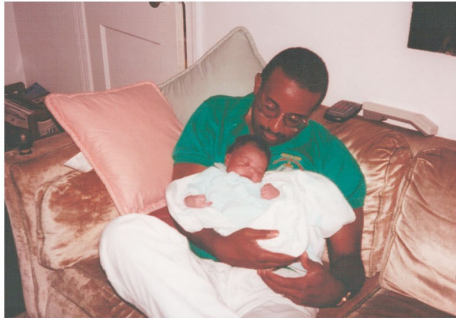


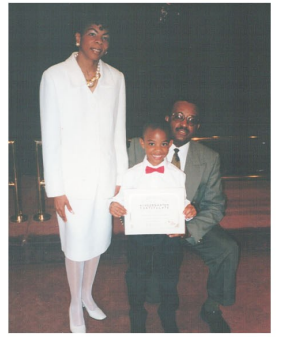
G-Daddy, we are so grateful to God that we were able to spend some quality time with you over the past few months. We will always cherish those moments because we never knew when this day would come. Some of our favorite moments with you were around the breakfast table after church. We loved sitting in the kitchen and watching you and G-Mommy put on your house shoes and aprons, preparing a good homestyle breakfast. As Daddy would always say, "it was a production!" We just know that it was good and the fellowship was fun! We are thankful that you are now resting and in a better place. That comforts us because we know that one day we will see our G-Mommy and G-Daddy again. We love you!

*Christopher & Elana Robinson (Godchildren)*









# Congregational Hymn

## *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

*Chorus:*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*(Chorus)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*(Chorus)*

## Flower Bearers

*Family and Friends*

## Acknowledgements

*The Walker Family would like to thank...*

- *Bishop John A. Cherry, II & Reverend Lawanda Cherry for their prayers, encouragement, wisdom, and support over the years through the health challenges of both of our parents.*
- *Hailey and Dan of Lyons Trail Senior Living facility and Open Arms Hospice for providing exceptional care for our Father.*
- *The close family and friends (too many to name) who have prayed for and with us, been a listening ear, and provided us with wisdom and emotional support.*
- *The From the Heart Church Ministries Family for your love for and support of Minister Samuel Walker throughout his various ministerial and leadership capacities.*
- *In lieu of flowers please donate to the Joseph H. Cherry Scholarship Fund.*

***Services Entrusted to:***

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