

Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I

April 30, 1930 - November 26, 2020

Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I, was born April 30, 1930 in Arcadia, LA to the late Johnny Lee Walker and Jennie Lee Hill Cambell. They preceded him in death. Leffie was the eldest of five children, he passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at the age of 90 years.

Leffie loved the Lord, he accepted Christ as a young boy and was baptized at the Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Arcadia in the early 1940s. Leffie joined the U.S. Army in August of 1950. He fought in the Korean Conflict, received the Distinguished Korean Service Medal, with Bronze Service Stars. In December of 1950, he was given Sergeant E7 First Class. He received the Unit Citation Award and the United Nations Service Medal. Leffie loved the Army. Upon his discharge in 1953, Leffie joined the Army Reserves, where he recruited many young men and women. After 20 years of service, he continued to help Veterans to get their retirement and disability. His motto was, "He could never retire".

Leffie was an advent sports fan. During his youth, he became involved in intermural Boxing which led him to become the Middle Weight Golden Gloves Champion of Michigan in 1958; all while working at Grey Iron Foundry of General Motors, Corporation.

After his discharge from the Army, he and his brother, J.H. Walker, relocated

to Bay City, Michigan. The brothers were hired in September of 1953 at Grey Iron Metal Casting Plant. He was a member of UAW Local 668. Leffie also worked at G.M. Defiance, Ohio Plant and retired after 41 years of service with the corporation. During his time at the Grey Iron Plant, he and several coworkers formed a group and purchased a restaurant called the "Big Ten". Late in the 1950's and early 1960s, Leffie got involved in the music industry. He enjoyed managing a singing group, and he promoted dances featuring new recording artists such as, Major Lance and others. Leffie was truly a go-getter.

In 1990, Leffie got another chance at love. He met and married Juanita Burden-Erby in 1991. They shared her three children from her previous marriage. Leffie was truly blessed to find Juanita. She was there in the good times and all during his illness. They were very involved in the church. Leffie was the Head Deacon at Rose Hill Baptist Church and sang in the choir. Juanita was the church nurse. Leffie belonged to The Saginaw Valley District Association and the Laymen Department, and worked on the Finance Committee in Wolverine Baptist Convention. On Wednesdays, he went and prayed for the sick at the hospitals and nursing homes in Saginaw and Flint. He donated bibles to his church, the "Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church" where he was always giving and willing to do whatever was necessary.

Leffie is survived by his wife of 29 years, Juanita B. Walker; one sister, Rosa Lee Keller; one uncle, Henry Island; one sister-in-law, Bernice Walker, three daughters, Geraldine Walker, YoVonne (James) Starks and Yvette (Michael) Smith; six sons, Leffie D. Walker, II, Jeffrey (Debra Ann) Walker, Torray T. (Allison) Walker, Arthur "Wayne" Arnold, James Erby, Jr., and Yvain Erby; Leffie has twenty grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Sergeant Walker was also preceded in death two brothers, J. H. Walker and

J.B. Walker, his sister, Elizabeth Davis and one son, Major Z. Walker. The family of Leffie D. Walker would like to express their gratitude and thank you to everyone that has shown all their love and support. Villa of West Branch, McLaren Bay Regional Hospital, and Evans & Browne's Funeral Home. We pray that the Lord bless you all for your acts of kindness.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. A private service will be held with Pastor Charles A. Dallas officiating. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford, Holly, Michigan 48442.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

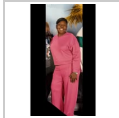
Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Browne's Mortuary - December 09, 2020 at 01:45 PM



Rest In Peace Uncle Leffie!!! Love you ❤️

Alice Earl - December 09, 2020 at 02:11 PM

DH

Rest In Peace my oldest Cuz! I definitely won't forget. Love you!!! Doris

Doris Hill-Scott - December 09, 2020 at 11:21 PM

EK

Rip

Edward Osoro Morara- from Nairobi Kenya - December 12, 2020 at 02:51 AM

LB

“ *I can remember Leffie as being my brother in law for almost thirty years. One thing for sure, I can say is that Leffie loved my sister. And everybody can say that Leffie could cause the crowd to LAUGH.*

Linda Burden - December 29, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ Thank you so much for all of the heartfelt condolences to me and my family. My husband Leffie lives in our hearts forever. This has been a difficult time but with the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits from many, many loving friends and family members you have brightened my days. Again, thank you.
Love, Juanita Walker

Juanita Walker - December 26, 2020 at 03:12 PM

PL

“ Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal .From Mozella Reed

Pastor Ernest L.Reed - December 09, 2020 at 02:17 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Evelyn Culberson - December 09, 2020 at 11:32 AM

PR

“ Pastor Ernest Reed lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Pastor Ernest Reed - December 09, 2020 at 11:20 AM

GB

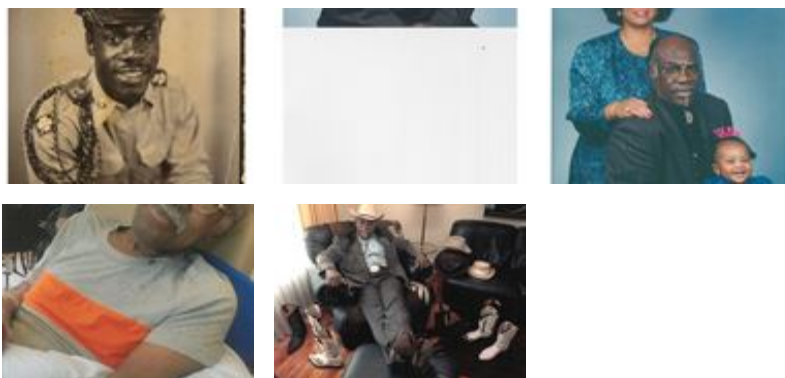
“ Gwen Bowman lit a candle in memory of
Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Gwen Bowman - December 08, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ 114 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - December 08, 2020 at 01:32 PM

SS

“ Sue Surlles-McDole lit a candle in memory of
Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Sue Surlles-McDole - December 08, 2020 at 10:27 AM

YS

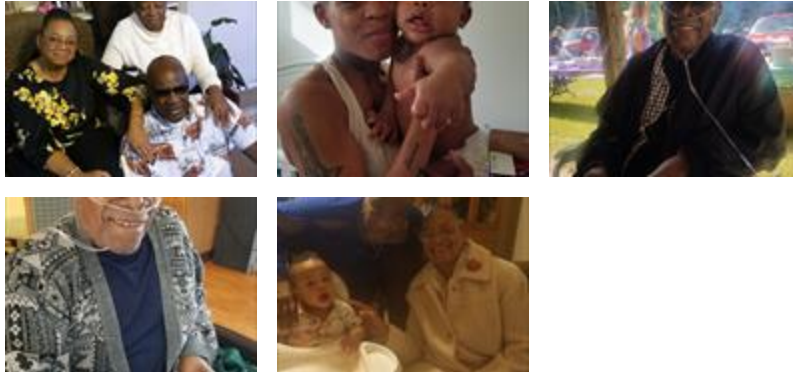
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Yvette Smith - December 08, 2020 at 05:10 AM

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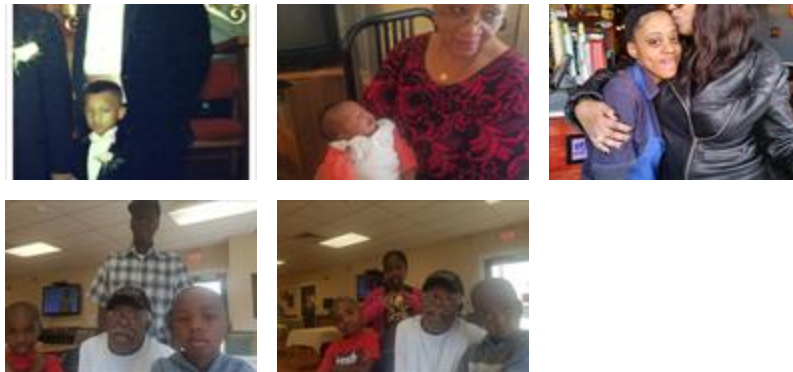
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Yvette Smith - December 08, 2020 at 05:05 AM

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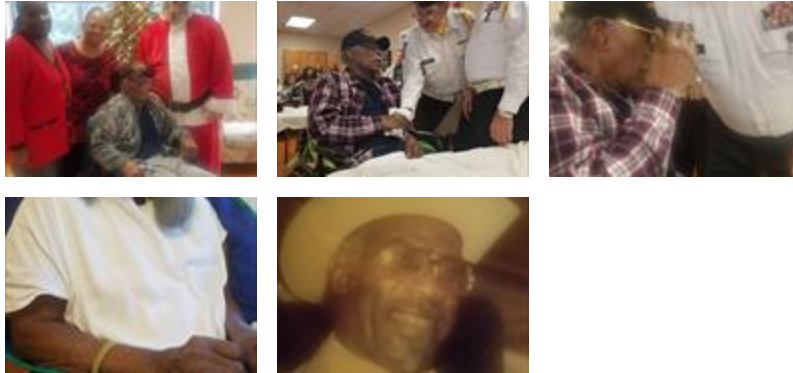
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Yvette Smith - December 08, 2020 at 05:03 AM

YS

“ 15 files added to the album Memories Album



Yvette Smith - December 08, 2020 at 04:59 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Leffie's passing. It has been many years since I've seen him, but I will forever cherish the lessons I learned through him. My deepest condolences to Juanita and his entire family. Peace & Blessings to you all.

Delores Lyons & Family.

Delores Lyons - December 07, 2020 at 11:08 PM

LK

“ Juanita, Cousins, and Walker Family,
Jeannette and I are sorry we are not able to be with our family during this time.
With heartfelt thoughts and prayers, please accept our sympathies.
Rest in Paradise Uncle Leffie.

Love, your nieces, Lynnette and Jeannette (Buffalo, New York)

Lynnette Walker Kean - December 07, 2020 at 01:43 PM

YS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Yovonne Starks - December 07, 2020 at 09:40 AM

RW

“ Rodney & Barb Walker lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Rodney & Barb Walker - December 05, 2020 at 12:44 PM

NB

“ To the family of Sergeant Lefty Walker you will always be in our heart ; put your hands and God Hand he will guide you through.



Norris&Barbara Brown - December 05, 2020 at 10:05 AM

YS

“ Jesus said, “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me {Jesus}. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” John 14:1-4 NKJV

Our dad was a believer and loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, his family, his church and the army. He was a prayer warrior and took time to visit the sick in the hospital and pray for them. We are sincerely grateful for your expressions of kindness and loving sentiments. We are especially grateful for his wife Juanita and the excellent care and love she gave our dad. Thank you to his caretakers the Villa Nursing Home in West Branch and McLaren Bay Regional Medical Center.

Our dad will be truly missed and his life's legacy cherished by his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends.



Yovonne Starks - December 05, 2020 at 09:10 AM

EC

To the Walker Family, Please except out deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers. As a life long friend and brother to Torray Walker and his family I would like to express our condolences on behalf of the Cooney Family. We love you and will be with you and yours always.

Edgar Cooney - December 08, 2020 at 07:44 AM

YS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Yovonne Starks - December 05, 2020 at 08:30 AM

ER

“ Condolences to the family of Leffie Walker



Elva Rosenthal - December 04, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album In Loving Memory



YoVonne Starks (Daughter) - December 04, 2020 at 03:17 PM

LO

“ Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of
Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Leah O'Daniels - December 04, 2020 at 12:32 AM

CP

“ Carolyn Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Carolyn Pruitt - December 03, 2020 at 06:59 PM

VM

“ Veronica McClain lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Veronica McClain - December 03, 2020 at 04:10 PM

BW

“ Betty Keller & Johnny Walker purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I.



Betty Keller & Johnny Walker - December 03, 2020 at 03:54 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Wicks-Wicker sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Carolyn Wicks-Wicker - December 03, 2020 at 01:49 PM

SF

“ *Stuckey Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Stuckey family - December 03, 2020 at 12:33 PM

WD

“ *William Doxie & Geri Doxie lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



William Doxie & Geri Doxie - December 03, 2020 at 12:07 PM

PL

“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.*

Pastor Ernest L.Reed - December 03, 2020 at 10:03 AM

BH

“ *Juanita, Yvette and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all now and in the future. Be comforted with The Lord's guidance as he will see you through these times.*

God bless you.

The Hill, Hall & Hampton Families

Barbara Hill - December 02, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ Casandra Norman sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Casandra Norman - December 02, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ Cynthia Hood sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Cynthia Hood - December 02, 2020 at 12:32 AM



“ Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Frank Johnson - December 01, 2020 at 11:38 PM



“ Walter (Diane)Blackmon Jr lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Walter (Diane)Blackmon Jr - December 01, 2020 at 06:37 PM

YS

“ I want to thank the people that cared for Sgt Leffie D Walker for the last two years at the Villa at West Branch. Before the covid restrictions my Mom would drive to West Branch from Saginaw and get there each day to have lunch with him. They fed him and also offered her food as well. When she arrived they had coffee waiting for her the way she likes it. I appreciate the care and compassion shown to both of my parents for the last two years. From my family to yours ❤️

Yvette Smith - December 01, 2020 at 01:50 PM

DD

“ Doris. Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Doris. Davis - December 01, 2020 at 01:14 PM

LE

“ Sgt. Lefty Walker, Prayers are with the family. Thank you for your service.



LUCY ERBY - December 01, 2020 at 12:43 PM

NA

“ You will be missed Grandpa 🙏✨ -Naija



Naija - December 01, 2020 at 11:06 AM

YS

“ A man of God, loving husband, Father, Grandfather, Deacon, brother, friend to many, Sergeant in the US Army, boxer, teacher, and now he's resting in heaven. When you get there he's the angel with the cowboy hat and cowboy boots. ❤️

Yvette Smith - December 01, 2020 at 10:04 AM

YS

“ Yvette Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Yvette Smith - December 01, 2020 at 09:29 AM

YS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Yvette Smith - December 01, 2020 at 09:06 AM

YS

“ Yvette Smith lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Yvette Smith - December 01, 2020 at 08:39 AM

YS

“ Yvette Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Yvette Smith - December 01, 2020 at 07:44 AM

YS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Yvette Smith - December 01, 2020 at 07:41 AM

CJ

“ Juanita and family sorry to hear of Leffie passing, I remember when he moved me and others to Definance Ohio in 1990, he was our our spoke person if we needed questions answer ask him he would know. May God bless you and the family during this most trying time.



Cynthia Johnson - November 30, 2020 at 09:44 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Sandra Coleman - November 30, 2020 at 08:02 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Deborah Morris-Williams - November 30, 2020 at 05:29 PM

FN

“ *From the Hawkins Family - Las Vegas, NV purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I.*



From the Hawkins Family - Las Vegas, NV - November 30, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *RipLefty the Clark family*



Vera Clark - November 30, 2020 at 04:38 PM

TM

“ *Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Theresa McClellon - November 30, 2020 at 03:52 PM

RT

“ *RUSSELL TERRELL lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



RUSSELL TERRELL - November 30, 2020 at 05:27 AM

PP

“ *Paula Phillips-Terrell lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Paula Phillips-Terrell - November 30, 2020 at 05:24 AM

PP

“ *Paula Phillips-Terrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Paula Phillips-Terrell - November 30, 2020 at 04:49 AM

PP

Sending love, prayer's and condolences to the family of Mr. Walker. He and my father, the late Rev. Paul H.L Phillips (Sgt. Railhead) served in the U.S Army/WWII together. He spoke of our father with high regards during his funeral in March 1995. "Mr. Phillips said, those whom have a problem with him, have a problem themselves." Thank you Mr. Walker, I have carried those wise words with me. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to our father. You are both together again in heaven reminiscing about the good old days. God bless you and please! give my parent's a hug for me. I will forever be grateful for all your kindness. RIH/RIP. Hold onto God unchanging hands.

Paula Phillips-Terrell - November 30, 2020 at 05:23 AM

FH

“*Fay Hemphill-McKinnie lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Fay Hemphill-McKinnie - November 29, 2020 at 09:19 PM

SC

“*Sam Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Sam Culberson - November 29, 2020 at 07:20 PM

MA

“*Rest in peace cousin Leffie. My condolences to the family, be blessed.*

Mary(Georgia)Nettles - November 29, 2020 at 01:15 AM

RK

“ *This is your sister Rosie Keller rest on my brother! Your fight is over I will miss you forever!*

Rosie Keller - November 28, 2020 at 05:23 PM

BK

“ *This is from your niece Betty Keller you will always be dear and near my heart! RIP Houston Texas*

Betty Keller - November 28, 2020 at 05:21 PM

NS

“ *Nolan And Earleen Smithers sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Nolan and Earleen Smithers - November 28, 2020 at 04:52 PM

NL

“ *Nola Levelston lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Nola Levelston - November 28, 2020 at 09:36 AM

RM

“ *Rita Mitchell-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Rita Mitchell-Taylor - November 28, 2020 at 01:39 AM

DJ

“ *Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Doris Jones - November 27, 2020 at 04:04 PM

MB

“ *Our deepest condolences to Mrs. Janita (wife), children: Geraldine, Yvonne, Torrey and Major, and grandchildren. Mr. Leffie was a amazing man always talking about his days in the military, which he cherished. He will be missed deeply, especially seeing him out and about wearing his cow-bow boots and hats. RIH Mr. Walker*



Marilyn K Burns-Bowman - November 27, 2020 at 03:15 PM

OM

“ *Ona Chaney & Marcellus lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I*



Ona Chaney & Marcellus - November 27, 2020 at 02:14 PM

BM

“ Barbara Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Barbara Mitchell - November 27, 2020 at 12:18 PM

BA

“ Barbara Mitchell- Artis lit a candle in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Barbara Mitchell- Artis - November 27, 2020 at 12:13 PM

BA

“ Barbara Artis sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Barbara Artis - November 27, 2020 at 12:09 PM

LJ

“ Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Sergeant Leffie D. Walker I



Louis Cassell Mitchell Jr - November 27, 2020 at 11:12 AM