

Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.

August 26, 1944 - December 27, 2020

ATTN: FAMILY & FRIENDSFOR THOSE VIEWING ONLINE ONLY--YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THE FUNERAL SERVICE TODAY AT 1:00 P.M. ON OUR WEBSITE. (TODAY--TUESDAY, January 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.) If you have any questions please contact us at: (269) 342-1000 for us to help you.

***DUE TO THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATES ORDERED FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, up to (25) people are the maximum that will be allowed in our chapel until January 15, 2021 or until we receive further notice of any changes.

*****MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN ENTERING OUR BUILDING*****

THE OBITUARY

Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr. made his transition from earth to glory Sunday evening, December 27th, 2020. He was born August 26, 1944 in Prairie Point, MS to the late John Roland and the late Rebecca Jane Ivy. He graduated from Liddell High School in Macon MS. in the year of 1964. After graduating he relocated to Kalamazoo, MI in 1965. Walter married his high school sweetheart Emma Maude Tate on July 18th, 1966.

Walter accepted Christ at an early age at Christian Love Baptist Church in Prairie Point, MS, where he served as a faithful youth usher. Later in life he

became a member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, MI under the divine leadership of the late Reverend Mabry Gardner. He served on the Trustee Board and Transportation committee.

After 30 years of employment with General Motors as a Tool and Die Maker Walter retired. He loved gardening and sharing his vegetables. Walter also enjoyed supporting local farms and would often take long drives to pick fruits and vegetables. He was a skilled carpenter, craftsman and an all around "Mr. Fix-It", especially if it was "a one man job". Walter thought he had the world's "greatest grandchildren" and loved to tell everyone about them and their accomplishments. He truly had a special connection with each grandchild and would make sure to call and check on them whenever he had a chance (EVERY DAY). Walter enjoyed attending all of their sporting events, graduations, dance recitals and other activities.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents and brother Thomas (Nuny) Ivy. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 54 years, Emma Maude Ivy; daughter Linda (Ossie) Gee. Ontario, OH; sons Devon (Saundra) Ivy, Kalamazoo, MI and Walter Bernard Ivy Jr., Chicago, IL; his grandchildren, who are his pride and joy, Courtney Trevon Ivy (Columbus, OH), Ashley Nicole Gee (Akron, OH), Devon Lamar Ivy Jr (Kalamazoo, MI) and Kendle Alysse Ivy (Kalamazoo, MI).

Siblings: Brother Curtis (Lula) Ivy of Kalamazoo, MI; 2 sisters, Lucille Silvers of Macon, MS & Shirley Windham of Aliceville, AL.

In-Laws: Eris (Susie) Tate of Columbus, MS, Jeanette T. Wallace of Tupelo, MS, Joseph (Linda) Tate of Macon, MS, Ronald (Phyllis) Tate of Tupelo, MS, Ester Duck of Macon, MS, Leisa M. (Tommy) Jackson of Columbus, MS, Kevin (Chasisty) Tate of Tupelo, MS; Aunt, Annie Ivy of Macon, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Walter had many close friends

including, James “Big Homie” Stewart, Mike Baker and JL Buchanan.

Walter Ivy's 76 years of life has truly been a blessing to all that knew him. He has left behind a great legacy full of laughter, love and compassion. He was truly a Southern Gentleman.

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Harper Funeral Home - January 03, 2021 at 01:29 AM

SE

We share in your loss, thinking of you and praying for peace.

Stan and Sherry Ezell - January 03, 2021 at 02:45 AM

CA

Beautiful tribute to a man who loved God, his family and friends. Lifting the entire family up in prayer during this difficult time.

Carla Howard Anderson - January 03, 2021 at 01:52 PM

SS

Praying for you all and he will be miss, much love

Susie Tate -- Sister-In-Law - January 04, 2021 at 05:32 PM

LR

We're keeping The Ivy Family in ours prayers!

Leotha Rogers & Glenn Family

LEOTHA ROGERS - January 04, 2021 at 07:56 PM

RJ

Beautiful tribute! Sending love and prayers to the family.

Rosaline Jackson-Keys - January 04, 2021 at 08:40 PM

MC

Tonight 1/4/21 was the first of my hearing about the death of Mr. Walt Ivy. My heart / love / prayers goes out to the family. Walt was one of the few men that i have met that was by far the most consistent man with a good character that did not go / up and down. I worked with Walt 20 plus years in the shop and outside the plant on other jobs (carpenter). I am licensed but could not touch the skills of that man. My wife fell and broke her neck and i became the care giver and Walt and his wife gave us meals and Walt continue to contact me about what can he do to help. That's one man that i blessed to be a friend to (In Christ). They don't make men like that no mo!!

Mr. Doris K. Chatman

Mr. Doris K. Chatman - January 04, 2021 at 10:13 PM

LJ

*Miss My "Brothers-in-Love"❤️
Lesia T Jackson*

Lesia T Jackson - January 05, 2021 at 11:03 AM

AG

My deepest condolences to MS Emma so sorry for your loss will be keeping you & your family in my 🙏 With love Anita Garrett

anita garrett - January 23, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JW

“ *Jean White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Jean white - February 14, 2021 at 02:13 AM

BJ

“ *Bari Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Bari Brown Jr - January 12, 2021 at 08:34 PM

BJ

“ *Bari Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Bari Brown Jr - January 12, 2021 at 08:29 PM

SD

“ My wife and I send our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Walter Ivy, my classmate. May he rest in peace and may God bless and keep the family.

SOLOMON DANTZLER, Class Vice President
Macon High School, Class of 1964



Solomon Dantzler - January 09, 2021 at 10:44 PM

WL

“ Wendy & Catharina Locey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Wendy & Catharina Locey - January 08, 2021 at 01:58 PM

 Lula Ligon

“ Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Lula Ligon - January 07, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Devon, Sandra and family. Sorry to hear of your dad (Walter's) passing. It is not east to lose someone you love and Mary and I will be praying for you, you mom and all as you celebrate, mourn and preserve the memories you all share. God be with you all.*

Phil Carpenter

Phil Carpenter - January 06, 2021 at 06:30 AM

WS

“ *I sent brief part of Walt's life working with him at Fisher Body in Kalamazoo. He was a kind and gentle person.*

Wayne Snow - January 05, 2021 at 03:11 PM

BF

“ *Barron And Kathleen Franks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Barron and Kathleen Franks - January 05, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JB

“ *Obituary*

Johnnie Betts - January 05, 2021 at 01:00 PM

LW

“ *Luvert Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.* ”

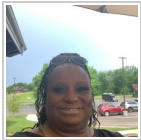


Luvert Walker - January 05, 2021 at 12:58 PM

LT

“ *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
– Matthew 5:4, You'll are in my prayers, Much love!!!* ”

Linda Tate - January 05, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Your Niece Pamela Silvers Williams and Family* ”

My heart goes out to my family. Uncle Walter will be missed, God give them strength to make it through this difficult time. Emma and children we love you all and we will continue to pray for the family.

Pamela Silvers Williams - January 05, 2021 at 11:48 AM

CW

“ *Connie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.* ”



Connie Wilson - January 05, 2021 at 11:45 AM

ST

“ I did not have the honor of meeting Mr. Ivy, but I learned of his spirit and kindness through his children. He was truly their hero and I feel honored to know the people he influenced and impacted. His family is in my heart and thoughts. All my love, Susan Terranella

Susan Terranella - January 05, 2021 at 09:09 AM

SP

“ Shannan Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Shannan Pearson - January 05, 2021 at 07:14 AM

HG

“ Hoagy Gaston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



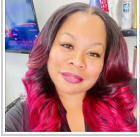
Hoagy Gaston - January 05, 2021 at 12:15 AM

AW

“ Andrew Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Andrew Wilkerson - January 04, 2021 at 11:35 PM



“ *Keyonna Craddieth-Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Keyonna Craddieth-Davis - January 04, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ *I would like to convey my sincere condolence to my beloved cousin Walter B. Ivy Sr family. Grieving may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning . Walter B is our lost and heaven gain.rest in peace. L.R. Swann, Jr. Stone Mountain, Ga, 30088*

L.R. Swann, Jr - January 04, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about the passing of Walter. I can't imagine how difficult this must be for the family. I wish I could take away your pain. Just know that I am praying for the family.*

James Hooper - January 04, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Henry And Geneva Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Henry and Geneva Bates - January 04, 2021 at 08:10 PM

HB

“ Henry And Geneva Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Henry and Geneva Bates - January 04, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr..



January 04, 2021 at 07:43 PM

J&

“ James Vallar &Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



James Vallar &Family - January 04, 2021 at 07:25 PM

AB

“ Annette Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Annette Buchanan - January 04, 2021 at 07:13 PM

MF

“ *Mattie Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Mattie Fields and Family - January 04, 2021 at 05:15 PM

MM

“ *Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Mozella Mosley - January 04, 2021 at 04:56 PM

JW

“ *Praying for the Ivy family, Bro, Walt as I calked him we worked together on Galilee Baptist church Transportation Ministry, he was so willing to do what it took yo get the members to Service. He was a kind and soft spoken gentlemen. He will be truly missed .R I H my Brother.*

Jacqueline Woodard - January 04, 2021 at 04:23 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



PATTERSON FAMILY - January 04, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ Fred Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Fred Lawrence - January 04, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ Juanita Perry and daughters purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr..



Juanita Perry and daughters - January 04, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ May the cherished memories of a lifetime fill your heart with joy and replace sadness with peace. My deepest sympathy for the loss of Uncle Walter. I send warm and comforting thoughts your way.

Your Niece Shantorrio Windham - January 04, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ Your great neices and nephews,

Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. It is with a humble heart and a sincere praise that I express my deepest condolences to my family, the Ivy family during this most difficult time. Continue to hold on to those sweet memories and the love that Uncle Walter gave each and every one of us.

KaMytreuna Williams - January 04, 2021 at 02:19 PM

YF

“ *When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say it is well, it is well, with my soul. It is with a humble heart and sincere praise that I express my deepest condolences to you, my family during this most difficult time. Continue to hold close one another and share the love the that Uncle Walter would want you to share.*

Your nephew, Fred - January 04, 2021 at 10:29 AM

VB

“ *Viola Bentley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Viola Bentley - January 03, 2021 at 06:14 PM

SB

“ *Stacy B. Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Stacy B. Buchanan - January 03, 2021 at 05:58 PM

IR

“ *Ida Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Ida Robinson - January 03, 2021 at 05:46 PM

GS

“ George And Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



George and Gwendolyn Smith - January 03, 2021 at 02:25 PM

SH

“ Shirley Gordon & Mother Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Shirley Gordon & Mother Hayes - January 03, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - January 03, 2021 at 11:15 AM

EJ

“ Ethel Jones-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Ethel Jones-Smith - January 03, 2021 at 08:14 AM

RW

“ *REMENYI WILLIAMS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



REMENYI WILLIAMS - January 03, 2021 at 06:24 AM

SE

“ *Stan And Sherry Ezell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Stan and Sherry Ezell - January 03, 2021 at 02:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr..*



January 02, 2021 at 12:50 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Selena Walker - January 02, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr..*



January 02, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Charles&Ann Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Charles&Ann Dunigan - January 02, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *To the Ivy family I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that the Lord comfort and keep you during this difficult time. I will miss Mr. Ivy's big beautiful smile. He was always kind to me.*



REMENYI WILLIAMS - January 01, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Edith Gardner - January 01, 2021 at 05:52 PM

CS

“ *Fond memories of Walt and condolences to his wife and family.
Walter and Catherine Summers*

Catherine Summers - January 01, 2021 at 04:36 PM

GW

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



GEORGIA WILLIAMS - December 31, 2020 at 10:40 PM

ND

“ *Nelson DeVould lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Nelson DeVould - December 31, 2020 at 10:01 PM

PP

“ *Patty Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Patty Pitts - December 31, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Jack Dunigan - December 31, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Jack Dunigan - December 31, 2020 at 09:47 PM

PF

“ Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Patterson Family - December 31, 2020 at 08:50 PM

JH

“ Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Jerry Harris - December 31, 2020 at 07:44 PM

CP

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow and transition. May God continue to comfort you with his love and peace now and in the days to come!!!

*With Prayers and Sympathy,
Cole & Donna Purnell*

Cole & Donna Purnell - December 31, 2020 at 05:43 PM

CP

“ Cole And Donna Purnell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Cole and Donna Purnell - December 31, 2020 at 05:28 PM

RW

“ RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - December 31, 2020 at 01:23 PM

TP

“ Emma and family, I was sorry to hear of the passing of Walt. I pray you will find comfort in the memories you share as a family. We know" to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!" Praying your strength in the Lord.
With Heartfelt Sympathy and God's Love,
Theresa



Theresa Powell - December 31, 2020 at 12:22 PM

BJ

“ Bari Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Bari Brown Jr - December 31, 2020 at 10:00 AM

JE

“ Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Jo Ann Embrey - December 31, 2020 at 08:52 AM

NH

“ *Nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Nanette Hickman - December 31, 2020 at 08:03 AM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Dallas Boards and family - December 31, 2020 at 07:14 AM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Frank & Betty Ford - December 31, 2020 at 06:29 AM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Frank & Betty Ford - December 31, 2020 at 06:24 AM

AT

“ Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Alice Taylor - December 31, 2020 at 04:46 AM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Pauline Gardner - December 30, 2020 at 11:56 PM

HS

“ Hilda Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Hilda Snell - December 30, 2020 at 10:50 PM

HS

“ Hilda Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.



Hilda Snell - December 30, 2020 at 10:49 PM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Modean Reeves - December 30, 2020 at 10:37 PM

DE

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Walt's passing. Worked with him many years at GM. We are praying for you all. Don and Linda Elder*

Don Elder - December 30, 2020 at 07:45 PM

JD

“ *Joann Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Joann Dixon - December 30, 2020 at 07:44 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



The Daniel Family - December 30, 2020 at 07:44 PM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter B. Ivy Sr.*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - December 30, 2020 at 07:42 PM

AM

My Prayers to the Ivy Family, so sorry to hear of your loss, may God keep you in peace while you live on. God Bless the Ivy Family.

Audrey R. McGrew - December 31, 2020 at 05:50 PM

JL

You are loved and missed so much cousin Walter. I will never forget all the times of you coming to the house to fix things and seeing you driving around the neighborhood. Love and miss you tons. Love Jennifer Little.

Jennifer Little - January 08, 2021 at 03:12 AM