

Fulfillment

by Walter Lewis Smith

I have worked in the fertile earth and planted a garden, so I know what faith is.

I have listened to the birds caroling in the early morning and at dusk, so I know what music is.

I have seen the morning without clouds after showers, so I know what beauty is.

I have sat before a wood fire with old friends, so I know what companionship is.

I have walked the paths of quietness along the forest floor, so I know what peace is.

I have dwelt in the valley of remembrance and on the hills of home, so I know what love is.

I have seen the miracle of spring, the fruition of summer, and beauty of autumn, followed by the repose of winter, so I know what life is.

And because I have perceived all these things, I know what God is.

Acknowledgments

The Locke Family is greatly appreciative for the many acts of kindness and love during this difficult time. Calls, prayers and sympathetic gestures have strengthened the family beyond measure.

Special Thank You to Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Newman Mortuary



114 Harper Dr ~ Ozark, AL
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A CELEBRATION OF

Life



Annie Laura LOCKE

DECEMBER 2, 1927 ~ SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

First Missionary Baptist Church

642 Andrews Avenue ~ Ozark, Alabama

Celebration of Life for ANNIE LAURA LOCKE

Annie Laura Walker Locke was born on December 2, 1927, as the middle child of the late Mr. & Mrs. Henry Allen Walker, Sr. After living the complete life of 97 years, her Heavenly Father called her home on Tuesday, September 10, 2025.

In her early years, Annie attended Old Salem, Greater Sardis and then completed her journey as a member of First Missionary Baptist Church.

Annie graduated high school in 1946, earned her Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education from Alabama State University in 1957, and received her Masters of Science in Education from Troy State University in 1979. While her family knew her as a wife, mother, aunt, sister, and grandmother, her greatest contribution to the community was being an educator for over 33 years. Most of her teaching was at the predominantly black D.A. Smith School. She gracefully accepted assignment to Mixon Elementary School after school integration. She retired from Ozark City Schools in 1986 alongside one of her closest friends, neighbor, and college roommate, Florine Colvin. She continued to teach, encourage, advise, serve, and express love towards others until God called her home.

During her spare time, Annie enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and making homemade jams and preserves. She was active in her community serving as an original founder of the Daffodil Garden Club, which she served over 70 years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Matrons, Alabama Education Association, Dale County Education Retirees Association and many other affiliations.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Mr. Wesley Lee Locke, Sr.; sister, Jeanette Roberts; brothers, Douglass Walker, Henry Walker Jr., Charles Walker, Boyd-Allen Walker, and Joyce Pernell "Shane" Walker.

As a strong branch of the Walker Family Tree, her legacy will be sustained by her daughter, Theresa Ann Locke and son, Wesley Lee Locke, Jr. (Agnes) of Ozark, Alabama; sister-in-law, Magdaline January of Evergreen, Alabama; grandchildren, Lionel Locke (Amy) of Huntsville, Alabama and Ethan Locke (Appolonia) of St. Louis, Missouri; great-grandchildren, Jordyn Locke and Jameson Locke of Huntsville, Alabama; the family dog, Brody; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Annie AS A FRIEND



Annie AS A TEACHER



Annie

AS A SISTER



Annie

AS AN AUNT



Order of Service

Reverend Roosevelt Zanders, Presiding

Procession..... *"Precious Lord"* (Choir)

Scripture Reading
 Old Testament..... Reverend Noah Reeves,
 Pastor Greater Old Salem Missionary Baptist Church ~ Ozark, Alabama
 New Testament..... Reverend Artez Jones

Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend David Reddick

Selection..... *"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"* (Choir)

Family Reflections..... Lionel Locke (Grandson)

Solo..... Winston Jackson

Eulogy..... Reverend James Hall (Nephew)

Recessional..... *"Let the Church Say Amen"* (Choir)

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
 531 US Highway 231
 Ozark, Alabama

Repast

Hoppergrass Restaurant
 129 East Avenue North
 Ozark, Alabama

Pallbearers

Derrick Ogunade
 Eric Ogunade
 Pierre Dyck, Sr.
 Ray Charles Dyck
 Joseph Walker, Jr.
 Byron Walker

Honorary Pallbearers

Joseph Walker, Sr.
 Robert Earl Crittenden
 Wesley Locke, Jr.
 Lee Stewart
 Jeffrey Walker
 Jerome Walker



Annie

AS A WIFE
& MOTHER



Annie

AS A DAUGHTER
& A PERSON



Annie

AS A GRANDMOTHER
& GREAT-GRANDMOTHER

