

A Broken Chain

We knew little that morning that
God was going to call your name,

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide,

And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems to be the same,

But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Acknowledgement

THE FAMILY WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND THANKS FOR THE EXPRESSIONS

Of Love, food and comfort. We would like to thank all the family and friends that was There to help us with Thomas' homegoing. Your kindness and love is appreciated more than Words can express. Thank You! A special thanks to Marlan Gary Funeral Home.

Homegoing Celebration for



Thomas Walker, Jr.

July 11, 1956 – January 4, 2026

Saturday – January 24, 2026

Visitation: 1:00 PM

Memorial Service: 2:00 PM

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Chapel of Peace North

2500 Cleveland Avenue
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Obituary

Thomas Walker, Jr., affectionately known to family and friends as Thomas, entered eternal rest on Sunday, January 4, 2026. He was born on July 11, 1956, to the late Thomas Walker Sr. and Elizabeth Walker-Green.

Thomas was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School, Class of 1974. Following high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. After completing his military service, he returned home and trained through Cleveland's Adult Vocational Programs on East 55th Street, beginning a career marked by hard work, skill, and dedication.

Thomas later relocated from Akron, Ohio, to Columbus, Ohio, where he continued his career as a sheet metal worker. He retired from Local Union 24, a trade and union he took great pride in throughout his working years. In his personal life, Thomas found joy in riding his motorcycle, skating, fishing, and traveling. He cherished the freedom of the open road and valued time spent doing the things he loved most.

Thomas was united in marriage to Kim Annetta Patilla. While no children were born from this union, he was a devoted and loving stepfather to Durrell Patilla. Thomas also lovingly cared for his niece, the late Desoray Patilla, and her daughter, his great-niece, Damiya Tarpeh, whom he held close to his heart.

Thomas leaves to cherish his memory his beloved *Daughter*: Gwenita Michele Tolbert (Jerry Tolbert); *Two Grandchildren*: Gregory L. Wallace Jr. and Mishayla Elizabeth Moss and *Three Great-Grandchildren*: Gino Messiah Sly-Wallace, Cobi Michele Sly-Wallace, and Marlo Milan Sly- Wallace, all of Cincinnati, Ohio.

He is also survived by his *Siblings*: Marzell Walker, Diane Walker-Barnes, Ramona M. Walker, Adolph Walker Sr., and *Half-Brother*: Sedrick K. Walker all of Cleveland, Ohio; his *Brothers-in- Law*: Lugene T. Patilla and Eric Patilla; one *Aunt*: Beatrice Beard of Cleveland, Ohio; along with a host of *Nieces, Nephews, Extended Family Members and Dear Friends*.

Thomas Walker Jr. will be remembered for his strength, independence, and deep love for his family. His legacy lives on through the generations he leaves behind and the lasting memories shared by all who knew and loved him.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

Scripture Reading.....Minister Marty Morse
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 11: 25 - 26

Prayer.....Jerome Sharp
Nephew

Selection....."Jesus Promised Me A Home Over There"
by Jenifer Hudson

Acknowledgement/Condolences.....Jason Boone
Friend

Remarks.....Two Minutes Please.....Family and Friends

Reading of Obituary.....Lavelle Walker
Cousin

Selection....."Take Me to the King"
by Tamela Mann

The Eulogy

Keith Greene

Friend



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Benediction

Recessional