



Mr. Clinton Walker

February 20, 1947 - March 3, 2016

Clinton L. Walker was born on February 20, 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama to Milton and Doris Walker. Clint, was educated in Louisville, Kentucky and was a star running back for Trinity High School earning All State and All City honors while being the only African American in his graduating class. Clint also played on the basketball and track teams. His athletic skills earned him a “full ride” football scholarship to Morehead State University and he also participated in track and field. Clint graduated in December of 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education. A few weeks prior to graduation he received his first title – husband, to Carol Surratt. Immediately upon graduation he began his teaching and coaching career in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. He only worked there one semester but he left his mark by providing the school with their first regional track and field trophy while using a unique strategy with only 6 participants. He was recruited by his former high school coach to come to the perennial football powerhouse -- Louisville Dupont Manual. He also coached basketball and track and was proud to win a state championship in 1975. Being the youngest member of the staff many of his players held him in high esteem and looked to him as father figure.

In July of 1974 he reached another milestone adding another title - proud father to Cara Nicole. During that same time the title of “Brother” was added as a result of officially becoming a member of the graduate chapter of the Louisville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Clint hoped to

have had the title Charter member of Zeta Lambda but he graduated before the chapter was established.

His teaching career ended when he was recruited to return to his alma mater as a graduate assistant. When people asked him where he went to college and didn't know where Morehead State University was located he proudly would ask if they had heard of Phil Sims who played with the New York Giants whom he had the opportunity to coach.

Clint did not complete his Masters degree because he was recruited by the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center to become an Event Coordinator. This position required countless hours, and never a dull moment coordinating many concerts, sporting events (especially University of Louisville football and basketball games, trade shows, horse shows, the State Fair and other events too numerous to mention.

In June of 1979 Clint headed north to become the Assistant Director of the Lansing Civic Center. Living in Lansing was short-lived but he was very excited about expanding his family with the birth of his son, Clinton Lamar. While in Lansing one of his players that he had coached in Louisville, running back Steve Smith became a Spartan. Steve would have a home away from home with Coach Walker and appreciated the home cooked meals and quality time with "Coach". The family enjoyed the nostalgia of regularly watching Big Ten football.

In May of 1980, Clint became the assistant manager of the Grand Center in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan. Managing the Grand Center was truly grand for Clint because it was the first time he was involved with opening a brand new facility. He even had the opportunity to give a talk to arena managers all over the country about what it was like to entertain three presidents. One of the highlights of his career was the airing of the Bob Hope Show where he personally hosted President George Bush, Sr., Ronald Reagan and Wendell Ford. Once again the change of address brought another family member, his youngest daughter Candice. It was while living in Grand Rapids that Clint converted from Catholicism to Methodism at First

Community AME under the pastorate of Rev. Lyman Parks.

While in Grand Rapids, Clint also put his coaching skills into action. His daughter, Nicki would compete in cross country and many AAU competitions throughout the state. Qualifying for competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania and the nationals was a proud moment for her coach. Another proud moment for Clint was when she won the State long jump in her junior year and the establishing of a long jump record while at Arthur Hill that was long standing. Clint had a high school high jump record that withstood over a decade of time. As life would have it, the family went on the road again and Clint established residency in Saginaw, Michigan. On January 15, 1987 he became the Director of the Saginaw Civic Center. In the summer of 1996 he was afforded the opportunity to become the Facilitator of the Skeet Shooting events for the Olympics in Atlanta.

Clint became an integral part of the Saginaw community, he was a member of the Friendship Board, the Saginaw Sunrise Optimist Club, PRIDE, and Life Member of the NAACP. When the City of Saginaw decided to close the Saginaw Civic Center, Clint decided to end his career and retired early in May of 2001. Once he took a much needed rest, Clint decided to become a substitute teacher for the Saginaw School District. He accepted these assignments with a great deal of pride and students were surprised that he came prepared with the intent that learning would continue. He would balk when teachers didn't have lesson plans and he had a reputation of being a strict disciplinarian.

Also during retirement, when Carol was laid off from Xerox, the two began to travel. This is when their annual trek to the Final Four began which they loved. It was time for them to reunite with college classmates. Countless hours were spent going down memory lane, telling lies, and golfing (until his health failed). Traveling with the grands in the motorhome helped to establish special lifelong memories going to various destinations. Tailgating was a fun time for all. Truly Clint received the title the best Granddad according to his grandchildren. He

was coach, encourager, supporter, tutor, cook and limo driver. Just recently his 5 year old great grand referred to him as his best friend.

Clint loved his church and church family. He was a member of the Personnel Committee, Trustee Board, Courtesy Ministry, Men of Bethel, a Class Leader, and Transportation Ministry and served as Chairman of the Credit Union Board. Probably his most notable accomplishment was his chairing Men's Day on several occasions...he had an uncanny way of rallying the men's support. His competitive juices really flowed when he and his wife served as Men and Women's Day chairs.

He also had passion for his fraternity. Clint was a Life Member and served as Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President for the Saginaw Alumni Chapter. He proudly served as the president during the chapter's 40th year anniversary. He worked tirelessly to reenergize the bond. He was very proud of being instrumental in the chapter's receiving the Award for the Small Chapter of the Year on several occasions.

On March 3rd, after completing all his roles and titles, he gained his wings!! Clint will be sadly missed by his wife Carol; children, Cara "Nicki" Nicole, Clinton Lamar, and Candice; his grandchildren LyDell and Nicole Simon, Kaleah and Nylia Walker, and Sheri Sweeney and great-grandson LyDell Simon Jr.; brother, Charles Walker; step-brother Steven Gibson (Cynthia) and step-sisters Mona Robertson and Wilma Lyons; nephew Michael Walker, niece Johnnetta Walker; goddaughter Crystal Armstrong; godsons Brian Pruitt, Michael, Marcus and Austin Finney and host of other relatives and friends.

Clint was preceded in death by his parents, Milton Walker and Doris Walker Norrington, and niece Michelle Walker Towns.

The family of Clinton Walker would like to express special thanks to Covenant Hospital and Covenant Rehab Staff and the Bethel AME family.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 10, 2016 Bethel A.

M. E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor P. David Saunders officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 2-8 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, 3250 Versaille Road, Frankfort, KY 40601 on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

Midway, KY 40347

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Family Hour

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

KO

“ *Missing my Big Guy. 3 years later and it still seems unreal* ”



kole - November 14, 2019 at 03:39 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Nancy Sanford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker* ”



Dave & Nancy Sanford - March 14, 2016 at 09:19 AM

RH

“ *Rodney Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker* ”



Rodney Howard - March 10, 2016 at 05:40 PM

LV

“ *Liz Vance lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker* ”



Liz Vance - March 10, 2016 at 11:32 AM

SM

“ *Sydni And Shelby Miles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Sydni and Shelby Miles - March 10, 2016 at 08:15 AM

SM

“ *Sheniqua Miles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Sheniqua Miles - March 10, 2016 at 08:13 AM

MK

“ *Martha Kapp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Martha Kapp - March 09, 2016 at 10:36 PM

BG

“ *My Friend, you will be truely missed, while taking that smile with you*

Bernard Graham



Bernard Graham - March 09, 2016 at 10:20 PM

KW

“ *Kim Caver Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Kim Caver Wright - March 09, 2016 at 09:22 PM

GB

“ *Gwen Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Gwen Bowman - March 09, 2016 at 09:13 PM

DD

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Walker family. God bless and strengthen you during this most difficult time. Love to you all.*



Debra Drake - March 09, 2016 at 06:48 PM

AT

“ *Alandya Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Alandya Taylor - March 09, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Clinton Walker.*



March 09, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Dear Carol, Nicki, Clinton and Candice and all of you whose heart has been broken by the loss of your loved one. I knew Clint as a co-worker at the city of Saginaw. He was a man of integrity and a fine example for those of us who worked with him. Clint always carried himself with the assurance of an athlete, which to me, symbolized his strength. He also was a very humble person which, given his talents and proven track record, meant he was a person of experience that one should listen to. Clint was a man of grace. Not given to boasting of his talents, but generous in sharing them. We have been blessed with his good company, his laughter and the good work that he bore for not just himself, but for the betterment of all those in Saginaw, Michigan. When my wife died not too long ago, Clint and Carol blessed our family with a lovely poem and kind words. So, it is my hope that your tears will someday be turned into a celebration of his life. May your sorrow be replaced with memories of fun and laughter. Wishing peace to each of you. Joe Turner.*

Joe Turner - March 09, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ *Mr. Clinton Walker will be truly missed and praying that the family will continue to be blessed during this difficult time.*



Evelyn McGovern - March 09, 2016 at 12:25 PM

SP

“ *Shelaine Parrish lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Shelaine Parrish - March 09, 2016 at 08:48 AM

HM

“ *Jim and Hazel Milam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker.*



Hazel Milam - March 09, 2016 at 08:21 AM

JO

“ *Joyce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Joyce - March 09, 2016 at 01:27 AM

LC

“ *Linda And Jaylen Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Linda and Jaylen Caldwell - March 08, 2016 at 07:43 PM

GP

“ *Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Geraldine Parris - March 08, 2016 at 06:27 PM

CL

“ *Calvin And Phyllis Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Calvin and Phyllis Little - March 08, 2016 at 03:45 PM

DM

“ *To the Walker family, i'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. Clinton was such a sweet and caring person, he will never be forgotten. May you all be comforted by his memories and blessed with each passing moment of his kindness.*



Diana Miree - March 08, 2016 at 03:30 PM

DM

“ *Diana Miree lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Diana Miree - March 08, 2016 at 03:20 PM

BH

“ *Bridget Y. Hinds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Bridget Y. Hinds - March 08, 2016 at 12:53 PM

MC

“ *Myrtle Collier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Myrtle Collier - March 08, 2016 at 12:31 PM

CC

“ *Cynthia Essex Praying For You Carol lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Cynthia Essex Praying for you Carol - March 08, 2016 at 11:44 AM

JW

“ *Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook - March 08, 2016 at 10:50 AM

JW

“ Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook - March 08, 2016 at 10:42 AM

VA

“ Valerie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Valerie - March 08, 2016 at 08:48 AM



“ Sue Mcdole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Sue Mcdole - March 08, 2016 at 08:28 AM

PM

“ Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Pamela Monroe - March 08, 2016 at 07:51 AM

BK

“ *The love you shared will bring peace and joy to your heart.* ”



Bea King - March 08, 2016 at 06:19 AM

AJ

“ *Annie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker* ”



Annie Jackson - March 08, 2016 at 12:20 AM

LL

“ *Lonnie & Londia Langston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker* ”



Lonnie & Londia Langston - March 07, 2016 at 09:18 PM

TO

“ *Tony & Joyce Odneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker* ”



tony & joyce odneal - March 07, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TJ

“ Tina Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



tina jones - March 07, 2016 at 07:49 PM

TJ

“ Mrs. Walker I'm truly sorry for your loss, and my family is lifting you in prayer. Mr. Walker was a great mentor to my son Donte, and my family. We are praying for you and your family. God Bless you Tina Jones and family.

tina jones - March 07, 2016 at 07:48 PM

HB

“ Henry and Margaret Brown



Henry & Margaret Brown - March 07, 2016 at 05:31 PM

PM

“ Pamela Maloy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Pamela Maloy - March 07, 2016 at 05:29 PM

DM

“ Deborah Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Deborah Miller - March 07, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ Rick McDowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Rick McDowell - March 07, 2016 at 03:26 PM

PD

“ Philip Drake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Philip Drake - March 07, 2016 at 09:58 AM

RC

“ Richard And Mary Crosby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Richard and Mary Crosby - March 07, 2016 at 08:46 AM

TH

“ Terri Herring lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Terri Herring - March 07, 2016 at 06:58 AM

BS

“ Billy & Karen Cork & Sons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Billy & Karen Cork & Sons - March 06, 2016 at 04:30 PM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Judge Terry L. Clark - March 06, 2016 at 03:36 PM

TJ

“ Trina Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



trina jackson - March 06, 2016 at 01:51 PM

JA

“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Jackie - March 06, 2016 at 09:17 AM

SL

“ Shirley Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Shirley Lewis - March 05, 2016 at 11:21 PM

SM

“ Sam & Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Sam & Deborah Mack - March 05, 2016 at 10:41 PM

BP

“ Carol & Family,
My condolences to you and the family during this time. Clint was a good man that loved his family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.



Barbara Payton - March 05, 2016 at 09:03 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Deborah Williams - March 05, 2016 at 07:47 PM

TJ

“ *Trina Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



trina jackson - March 05, 2016 at 12:23 PM

VH

“ *Vanessa Humes-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Vanessa Humes-Johnson - March 05, 2016 at 10:21 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Brenda Jones - March 05, 2016 at 08:19 AM

RW

“ Rodney And Barbara Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Rodney and Barbara Walker - March 05, 2016 at 02:18 AM

JA

“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Jackie - March 04, 2016 at 05:38 PM

NM

“ Nicole Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Nicole Mitchell - March 04, 2016 at 05:14 PM

DJ

“ DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES - March 04, 2016 at 08:54 AM

CA

“ Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



Carolyn - March 04, 2016 at 05:39 AM

CA

A nice family Christian man, I enjoyed conversations with at church. Carol your church family loves you, and are praying for your peace and endurance at this most difficult transition.

Carolyn - March 08, 2016 at 11:53 AM

KL

“ Carol and Family,
Clint was simply a great guy. I am lost for words but please know my heart. My prayers and support will be with you and may God keep you in His arms of love, peace and understanding.

Karen L. Lawrence-Webster
Michael Webster
Micah Webster
Daniel Webster

Karen L. Lawrence-Webster - March 04, 2016 at 04:37 AM

JM

“ James And Ola McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker



James and Ola McMillan - March 04, 2016 at 04:31 AM

LJ

“ *Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Lela and Wilson Jones - March 03, 2016 at 09:19 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Clinton Walker*



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - March 03, 2016 at 04:58 PM

HJ

Our thoughts & prayers are with you Carol, the entire Walker Family & Friends. Clint was a "Good Man" and he will be truly missed. It's so hard to believe. May God comfort you & give you strength at this difficult time. Your Bethel Family are here for you. "To God Be The Glory!!!"

Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - March 03, 2016 at 05:10 PM

MB

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief. I pray that you will find comfort in your friends, your church family, and in God's word that will sustain you until you meet again. The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the LORD!!

Mrs. Mary Bailey-Fifer

Mary Bailey-Fifer - March 05, 2016 at 06:01 PM

HJ

This is indeed difficult to hear. My prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends of a wonderful and kind man. Carol, you know that Clint and i had a long friendship. I pray earnestly for your strength.
Hurley and Sandra Coleman

Hurley J Coleman, Jr. - March 07, 2016 at 09:26 PM

SF

Carol and Family, we are so sorry to hear about Clint's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Be strong my sister.

Ted and Sherry Forrest

Sherry Forrest - March 09, 2016 at 07:50 AM