



## Mother Mary Louise Walker

January 3, 1929 - March 17, 2026

\*\*\*NOTE: A SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MOTHER MARY LOUISE WALKER WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026, AT THE GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH. THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH WILL OPEN AT 10:00 A.M. FOR VISITATION.

\*\*\*PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS BELOW\*

\*\*\*NOTE: MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER CAN BE PROVIDED BY REQUEST.

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\*\*\*ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE YOU HAVE (4) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Galilee Baptist Church's website at: [gbckazoo.org](http://gbckazoo.org)
  - Or
  2. Go to YouTube and type in The Galilee Baptist Church Lives Stream
  - Or
  3. Go to Facebook, if you have a Facebook account. after logging in, type in Galilee Baptist Church
  - Or-
  4. Use the GBC App, Instagram or Twitter
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\*\*\*NOTE: DVD Memorial Tribute will be available soon

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Mother Mary Louise Abbott Walker passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 3, 1929 in Okolona, Mississippi to the late Robert Sample and Cornelius Williams. She accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Clark Missionary Baptist Church in Okolona. Following high school graduation, her family relocated to Kalamazoo in 1951. She was employed at Bronson Hospital in the Obstetrics and Gynecology department for over 31 years, retiring in 1986.

She was married to William Abbott (deceased), and seven children were born to this union, Willie Dean, William, Jr., Robert, Charles, Jonell, Doris and Michael. She later married Woodrow Walker (deceased), and seven bonus children were added to form a wonderful-blended family, Minnie, Barbara, Albert, Ola Mae, Mary, Earnest and Deb.

Mother Walker cherished spending time with her family. Sunday dinners were always a staple in her home. She had a deep love for exercising, traveling, shopping and fashion. We will never forget those beautiful church suits and matching high heels. She loved bowling, and she was on a Bronson bowling team with her good friend, Willie McCants. For years, she was actively engaged in social justice issues, especially in her beloved Northside community. She was instrumental in organizing many Neighborhood Watch groups. She also worked at voting polls for well over 10 years.

When we think of Mother Walker, we have to remember her faith journey. After moving to Kalamazoo, she was a member of Second Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Bernis Warfield Sr. She eventually joined Galilee Baptist Church where she served faithfully for more than 60 years under the

leadership of four Pastors, Rev. Mabry Gardner, Rev. Asa Dawson, Bishop J. Louis Felton and her current Pastor, Bishop Michael T. Scott. She was a devoted Mother of the church and had faithfully served on the Mission and Nurses Guild ministry. She considered it an honor to live out her faith among a loving church community.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Inola Jenkins, brothers, Fred and Willis Williams and her sister, Lois Ann Herron; son, William Abbott; daughter, Jonell Abbott; son, Robert L. Abbott and daughter, Willie Dean Mullen; bonus children, Earnest and Albert Walker, Mary Kay Curruthers and Ola Mae Gunn; grandchildren, Damond Burns, Woodrow Chuck Jones, Lazell Abbott, Donnie Wayne Walker, Robert Fred Abbott, Derrick Jones, Mustufa El Ajala and daughter-in-law, Linda D. Abbott; good friends and godparents of her children, Annie and Isaiah Slaughter and her best friend, Mother Ida Lockett.

She leaves to cherish her memory two devoted sons, Charles (Lorraine) Abbott and Michael (Valerie) Abbott and her cherished daughter, Doris Abbott; bonus children, Minnie Dean Gordon, Barbara Roe Curruthers and Deb Metcalf; 21 grandchildren; numerous great- grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; a special daughter-in-law, Pat Simpson; many nephews, nieces, and cousins; goddaughter, Vicki Ellis; best friends and prayer warriors, Mother Sandra Baker, Mother Stella Baker, Mother Pirley Bracken, Mother Lillie Daniel, Mother Malinda Ligon-Whitley, Deacon Thelma Moss, and Mother Eva Ozier; her Galilee Baptist Church Family and a host of other friends.

Mother Walker's legacy will live on in those who knew and loved her.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733  
(269) 337-8227

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing For Family & Friends

MAR 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation For Family & Friends

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

## A Homegoing Celebration

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 North Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007



# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



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**Harper Funeral Home** - March 29 at 11:00 PM

CW

“ Candace Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



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**Candace Woodson** - April 03 at 03:59 PM

CJ

“ Carol Jennings lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



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**carol jennings** - April 03 at 02:39 PM

HC

“ Hazel Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker



Hazel Coleman - April 02 at 11:09 AM

IR

“ Ida Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Ida Robinson - March 31 at 04:20 PM

DH

“ Denise Hensley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Denise Hensley - March 31 at 08:25 AM

AL

“ My condolences to the family.



Alice - March 31 at 07:38 AM

SW

“ *Sonia Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



Sonia Wilkerson - March 31 at 07:30 AM

KA

“ *Kimyatta Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



Kimyatta Armstrong - March 31 at 07:09 AM

CC

“ *Aunt Louise was a warrior for God, family, and friends. She went to battle for me and I'll never forget her. Rest in Heavenly peace auntie. Always, Carmen*

Carmen Clark - March 30 at 09:26 PM

RF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family 🙏  
Robert Perkins and Family ❤️*



Robert Perkins & Family - March 30 at 04:17 PM

VB

“ *Viola Bentley lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Viola Bentley** - March 30 at 03:20 PM

LR

“ *Love, Martin Raynor purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mother Mary Louise Walker.*



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**Love, Martin Raynor** - March 30 at 08:38 AM

WF

“ *Williams Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Williams Family** - March 30 at 01:42 AM



“ 69 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - March 29 at 10:56 PM



“ Our condolences to the family

Cordell/Brenda Gardner - March 29 at 10:13 PM



“ Barbara Walker Carouthers & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Mary Louise Walker.



Barbara Walker Carouthers & Family - March 29 at 09:12 PM



“ Sending love and prayers for the family!

Stacy B. Buchanan



Stacy Buchanan - March 29 at 08:15 PM

MS

“ *Condolences and Prayers To The Family*

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**Mike and Nicole Smith** - March 29 at 07:52 PM

TT

“ *Tu T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Mary Louise Walker.*

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**Tu T.** - March 29 at 04:05 PM

HC

“ *Herberta Carver lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Herberta Carver** - March 29 at 01:05 PM

S ♥

“ *Streeter Family ♥ sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Streeter Family ♥** - March 28 at 07:51 PM

TF

“ *The Prude Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**The Prude Family** - March 28 at 06:05 PM

AM

“ *May a beautiful soul rest in peace it was my pleasure to take care you..*

**Alaysha D Mosley** - March 28 at 02:12 PM

DS

“ *Denise Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Denise Snell** - March 28 at 05:49 AM

QW

“ *Quona Walker lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Quona Walker** - March 27 at 07:01 PM

MA

*A beautiful family. A beautiful woman is now celebrating with her children in heaven! Always in my prayers..*

**Marie** - March 29 at 11:38 AM

GW

“ *Georgia Williams&FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



Georgia Williams&FAMILY - March 27 at 03:01 PM

LO

“ *Mother Walker was a sweet lady and I'll always remember*



*My Deepest Condolences and Prayers!*

LorenePhillips - March 27 at 11:19 AM

LG

“ *LG lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



LG - March 27 at 11:15 AM

MV

“ *Mignon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



Mignon Vincent - March 27 at 08:07 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Pauline Gardner** - March 27 at 07:50 AM

DJ

“ *Dianna Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Dianna Jackson** - March 26 at 11:23 PM

KW

“ *Mother Abbott will truly be missed.*



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**Kamecia Woodard** - March 26 at 06:45 PM



LP

“ *Sending our love and prayers*



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**Lee and Cathy Page** - March 26 at 02:24 PM

ML

“ *Mother Walker Will Truly Be Missed. (The Prayer Group At The ESC On Thursdays) Mother Walker Had The Sweet Fragrance Of God's Flower. (The Spirit Of God). My Prayers And Condolences To The Entire Family. I Know That God Will Give You All The Comfort, The Strength, And The Peace. The Love Of Jesus Will Carry You All, Doris, Charles, And Mike.*



*Love  
Malinda Ligon-Whitley*

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**Malinda Ligon-Whitley** - March 26 at 02:02 PM

RO

“ *Rickie Ozier lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Rickie Ozier** - March 26 at 01:56 PM

TW

“ R.I.H. □



Terri Lynn Walker - March 26 at 12:40 PM

GW

“ Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Georgia Williams - March 26 at 12:05 PM

SB

“ Sandra F Brown lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Sandra F Brown - March 26 at 11:16 AM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Edith Gardner - March 26 at 10:45 AM

HM

“ Howard And Debra McCullough lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Howard and Debra McCullough - March 26 at 09:11 AM

JW

“ To Charles, Doris & Mike, and ALL the grands, ggrands, gggrands, ggggrands, and more. I Love you all. Thanks for sharing your Mother with everyone. Thanking GOD for the wonderful 97 years he gave aunt Louise.



Jeanetta Walker - March 26 at 08:47 AM

CH

“ Chan lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Chan - March 26 at 04:56 AM

ML

“ Mother Walker Had A Sweet Fragrance Of God. She Will Be Missed. Condolences To The Entire Family, Praying For The Love Of God To Give You All Comfort, Peace And Strength.



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - March 26 at 01:08 AM

S(

“ *Sophia Holland (Steele) lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Sophia Holland (Steele)** - March 25 at 10:59 PM

TC

“ *To the Abbott / Walker family I have so many memories of us growing up together, and being at one another's houses. Krom, Clay, and Edwards!! We had lots of good times!! I send my condolences and I pray God's strength and peace for you all 🙏❤️!*



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**Trudy Carr** - March 25 at 10:02 PM

LP

“ *Lakeysha Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Lakeysha Pratt** - March 25 at 09:22 PM

NS

“ My deepest condolences to the Abbott and Walker family. Praying that God will strengthen & comfort you all during this difficult time. I will forever cherish the trips I was able to be one of the chauffeurs for the walking crew. You were the light of those trips with your smile & laugh... 🙏



Nancy SanchezLiggins - March 25 at 09:13 PM

ML

“ Mary Ligon-Goens lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Mary Ligon-Goens - March 25 at 08:27 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Louise Walker.



March 25 at 07:57 PM

JG

“ *Mother Walker was a wonderful lady. I went to school and was friends with her sons William (Wee), Robert and Charles. She was always so nice to me. We are praying that God blesses the family with comfort, strength and peace in this time of grief. RIP Mother Walker.* ”



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**JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr.- Atlanta GA** - March 25 at 06:33 PM

BE

“ *Beverly Edwards-Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker* ”



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**Beverly Edwards-Thompson** - March 25 at 05:34 PM

BE

“ *Bobby Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker* ”



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**Bobby Edwards** - March 25 at 05:33 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker* ”



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**Alma Snell** - March 25 at 05:30 PM

AS

“ *Alexia Snell lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker*



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**Alexia Snell** - March 25 at 02:02 PM

JH

“ *Prayers and Condolences to the Abbot, Walker, Galilee and Northside families. Mother Walker was a true Queen from head to toe!*



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**Julia Hoskin** - March 25 at 01:41 PM

DS

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



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**DaNikka Snell** - March 25 at 12:40 PM

GS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mother Mary Louise Walker, you will truly be missed and that beautiful smile a woman of God* ❤️🙏❤️🙏



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**Gwendolyn Smith** - March 25 at 12:37 PM

LF

“ God Bless U All,,,My sincere Condolences Nd  
🙏 prayers to the Abbott, Walker Family's



Larry Bell Nd Family - March 25 at 11:46 AM

SB

“ SHE WAS THE CANDLE



Sharon Buchanan - March 25 at 09:36 AM

SB

“ My aunt Louise was so real she kept it real no matter who was  
starting trouble.....the Abbott's side or the Walkers when it came to  
me she came real and i will always have deep love for her..... . kiss  
my baby Reshandra for me tell her i love her and miss her  
deeply.....REST WITH THEM ANGLES AUNT LOUISE

Sharon Buchanan - March 25 at 09:30 AM

TB

“ Terry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Mary Louise Walker



Terry Buchanan - March 25 at 08:32 AM

DM

“ *David & Michelle Moore lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**David & Michelle Moore** - March 25 at 05:39 AM

LJ

“ *God Bless*



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**Lucile Johnson** - March 24 at 10:49 PM

RW

“ *RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**RJ & Anita Wilkerson** - March 24 at 07:41 PM

DB

“ *Darwin Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Darwin Barbee** - March 24 at 06:08 PM

CG

“ *Curtis Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Curtis Gardner** - March 24 at 05:52 PM

CV

“ *Clara Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Clara Vincent** - March 24 at 05:22 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Jack Dunigan** - March 24 at 03:52 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Jack Dunigan** - March 24 at 03:52 PM

CW

“ *Rest well Aunt Louise!!!*



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**Carolyn Walker** - March 24 at 03:38 PM

JD

“ *Joann Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Joann Dixon** - March 24 at 03:20 PM

DW

“ *David & Laverne Walker lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**David & Laverne Walker** - March 24 at 03:15 PM

KO

“ *Kathie Ozier lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker*



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**Kathie Ozier** - March 24 at 02:36 PM

JL

“ *Jessie Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker*



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**Jessie Lipsey** - March 24 at 01:14 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields and family lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker*



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**Earline Fields and family** - March 24 at 12:37 PM

EF

“ *So sorry for your loss Abbott and Walker family I will keep you all in my prayers*



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**Earline Fields and family** - March 24 at 12:36 PM

VC

“ *Veronica Clopton lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker*



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**Veronica Clopton** - March 24 at 11:54 AM

JW

“ Aunt Louise a beautiful woman inside and out. I had the pleasure of auntie visiting me for a week in Atlanta, we had the best time talking and laughing. I learned so much from her and about her, didn't know she was such a great dancer. She loved GOD and her family, one thing I will never forget is that she called each of her children every night to say I Love you before laying down, she said that it's not promised that you will wake in the morning. She was the nicest person you could ever meet. I was so sick with covid she called me one morning while in the hospital and said that she had been on her knees all morning just for me and the GOD said I was going to be fine, And I was. Aunt Louise is our last living Auntie she has left us a legacy but most of all she left us GOD, we all know what we must do to see her again. Rest now my beautiful beloved Aunt Louise, I will always love and remember you.  
Jeanetta Walker



JW - March 24 at 11:14 AM

SB

I agree

Sharon Buchanan - March 25 at 09:24 AM

PF

“ PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker



PATTERSON FAMILY - March 24 at 11:00 AM

OJ

“ *Odie Dancer Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Walker* ”



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**Odie Dancer Jr.** - March 24 at 10:35 AM

MD

“ *Michelle Dancer lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker* ”



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**Michelle Dancer** - March 24 at 10:34 AM

AB

“ *Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker* ”



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**Arlene Buchanan** - March 24 at 09:28 AM

CJ

“ *Cynthia Jackson-Ekeledo lit a candle in memory of Mary Walker* ”



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**Cynthia Jackson-Ekeledo** - March 24 at 02:57 AM

CP

“ *My condolences to the Walker and Abbott family Cindy Phillips*

**Cindy Phillips** - March 23 at 07:49 PM

JP

“ *James & Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**James & Barbara Phillips** - March 23 at 07:47 PM

MB

“ *Mattie Barnum lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Mattie Barnum** - March 23 at 07:41 PM

KW

“ *Karlie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Karlie Williams** - March 23 at 07:39 PM

GH

“ *Guenetta Harris-Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Guenetta Harris-Gordon** - March 23 at 07:13 PM

BE

“ *Brenda Evans lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Brenda Evans** - March 23 at 07:06 PM

GF

“ *Gaila Smith& Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Gaila Smith& Family** - March 23 at 04:54 PM

DF

“ *My condolences to the family during your time of bereavement. Life well lived praying for the family.*



**Dallas Boards and family** - March 23 at 04:30 PM

HF

“ You have my deepest sympathy! 🙏



Helen (Mills) Brooks and Barbee Family - March 23 at 04:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Louise Walker.



March 23 at 04:03 PM

NH

“ Nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Nanette Hickman - March 23 at 02:50 PM

DF

“ God Bless and Keep You In His Care-Daniel Family, Lillie, Patricia, Teresa, Juanita, Mariah and Malika



Daniel Family - March 23 at 02:05 PM

GW

“ *Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



Georgia Williams - March 23 at 01:33 PM

BG

“ *Betty Galloway lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



Betty Galloway - March 23 at 01:18 PM

CB

“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



Carrie Baker - March 23 at 12:47 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



Jack Dunigan - March 23 at 12:39 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Jack Dunigan** - March 23 at 12:39 PM

DW

“ *David & Laverne Walker lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**David & Laverne Walker** - March 23 at 12:10 PM

LA

“ *MOM! My mother-in-love  
Our times together means the world to me,  
your stories no matter how many times you  
told them to me, your infectious laughter and  
the way you cracked yourself up when telling  
them, your unconditional love and support you showed me. I LOVE  
and miss you Louise, but I will always have our beautiful memories  
in my heart that can't be taken away.  
Love, your daughter-in-love Lorraine*



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**Lorraine Abbott** - March 23 at 08:55 AM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**selena walker** - March 23 at 08:40 AM

TB

“ *Terry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Terry Buchanan** - March 23 at 08:30 AM

CO

“ *My condolences, and prayers to the family of Mrs Abbott-Walker. Luv u all, Cynthia Owens-White, and family.*



**Cynthia Owens-White** - March 23 at 07:47 AM

KF

“ *Kevin Ford lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker*



**Kevin Ford** - March 23 at 07:12 AM

DB

“ Donald & Ruby Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Donald & Ruby Barbee - March 22 at 08:50 PM

JP

“ John & Vicky Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



John & Vicky Patterson - March 22 at 06:15 PM

Jl

“ John & Iv lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



John & Iv - March 22 at 06:11 PM

VB

“ Vicky Burns lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Vicky Burns - March 22 at 05:48 PM

HB

“ Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Hal & Janet Buchanan - March 22 at 05:38 PM

EG

“ Edith Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Edith Gardner - March 22 at 04:22 PM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Edith Gardner - March 22 at 04:21 PM

DM

“ Diane McPherson-Carver lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Louise Walker



Diane McPherson-Carver - March 22 at 03:20 PM

BG

“ *Beverly Green lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Mary Louise Walker*



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**Beverly Green** - March 22 at 02:33 PM