



Ronald J. Walker

March 26, 1949 - August 13, 2025

Ronald Joseph Walker, 76, of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2025, in a local healthcare facility. Ronald, affectionately known as “Slick,” was born on March 26, 1949. He was the fifth child born to a family of nine children. He was loved by those who knew him because of his friendly, easy-going manner. He was the cherished father of four daughters.

Ronnie was a member of St. James A.M.E. Church and attended regularly during his youth. He also attended Chickamauga Elementary School and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1967.

Ronnie joined the United States Air Force after graduating from high school and was deployed to Vietnam. After four years of service, he returned to Chattanooga and worked for the DuPont Company. Later, he was employed at the Chattanooga Municipal Airport.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his loving mother, Nellie Mae Walker-McReynolds; father, Herschel Walker, Sr.; stepfather, Willie McReynolds; daughter Patrice LaRhonda Walker; brother, Shareef Shamsud-Din Al-Jizah (Herschel Walker, Jr.); sisters: Jacqueline McDuffie, Nettie Humphrey, and Ruth Amaker; nieces, Maria Byers and Yolanda (Yo-Yo) McDuffie.

Ronnie is survived by his former wife, Patrica Walker; daughters, Latosha

Walker, Lakisha Humphrey, Rona Boykin, and Brooke (Corey) Babbs; brother, Malcolm J. Walker; sisters, Diane (Joe) Taylor, Bettie Greatheart, and Dr. Juanita (Michael) Hoskins; grandchildren, Marissa Walker, Keyonna Slater, T'Shayla Timmons, McKenna Boykin, Mikaili Boykin, Aaliyah Johnson, Michael Boykin II, Alexander Babbs, and Jameson Babbs; great-grandchildren, Nilah Thompson, Noah Thompson, Khloee Jackson, and Kinsey Pritchett; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Ronnie will lie-in-state on Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, August 29, 2025, at 12 noon in the Chapel with Brother John R. Taylor, Sr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG **28**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Sending our sincerest condolences to our family! 🙏 Dr. Van & Mrs. DeAndrea Hinton



Dr Van Hinton - August 28, 2025 at 02:39 PM

EP

“ Prayers and condolences to the family.

Eddie Powell - August 25, 2025 at 10:21 PM

BS

“ Heartfelt condolences to the entire Walker family in the loss of your loved one. We lift you all in prayer during this difficult time.



Beverly and Larry Rowe Sr. - August 25, 2025 at 09:43 PM

VB

“ Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Walker



Vincinetta Brown - August 25, 2025 at 05:47 AM

WS

“ Praying for the family. Slick was a very kind person, making you laugh, with his humor.

Wendy Sheppard

Wendy Sheppard - August 24, 2025 at 02:09 PM

MN

“ Prayers for God to lift your family and you up Latasha Walker, God takes the good n rewards them with the great mansion in the heavens.

May you have peace n rest. Memories will keep him in your heart.
Sincerely Marge Neely

Marge neely - August 23, 2025 at 06:29 PM

JR

“ My love, thoughts and prayers are with the Walker family. I pray that the Lord strengthen and keep you throughout the upcoming days.

I have fond memories of "Slick" as my classmate in high school!

Joyce(Spears) Reynolds

Joyce Spears Reynolds - August 23, 2025 at 03:47 PM

JN

Best of the Best Basketball player at BTW ! Our heartfelt Prayers to the families ! Your Race has been Won ! RIP Slick !

Jacqueline (Dowell and Nunn's)Families - August 23, 2025 at 08:10 PM

CW

“ Condolences to the Walker Family from the Chavis Family

Cleopatra Chavis Williams - August 23, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Walker.

August 22, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Ronald was also know by his nickname “Slick” for his kindness and gift on the basketball court at BTW High School. I’m sure those are some precious memories and others that will forever be embedded in family & friends. Our prayers and condolences are with the entire Walker family.

Ronald & Rosalind C. Harris Family



Rosalind C. Harris - August 22, 2025 at 05:07 AM



“ Faye Worthington Kellogg lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Walker



Faye Worthington Kellogg - August 21, 2025 at 09:17 PM

GM

“ May our God of comfort and peace grant comfort and peace to the Walker family as you mourn your loss and celebrate the life Slick (Ronald) lived.

We were classmates at Booker T Washington School during 7-9th grades.

George McCleskey

George McCleskey - August 21, 2025 at 08:41 PM

RR

“ Robin Roberts lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Walker



Robin Roberts - August 21, 2025 at 01:02 PM

HK

“ Condolences to the Walker family. 2nd Corinthians 5:8 To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Herman Kelley - August 21, 2025 at 12:22 PM

BG

Thanks, Hattie

Bettie S Greatheart - August 22, 2025 at 05:01 PM

MB

“ *Marilyn Brown lit a candle in memory of
Ronald J. Walker*



Marilyn Brown - August 21, 2025 at 12:25 AM

VA

“ *Virgia Adamson lit a candle in memory of
Ronald J. Walker*



virgia adamson - August 20, 2025 at 07:05 PM

VA

“ *Condolences for the Walker family . Powell
Family*



virgia adamson - August 20, 2025 at 07:04 PM

LM

“ *Lindia B Mathis lit a candle in memory of
Ronald J. Walker*



Lindia B Mathis - August 20, 2025 at 03:32 PM

YC

“ Your sister circle purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Ronald J. Walker.



Your sister circle - August 20, 2025 at 09:42 AM

LH

“ Lisa H. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ronald Walker.

Lisa H. - August 20, 2025 at 09:38 AM

IS

“ Ivy Strickland lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Walker



ivy strickland - August 19, 2025 at 02:09 PM

MT

“ Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Walker



Marva Taylor - August 19, 2025 at 12:17 PM

LR

“ Keeping the Walker family in prayer.



Lynette Ross - August 18, 2025 at 09:20 PM

NB

“ Niece Dawnzalea Byers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald J. Walker.



Niece Dawnzalea Byers - August 18, 2025 at 09:19 PM

CC

“ Cardella F Cummings lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Walker



Cardella F Cummings - August 18, 2025 at 03:28 PM

MM

“ Love you Uncle Ronnie! Rest in LOVE! -Blackkie Jr.

Monique McDuffie - August 18, 2025 at 02:21 PM

EC

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers for the Mr. Ronald Walker family.*



ELOISE COOKE - August 18, 2025 at 12:35 PM

RW

“ *Love you dad💕 You will be missed.*

Rona Walker-Boykin - August 18, 2025 at 10:40 AM

LR

“ *Lera Richmond lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Walker*



Lera Richmond - August 18, 2025 at 02:31 AM

CH

“ *Caris Healthcare Hospice lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Walker*



Caris Healthcare Hospice - August 15, 2025 at 03:35 PM

LR

“ *Lera Richmond lit a candle in memory of
Ronald J. Walker*



Lera Richmond - August 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM

BG

Love you Lera

Bettie S Greatheart - August 16, 2025 at 01:26 PM

CL

*My heartfelt condolences to Tosha, Kisha, Rona, and Brooke and the
entire Walker Family. Great memories of Slick. Great tennis coach on
the court at Shepherd Center.*

Carlos N. Lacy - August 25, 2025 at 03:55 PM