

CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL LIVED

EARTHLY ARRIVAL
Jan 14, 1932

KINGDOM TRANSITION
Nov 27, 2025

EVELYN

Flye

Walker

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 - 2:00PM

OVERSEER LEETASHIA C. MCHENRY
OFFICIANT

ELDER DAVID J. CLEAVER
EULOGIST

POWERHOUSE CATHEDRAL COGIC

SUPT. T. T. THOMPSON, PASTOR

403 N. BEVERLY DRIVE WICHITA FALLS, TX 76306

THE OBITUARY

SUNRISE

Sis. Evelyn Walker was born on January 14, 1932, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Hattie Mae Williams, née Long, and Rev. Asia Flye. As a child, she was raised by her Mother, Grandmother and Aunts, whose care and guidance shaped the woman she would become. She had very close bonds with her Mother and Aunts and those relationships remained until their demise.

Sis. Evelyn attended school in Wichita Falls and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1949. As a young adult, she worked at Mr. Lucas' Grocery Store on Flood Street, where she often recalled the unforgettable taste of Mrs. Lucas' homemade chili—an inspiration for one of the signature meals she would later make for her own family, friends and fellow church members.

HIGH NOON

Gifted with a full, sultry voice, Evelyn sang the blues with Big Daddy Pat, traveling near and far with the band. She loved to reminisce about driving long distances in her convertible with the top down, heading to her next performance. It was during this time as a singer that she met a handsome soldier named Earnest and their love story began. Evelyn and Earnest Earl Walker married in 1956, and together they raised four children. Their three sons—Anthony (Tony), Timothy, and Kevin—were brought up at 114 Scurry Street, and later their daughter, Tiffany, was born into the family home at 1403 Normandy Drive. As the years passed, she used that same powerful voice to minister through Gospel music. She served as a beloved soloist at church and on special programs, frequently accompanied by Charles Geter, Ricky Kendricks, or Jonathan Rice on piano. Among her most cherished songs were “God Can Do Anything But Fail,” “The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow,” “If I Could Just Hold Out Until Tomorrow,” “I Am So Grateful” and “Don't Take Everybody to Be Your Friend”. And for those who knew her, no song was ever complete without her signature ending: “Ohhh, yessss.”

Sis. Evelyn was a proud third-generation member of Jackson Memorial Church of God in Christ in Wichita Falls, worshipping alongside her mother and grandmother, Edmonia Caroline Lewis, under the leadership of founder Elder Andrew Jackson, Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Rev. Washington (Denver, CO) and Supt. Leroy Cleaver, Jr., until relocating to Rockwall, Texas, in 2009. She served faithfully as the captain of Tribe #4, one of the cooks for the Anniversary meals & member of the Senior Choir . At her passing, she was the last living ORIGINAL member of Jackson Memorial COGIC.

A dedicated professional, Sis. Evelyn worked as a nurse's aide at Wichita Falls Senior High School and later worked for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, where she taught food and nutrition classes. It was there that she obtained the recipe for “Master Mix”. She would make pancakes, biscuits and so many other items from that one mixture and even gift jars of it to her family for Christmas. A masterful cook, she poured love and skill into every dish, preparing meals from scratch that left lasting memories for all who tasted them. She was also a gifted entrepreneur, operating several locations of Evelyn's Stop Shop on the city's Eastside. On any given Saturday morning, you could find her at the Flea Market, blasting her Gospel music and tending to her booth with the same dedication she brought to everything she did. Her specialty items that she sold were the individual carpet squares, mixed Gospel CDs that her sons made for her and items procured on her routine trips to Dallas.

She took great pride in maintaining a beautiful home and yard - complete with vibrant flowers, manicured grass with a perfect edge. Her giving spirit extended into her role as a Licensed Foster Parent, opening her home and heart to more than twenty children and young people in need of immediate and long-term care and nurturing. Sis. Evelyn enjoyed fishing and she was a lover of crappie fish – Deacon Frank and Sister Mae Harris used to keep her freezer full of crappies. Sis. Evelyn's life was defined by faith, music, family and the countless people that she loved and served. Her legacy of strength, warmth and generosity will live on in all who were blessed to call her Mama, Grandma, Aunt Evelyn and Friend.

SUNSET

Sis. Evelyn went home to be with Jesus at 10:59 P. M. on Thanksgiving Day 2025.

She leaves to honor her legacy: Sons – Anthony Walker (Linda) of Wichita Falls, TX; Timothy Walker of Allen, TX; Kevin Walker of Dallas, TX, Daughter – Tiffany L. Downing of Allen, TX, Grandchildren – Andrea Hall, Jeramie Lamey, Ashley Henson, Edward Collins, Diemetra Walker, Antoinette Foreman, Krystal Downing, Alicia Downing-Ogbutue, Sgt. Zachary Downing, Nathaniel Downing, Jaylen Bell, Caden Walker, and Kylie Walker, Great-grandchildren – 25, Great-great-grandchildren – 7

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Overseer LeeTashia McHenry, Officiant
(Holy Ground Tabernacle - Newport News, VA)

Prelude: Min. Kerry Thomas

Processional - "I've Got a Testimony"

Old Testament Scripture (Job 19:25-27) Rev. Johnnie Mims
(Bethlehem Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, TX)

New Testament Scripture (1 Corinthians 15:50-57)
Bishop James Hicks (Covenant Faith Center, Wichita Falls, TX)

Invocation - Supt. Edward G. Downing, Sr.
(Love Sanctuary COGIC, Wichita Falls, TX)

*** A Time of Praise ***

Special Selection - "New Life" - Tiffany L. Downing, Krystal Downing (Navarre, FL),
Alicia Downing-Ogbutue (Newport News, VA)

Remarks - Supt. T.T Thompson (Powerhouse Cathedral COGIC, Wichita Falls, TX)
Sis. Gloria L. Lewis (Trinity Church, Cedar Hill, TX)

A Time of Expression (Clergy & Friends - 2-3 minutes)

Reflections (Family) - Family Members, Tiffany L. Downing

Video Tribute - Kevin Walker (Dallas, TX)

Sermonic Solo: Sis. Lisa Brookins
(Grace Cathedral COGIC, Dallas, TX)

Words of Comfort - Elder David J. Cleaver (Dallas, TX)

A Glimpse Until Glory - Ainsworth & Young Funeral Home

Sealing of the Bier - Sister Walker's Children

Recessional

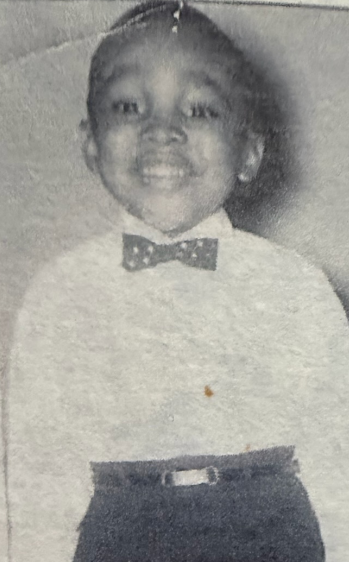
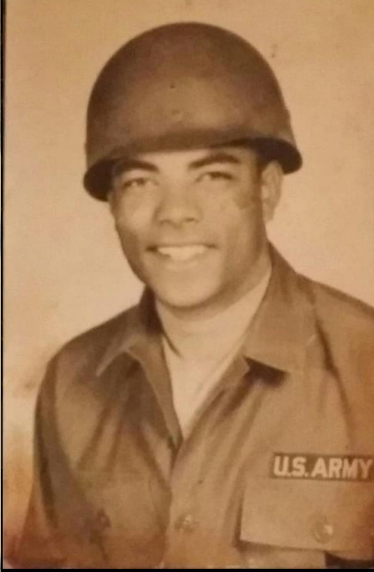




"GOD'S GARDEN"

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

—Anonymous





EXPRESSION OF THANKS

You may have stopped by just to say hi or sit with the family and share a cry. Maybe you came by to tell a sweet story, to speak of our Mother in all of her glory. Maybe you brought food, a pie or a cake- or a great big hug and a strong handshake. You may have stopped by with a kind word or a card, sympathizing with our family because our grief has been hard. You may have helped us in big or small ways by just reaching out to us or helping us pray. All that you did means the world to us, as did she; you strengthened us with your love in our time of need. As we give praise for her life well lived, to you all our thanks we humbly give.

Love, The Walker Family

Special thank you to everyone who assisted with making this Homegoing Celebration for Sister Evelyn Walker a peaceful time for the family.

PALLBEARERS

Tavian Brown Jeramie Lamey
Nathaniel Downing Timothy McGowan
Sgt. Zachary Downing Otis C. Polk, III
Micah Walker

INTERMENT

Resting Next to Her Mother Until Christ Awakens:
East Lawn Cemetery
FM 369 North @ Bacon Switch Road
Wichita Falls, Texas

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

Hinsworth & Young Funeral Home

822 Roosevelt Street
Wichita Falls, TX 76301

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