

## Mr. Alex Walker

March 29, 1943 - August 9, 2023

\*\*\*MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH IS HOSTING A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE FAMILY OF MR. ALEX WALKER ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023. PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES BELOW THAT WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCH\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AT THE CHURCH. HAND SANITIZER WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT THE CHURCH.

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\*\*\*\*ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE FROM HOME, YOU HAVE (3) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Mt. Zion Baptist Church's website at: [mtzionkalamazoo.org](http://mtzionkalamazoo.org)
- Or
2. Go to YouTube and type in [mtzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmtzionbaptistkalamazoo)
- Or
3. Go to Facebook, if you have a facebook account. after logging in, type in [Myzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.facebook.com/Myzionbaptistkalamazoo)

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THE OBITUARY

Alex Walker (The Barber) went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. He was born March 29, 1943 in Kalamazoo, MI, the son of Arthur and Erie B. Walker. Alex graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School where he was a decorated athlete and then went on to complete Barber School.

Alex joined the Air Force Reserves right after high school from 1961-1967, he was a part of the 96th Combat Support Group. He returned to Kalamazoo, taking classes to become a professional barber and later achieved that goal in 1969 registering with the state of Michigan. He participated in the Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Special Eight Week Minority Businessmen's Institute, which he received a certificate of completion. He later started his own business, Sportsman's Barber Shop which he owned and operated for over 50 years.

Alex accepted Christ in 1952 and attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church for many years.

Alex believed in giving back to the community that he lived in and for over 50 years he has touched the hearts of many and assisted hundreds of people in a variety of ways. He always accepted people for where they were and never passed judgment. He gave selflessly and created a safe space for many people on the northside of Kalamazoo, including the beloved barbershop aka The Gentlemen's Club which was a cherished space for the Barber Shop Gang throughout the years.

Alex was preceded and death by his parents, Arthur and Missionary Erie B. Walker, brothers; Moses Walker, Arthur Walker, Elder Tommy Walker, and Pastor Amos Walker, sisters; Missionary Nellie Hurtt, Missionary Birda Lee Walker, and Doris McCoy, a son Eric Minines and granddaughter Kira Minines.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a sister, Stella Dixon of Kalamazoo; 3 sons, Maurice (Kim) Fisher of Temecula, CA, Aaron (Maria) Walker of Grand Rapids, MI, and Khyreef Powell of Detroit MI. A daughter Vikita (Dotch) Phillips of Perrysburg, OH; Grandchildren: Ariel Fisher, Alisha Fisher and Aleah Fisher all of Temecula, CA, Bryan Farwana of Kalamazoo, MI, Alycia Minines of Wesley Chapel, FL, Nigel Minines of Kalamazoo, MI, Tatiana Walker of Altamonte Springs, FL and Lorraine Phillips of Kalamazoo Michigan. Alex's chosen children and grandchildren in Love, Emery Smith of Los Angeles, CA, Kim (Eddie) Reynolds and William (Ingrid) Smith all of Kalamazoo, MI, his special chosen granddaughters, TaKarra (Bright Eyes) Dunning and Khaliah Powell both of Kalamazoo, MI, Lexi Graves of Oviedo, FL and LaCaya Smith of Auburn Hills, MI; special chosen grandsons: Kareem Powell of Kalamazoo, MI and Jayven Graves of Detroit, MI; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends. He will be greatly missed!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 21. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

## A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

AUG 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Alex Walker



Harper Funeral Home - August 21, 2023 at 01:45 AM



*I'm very saddened to see that Alex passed away 2 years ago. For some reason I thought about him tonight and looked him up to read of his passing. He always bragged that I was his first haircut. Alex was a special guy. A guy I will never forget. RIP Alex may God bless your soul.*

John Jacoby Jackson - March 04, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ Mr. Alex Walker

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Alex Walker

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

EC

“ Elizabeth Coleman lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Elizabeth Coleman - September 15, 2023 at 12:56 PM

VB

“ Vicky burns lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Vicky burns - September 09, 2023 at 08:58 AM

LM

“ Lori Miller lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Lori Miller - August 24, 2023 at 05:12 PM

PF

“ PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



PATTERSON FAMILY - August 23, 2023 at 04:34 PM

RW

“ Vikita, I was sadden to hear of the loss of your dear dad. Cherish memories, you are in my thoughts and prayers.



REMENYI WILLIAMS - August 21, 2023 at 08:22 PM

JS

“ Our friendship will not be forgotten. James Smith and Family

James Smith - August 21, 2023 at 02:37 PM

HW

“ Helen Word sent a virtual gift in memory of Alex Walker



Helen Word - August 21, 2023 at 10:58 AM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Kevin Dunigan - August 21, 2023 at 10:27 AM

JE

“ Jenine E. purchased the [Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=1478) for the family of Mr. Alex Walker.

Jenine E. - August 21, 2023 at 10:06 AM

JE

“ Jenine E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Alex Walker.

Jenine E. - August 21, 2023 at 09:53 AM

JE

“ Jenine E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Alex Walker.

Jenine E. - August 21, 2023 at 09:53 AM

KH

“ Kenny tracey hughes lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Kenny and tracey hughes - August 21, 2023 at 07:45 AM

HR

“ Sending our condolences and love, too:  
The Walker Family and Friends.  
From: The Edward Street, Moore Family.  
Cousin you will be greatly missed, R.I.H.



Helen Moore Randle - August 21, 2023 at 04:39 AM

JL

“ *Jessie Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



Jessie Lipsey - August 20, 2023 at 03:36 PM

LD

“ *LATOYIA DUNIGAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



LATOYIA DUNIGAN - August 20, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Alex Walker.*



August 20, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JM

“ *Joyce McDowell lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker*



Joyce McDowell - August 19, 2023 at 08:45 PM

DM

“ *Destini Moore-Jones lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker*



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**Destini Moore-Jones** - August 19, 2023 at 05:35 PM

CG

“ *Our condolences to the family*



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**Cordell/Brenda Gardner** - August 18, 2023 at 09:20 PM

DS

“ *DaNikka Snell lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker*



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**DaNikka Snell** - August 18, 2023 at 07:50 PM

RD

“ *Condolences to the family!*

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**Rickie Darden** - August 18, 2023 at 06:38 PM

SC

“ *Sylvester & Herberta Carver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



Sylvester & Herberta Carver - August 18, 2023 at 04:29 PM

TF

“ *The Fields Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



The Fields Family - August 18, 2023 at 01:26 PM

EF

“ *My Condolences to the Walker family I will keep you all in my prayers RIP cousin Alex*



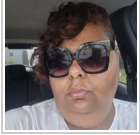
Earline Fields - August 18, 2023 at 01:24 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



Pauline Gardner - August 18, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ From Terri Lynn Walker



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**Tamarra Walker** - August 17, 2023 at 07:50 PM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Walker family.

*Alex Walker was a friend; an awesome person; and he leaves behind an amazing legacy. His hair cutting and grooming business – the legendary Sportsman’s Barber Shop – will be profoundly missed as a central meeting place for many in Kalamazoo’s Black community; a place where men and women came together for more than 50 years to debate social and political issues; to share ideas; to “signify;” or, to simply find a safe-haven.*

*Alex, I will miss you, my friend. May you rest in peace.*

*Michael McKinley Arlington, VA*

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**Michael McKinley** - August 17, 2023 at 07:47 PM

EF

“ Edith Gardner & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker



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**Edith Gardner & Family** - August 17, 2023 at 04:32 PM

EF

“ *Edith Gardner & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



**Edith Gardner & Family** - August 17, 2023 at 04:31 PM

CB

“ *Creola C Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



**Creola C Buchanan** - August 17, 2023 at 04:15 PM

VM

“ *Alex has been my dad's barber for 50 years. He will be missed. Condolences to the family during this difficult time. Adolph Mitchell, Jr. and Family*



**Valerie Mitchell** - August 17, 2023 at 02:04 PM

TP

“ *THERESA POWELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



**THERESA POWELL** - August 17, 2023 at 01:52 PM

CG

“ *May the comfort the family of Mr. Walker a true Pillar in our community.*



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**Curtis G Gardner** - August 17, 2023 at 11:50 AM

NB

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers go out to the entire Walker family, Remembering "The Barber Shop"*



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**Nancy Buchanan** - August 17, 2023 at 09:39 AM

MS

“ *Margaret J Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



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**Margaret J Smith** - August 17, 2023 at 09:34 AM

LJ

“ *Lee Johnson*



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**LJ** - August 17, 2023 at 09:16 AM

JW

“ Walker is my first cousin, named after my Father. He was always the same. He loved his family as we loved him back. Walker will be missed by so many, everyone knew that he could always be found at his shop. Rest now my cousin you are in God's hands, you will always be remembered by the people who loved you, the late Alex & Luddie Walker Sr Family.



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**JW** - August 17, 2023 at 09:12 AM

JM

LOVELY!

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**JOYCE ANN MYLES** - August 18, 2023 at 04:11 PM

JM

LOVED MAN!

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**JOYCE ANN MYLES** - August 18, 2023 at 04:12 PM

AW

“ Alexia(Mary Louise Walker) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker



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**Alexia(Mary Louise Walker)** - August 17, 2023 at 08:57 AM

JE

“ Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - August 17, 2023 at 08:15 AM

EB

“ Evelyn Babura sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alex Walker



Evelyn Babura - August 17, 2023 at 01:07 AM

PT

“ Patricia And Deacon Ernest Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker



Patricia and Deacon Ernest Thomas - August 16, 2023 at 10:58 PM

BL

“ Barbara Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker



Barbara Lewis - August 16, 2023 at 10:19 PM

ND

“ My condolences to Vickie and Aaron and family. May God comfort, strengthen, and give you peace. 🙏

Nina Davis - August 16, 2023 at 08:55 PM

SB

My condolences to them both from their big cousin Jo Walker

Sharon Buchanan - August 20, 2023 at 09:34 PM

SB

*I love you*

Sharon Buchanan - August 20, 2023 at 09:35 PM

AS

“ *Alma M Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alex Walker*



Alma M Snell - August 16, 2023 at 05:44 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Alex Walker*



Kevin Dunigan - August 16, 2023 at 01:52 PM

MS

“ *Our prayers go out to the family!*

*Marvin D Gilleylen Sr*



Marvin D Gilleylen Sr - August 16, 2023 at 01:48 PM

WW

“ *My sincere condolences to the Walker family. He will be truly missed.*

WC and Alicia White - August 16, 2023 at 01:25 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Alex Walker



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Jack Dunigan - August 16, 2023 at 12:19 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



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Jack Dunigan - August 16, 2023 at 12:18 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Alex Walker



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Jack Dunigan - August 16, 2023 at 12:08 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



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Jack Dunigan - August 16, 2023 at 12:07 PM

ML

“ *My Prayers And Condolences To The Entire Family. God Will Comfort You Give You Strength And His Peace. Forever Loved Cousins, And Everlasting Memories Of Alex. (Stella, The Lord Will Never Leave You Or Forsake You, He Will Be With You Always). Mary, Annie, Linda, Major Ligon*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - August 16, 2023 at 11:52 AM

HB

“ *Harvey Baker lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker*



Harvey R. Baker - August 16, 2023 at 11:24 AM

AT

“ *Condolences to his family.*



Alice Taylor - August 16, 2023 at 11:22 AM

AT

“ *Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker*



Angela Buchanan Tabron - August 16, 2023 at 11:08 AM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Alex Walker*



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**Kevin Dunigan** - August 16, 2023 at 09:58 AM

KM

“ *karen mitchell lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker*



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**karen mitchell** - August 16, 2023 at 09:49 AM

MS

“ *Margaret Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Alex Walker*



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**Margaret J Smith** - August 16, 2023 at 09:33 AM

MS

*May our Father's peace sustain you and keep you during such a difficult time. We love you, dear cousins. Rest in Paradise Alex. Love and Blessings, Michael, Liz, and Margie*

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**Margaret J Smith** - August 17, 2023 at 09:30 AM

RW

“ RJ Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



RJ and Anita Wilkerson - August 16, 2023 at 08:49 AM

BM

“ Betty Pete mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Betty and Pete mcdaniel - August 16, 2023 at 07:50 AM

AW

“ Andrew Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Andrew Wilkerson - August 15, 2023 at 09:26 PM

GW

“ Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Georgia Williams - August 15, 2023 at 06:07 PM

HB

“ *Hilda Bradford lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker*



Hilda Bradford - August 15, 2023 at 06:07 PM

LC

“ *Alex was one of the best father in laws. Always shared his wisdom in a whimsical way. He was an amazing grandfather, he lived for his “Wild Bunch” as he’d always say. He was a wonderful example of not taking our time on this earth for granted and live your life how you want. An absolute honor to have him as my father in love and a wonderful grandfather to our children. I will always remember him and smile and all the laughs.*

Lilon Chin - August 15, 2023 at 05:52 PM

HB

“ *Hal&Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker*



Hal&Janet Buchanan - August 15, 2023 at 05:03 PM

LG

“ *Larry Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Alex Walker*



Larry & Karen Gray - August 15, 2023 at 03:30 PM

AP

“ Our condolences and prayers are lifted up to the Walker Family.  
May God comfort you with his peace during this most difficult time 🙏  
Marshall and Anne Pearson  
Canton, MI.



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**Annie Pearson** - August 15, 2023 at 03:01 PM

LF

“ Lola & Family lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



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**Lola Streeter & Family** - August 15, 2023 at 01:59 PM

DB

“ Dallas Blocker lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



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**Dallas Blocker** - August 15, 2023 at 01:23 PM

TT

“ Tyrone Tarver lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



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**Tyrone Tarver** - August 15, 2023 at 12:47 PM

DW

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to your kids & grandkids cuz. You will be missed by so many. Rest in Paradise until we meet again cousin. Alex Walker.  
David Walker & Family



David & Laverne Walker - August 15, 2023 at 11:56 AM

AB

“ Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Arlene Buchanan - August 15, 2023 at 11:47 AM

HB

“ Helen(Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Helen(Mills) Brooks - August 15, 2023 at 11:19 AM

JE

“ Jo Embrey lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Jo Ann Embrey - August 15, 2023 at 10:15 AM

CF

“ Cea & Family lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Cea Jones-Green & Family - August 15, 2023 at 10:02 AM

DB

“ Donald Ruby (Walker) Barbee lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - August 15, 2023 at 09:23 AM

DF

“ Dallas and family lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Dallas Boards and family - August 15, 2023 at 09:04 AM

SW

“ Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



Selena Walker - August 15, 2023 at 07:45 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Alex Walker



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**Jack Dunigan** - August 15, 2023 at 07:37 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



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**Jack Dunigan** - August 15, 2023 at 07:35 AM

JG

“ Deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Alex Walker. RIP Alex.



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**JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr-Atlanta GA** - August 15, 2023 at 01:05 AM

DW

“ David Laverne Walker lit a candle in memory of Alex Walker



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**David & Laverne Walker** - August 14, 2023 at 10:37 PM