



## Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker

November 28, 1942 - November 13, 2023

\*\*\*THE GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH IS HOSTING A SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE FAMILY OF MRS. RUTHIE MAE WALKER ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

\*\*\*\* PLEASE SEE VISITATIONS & SERVICE TIMES THAT ARE LISTED BELOW

\*\*\*\*NOTE: MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AT THE CHURCH AND HAND SANITIZER WHEN WILL BE PROVIDED.

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\*\*\*\*IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY REQUESTS THAT DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN MEMORY TO RUTHIE BY (2) OPTIONS:

1. By mail to the:

Ecumenical Senior Center, 702 N. Burdick St. Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(Please write "Ruthie Walker" on memo line)

--Or--

2. Via link below:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/ecumenicalsenior>

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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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### Scroll Of Life

Ruthie Mae Walker was called home to be with the Lord on November 13, 2023. She was born in Aberdeen, MS on November 28, 1942, to the late Irene Porter and Frank Clark. Ruthie was a loving daughter, devoted wife, an amazing mom and Nana, caring sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend.

As a teen Ruthie moved north for a better opportunity first to Gary, Indiana with her Uncle Junior, and Aunt Dessie and then she settled in Kalamazoo with her Aunt Delma and Uncle Bill. After graduating from Kalamazoo Central High School, she began working at the First National Bank. In 1965 Ruthie was introduced to the love of her life Moses (coincidentally by his brother Alex) and after a brief courtship they were married and would spend 54 wonderful years together until his death in 2020.

Family was always at the center of Ruthie's life so when her children were small, she made the choice to stay home with them until her youngest entered school. Once her kids were in school, she decided to take a part-time job at the Upjohn Company (which would become Pharmacia and now Pfizer). When a position posted for a Tour Guide her bubbly personality and charm earned her the job and she became the first and only African American to ever have that position. After 25 years of service Ruthie retired and did what she LOVED to do, which was take care of Moses and her granddaughters.

Ruthie had a mean swing on the golf course and was the “stroke police” and would check you if she caught you “cheating” on your score. She enjoyed bowling, scratch off lottery tickets and never saw a BINGO hall she did not love. She was an amazing cook and baker and loved spending quality time with her family.

Ruthie leaves to cherish her memory three children, Tari of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Mark of Kalamazoo, MI, and Stacy Walker of Woodbridge, VA; grandchildren Jasmine, Navia and Myah Walker all of Kalamazoo, brothers Marshall Clark (Vanessa) of Gary, IN and Coleman Vassar (Sarah) of Fulton, MS; sisters Barbara Smith of St. Paul, MN and Stella Dixon of Kalamazoo; a very special niece Angela Word of Amory, MS, a host of nephews and nieces, cousins, and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by the love of her life, Moses L. Walker, her brothers Harvey Lenoir and Frank Clark, Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing For Family and Friends

NOV **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation For Family & Friends

NOV **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## A Celebration Of Life Service

NOV **25**. 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 Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Harper Funeral Home** - November 19, 2023 at 02:48 PM

KM

*It was truly my pleasure to provide her Barbering services whenever she needed me. R.I.H Ruthie.*

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**Keith Malone** - November 20, 2023 at 11:02 PM

AW

*It was a privilege to have you as my Aunt . I don't know where I would be if I didn't have you in my life . I am going to miss talking you and I will forever cherish the memories. I am sad but I am happy knowing that you are resting in our father's arms and you are no longer plagued with sickness and you have now been made whole again . I love you but I know God loved you best. You use to tell me you missed your love of 54 years, you and Uncle Moses are back together again .*

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**Angela Word** - November 22, 2023 at 04:37 PM

RB

*Ruthie your beautiful soul have left behind remarkable memories for Mark,Tari,Staci, your Grandchildren and all of us who came into your universe. The Walker Family has been my Family since the early 1960's and Moses Walker was my very best Friend ever! You were a Special Person and sooo caring and lovely.*

*Robert Bobb*

*The Angels have taken you to meet our Father in Heaven!!*

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**Robert Bobb** - November 25, 2023 at 09:13 AM

PH

*Ruth,  
Your work and spirit of community service shall be  
Greatly missed. You lived by example and not by talk. The physical  
body is resting in the arms of Jesus and your loving husband, Moses.  
I'll always remember being your neighbor on the corner of Lulu and  
Cobb and our children going to school together. Gone but never  
forgotten.*

*On deepest sympathy,  
Evangelist John, Pastor Bobette Hampton and Family  
Ulanda, Jonathon, Marlyce and Anthony Hampton*

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**Pastor Bobette Hampton** - November 25, 2023 at 10:18 AM

TP

“ *Theresa Prude lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Ruthie Mae Walker*



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**Theresa Prude** - May 13, 2024 at 01:24 PM

AW

“ *Andrew Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker*



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**Andrew Wilkerson** - January 02, 2024 at 02:07 AM



“ *Tari, Mark, and Stacy I am saddened to hear about the passing of  
your mom. I always looked forward to seeing both your mom and  
dad. My prayers are with you and your family.  
Brett Magnuson*

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**Brett Magnuson** - November 29, 2023 at 03:57 PM

CO

“ Cynthia Owens-White lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker



Cynthia Owens-White - November 28, 2023 at 03:27 AM

CB

“ Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker



Carrie Baker - November 27, 2023 at 12:22 AM

JS

“ Jytisha Streeter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



Jytisha Streeter - November 26, 2023 at 10:51 AM

CW

“ Cousin Ruthie was always very nice, she use to always tell me that we looked more like cousins than Moses and I.

Carolyn Walker - November 26, 2023 at 01:06 AM

TD

“ Loved her smile, also her clarity and frankness. Loved her!!

TRACY DAWSON - November 25, 2023 at 05:29 PM

MS

“ Margaret Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Margaret Smith** - November 25, 2023 at 11:28 AM

MS

“ Margaret Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Margaret Smith** - November 25, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MS

“ Margaret Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Margaret Smith** - November 25, 2023 at 11:24 AM

CM

“ Charise McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Charise McPherson** - November 25, 2023 at 11:16 AM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Gwendolyn Smith** - November 25, 2023 at 11:15 AM

DM

“ To the family of "Ruthie "  
Especially Tari, then Mark and Stacey 😊.....  
I met Ruthie as my associate, mentor, and friend Moses Walker's wife and partner in the '90's.....  
She became an intimate part of my village through my relationship with both Tari and Moses.  
She was a true example of strong, loving WIFE, MOTHER, NURTURER to me, to us.  
Ruthie set the bar similar to my mother what a lady, a wife a partner is could be.  
She prepared and invited me personally to dinner to their home countless Sundays when I moved and lived in Kalamazoo during my professional career transfer to Kalamazoo. It was God sent, HER LOVING WELCOME.  
She provided a needed gentle voice of reason and compassion to me and embodied that village concept to me as as a man away from my home in Detroit.  
Tari ,Mark, and Stacey THANK YOU FOR Sharing YOUR MOTHER RUTHIE with me.  
I love Ruthie, what an example, what her love meant and means to me still TODAY,  
Respectfully,  
DerrickJamesMorgan & the Morgan Family DETROIT

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**DJ Morgan** - November 25, 2023 at 11:08 AM

SW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Stacy Walker - November 25, 2023 at 08:58 AM

ML

“ Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - November 25, 2023 at 08:12 AM

JS

“ Mrs. Walker was truly an angel on earth. Sending prayers and love to the Walker family.

-Jonathan, Alicia, and Olivia Smith



Jonathan Smith - November 24, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*



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November 24, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Blessed be they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5.4. I pray for the Walker family's comfort and peace. Your Cousin - Ruth Johnson.*



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**Ruth Johnson** - November 24, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Rest In Paradise ms Ruthie you will Be truly missed*

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**Doris Abbott** - November 24, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Florence D. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*



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**Florence D.** - November 24, 2023 at 11:22 AM

FD

“ Florence D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.

Florence D. - November 24, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.



November 24, 2023 at 10:20 AM

TF

“ The Mendelson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.

The Mendelson Family - November 24, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.



November 23, 2023 at 09:01 AM

TP

“ *ruthie you will be missed*



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**Toney Patterson** - November 21, 2023 at 07:36 PM

HB

“ *November 2013 Ruthie, at wedding reception in Alexandria Va. having a great time with her beautiful smile. I saw Ruthie at the Ecumenical Center in April 2023. She said Michael and Andria McKinley, were my babysitters when I stayed with them in Virginia. With a smile on her face. My deepest sympathy to her children and entire family.*



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**Helen Mills Brooks** - November 21, 2023 at 07:24 PM

JN

“ *I always enjoyed golfing with Ruthie and listening to her talking about her family, she was a lot of fun.*



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**Juanita Nieuwenhuis** - November 21, 2023 at 03:23 PM

CN

“ *Connie Nayeri lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



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**Connie Nayeri** - November 21, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*



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November 21, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*



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November 21, 2023 at 01:31 PM

RJ

“ *Roxanne Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*

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**Roxanne Jackson** - November 21, 2023 at 01:31 PM

JK

“ Joseph K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.

Joseph K. - November 21, 2023 at 01:26 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stacy Walker - November 21, 2023 at 01:02 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stacy Walker - November 21, 2023 at 12:59 PM

KT

“ My sincere condolences to The Walker.Family.  
You remain in my prayers.



Kimberly Talley - November 21, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*



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November 21, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ *The Sidney and Carolyn Williams Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*



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**The Sidney and Carolyn Williams Family** - November 20, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *The Sidney and Carolyn Williams Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*

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**The Sidney and Carolyn Williams Family** - November 20, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Mitzi Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



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**Mitzi Rhodes** - November 19, 2023 at 11:09 PM

TA

“ *Tanya Abbott sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruthie Walker*



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**Tanya Abbott** - November 19, 2023 at 09:16 PM

SW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Stacy Walker** - November 19, 2023 at 03:05 PM

RW

“ *Rj And Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker*



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**Rj and Anita Wilkerson** - November 19, 2023 at 01:15 PM

RR

“ *1 file added to the album Jolly Fellows*



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**Robyn Robinson** - November 19, 2023 at 12:40 PM

EF

“ *EARLINE FIELDS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker*



**EARLINE FIELDS** - November 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

EF

“ *My Condolences to the Walker family I will keep you all in my prayers God bless*



**EARLINE FIELDS** - November 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

DW

“ *David & Laverne Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker*



**David & Laverne Walker** - November 19, 2023 at 10:59 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker*



**Pauline Gardner** - November 19, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.*



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November 19, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Cousins, my prayers are with you during this time of challenge. Your mom was a very special lady. May her legacy of love and family live on through you forever. You are continually in my thoughts.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Steph Moss** - November 19, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Jennifer Pryor Walker** - November 18, 2023 at 11:49 PM



“ *To Tari and the entire family of Mrs. Walker, please accept my condolences in the passing of Mrs. Walker. I will be lifting you all in prayer.*

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**Eric Parker** - November 18, 2023 at 07:46 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



Kevin Dunigan - November 18, 2023 at 05:30 PM

AM

“ Alma M. Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



Alma M. Snell - November 18, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.



November 18, 2023 at 04:33 PM

LF

“ Love, The Bowman-Hurtt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker.

Love, The Bowman-Hurtt Family - November 18, 2023 at 04:33 PM

LG

“ Larry Gray & Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Larry Gray & Karen Gray** - November 18, 2023 at 02:07 PM

LG

“ Larry & Karen Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Larry & Karen Gray** - November 18, 2023 at 02:05 PM

LG

“ Larry And Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruthie Mae Walker



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**Larry and Karen Gray** - November 18, 2023 at 02:04 PM

CL

“ I visited Mrs. Walker the Thursday before she passed and she had me laughing. Now, I get to hold that special memory in my heart forever. To the Walker children, God's peace will sustain you.

*Mrs. Carla Little*



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**Carla Little** - November 18, 2023 at 01:03 PM

CB

“ *Claudia Barbee lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



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**Claudia Barbee** - November 18, 2023 at 12:04 PM

AR

“ *My Condolences to the Walker family. Ruthie was a cousin and co-worker of my mother. Betty Buchanan. She always enjoyed my mom sweet potatoes pies. I would take to her and Moe's @ Thanksgiving and Christmas. I last saw her at my mom's funeral. She had endless tears flowing down her face. You can rejoice with her again. RIH Ruthie*

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**ArleneBuchanan** - November 18, 2023 at 08:50 AM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



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**ArleneBuchanan** - November 18, 2023 at 08:21 AM

HR

“ *Our thoughts & prayers go out to our dear cousins as you go through the transition of your beloved mother. She served our community well, along with her husband.*

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**Howard & Robyn Robinson** - November 17, 2023 at 09:20 PM

AB

“ *Angela Buchanan-Tabron lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



Angela Buchanan-Tabron - November 17, 2023 at 09:08 PM

AB

“ *1 file added to the album Jolly Fellows*



Angela Buchanan-Tabron - November 17, 2023 at 09:08 PM

DB

“ *Donald Ruby(Walker) Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruthie Walker*



Donald & Ruby(Walker) Barbee - November 17, 2023 at 07:12 PM

RW

“ *Rubynell Walker-Barbee lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



Rubynell Walker-Barbee - November 17, 2023 at 07:09 PM

JE

“ *Tari ,Mark and Stacy you are in my prayers.  
May God bless and cover you with His Love.  
May your hearts be filled with precious  
memories of your dear Mother.*



*Love your cousin Jeanetta Walker*

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**Jeanetta** - November 17, 2023 at 05:49 PM

TH

*Special Family - Tari, Mark, and Stacy:*

*You are in our prayers!*

*God Bless you during this difficult transition.*

*He's ALWAYS in control.*

*Love, The Bowman-Hurtt Family*

*Beulah Bowman*

*Tondra Bowman*

*Teyra Bowman-Hurtt* ❤️ 🙏 🤔

*Danielle Hurtt*

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**Teyra Hurtt** - November 22, 2023 at 05:59 AM

JG

“ *JoAnne Renaford Owens Jr-Atlanta lit a  
candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



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**JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr-Atlanta GA** - November 17, 2023 at 05:45 PM

DF

“ *Dallas and family lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



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**Dallas Boards and family** - November 17, 2023 at 05:39 PM

GS

“ *Gwen Singer-Childs lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Walker*



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**Gwen Singer-Childs** - November 17, 2023 at 05:03 PM