



Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers

May 15, 1951 - September 22, 2019

Mr. Wallace (Wally) Chambers was born May 15, 1951 in Phenix City, Alabama the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lee Chambers. Mr. Chambers passed away suddenly September 22, 2019 at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital, at the age of 68 years.

He was a member at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Saginaw, Michigan, Pastor Lafayette Simpson. Mr. Chambers moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 2003 after meeting Patsy. He graduated from Mt. Clemens High school in 1969 where he played football. After graduating from high school, he took a chance with two other friends, drove to ECU with little cash and little car. Little did he know this was the beginning of his football career, Coach Roy Kidd at ECU looked at the three of them, decided to keep Wally and sent the other two back home. With no clothes, no money and nowhere to live, Coach Kidd told his wife Sue to go and buy this kid some clothes. Coach took a chance on Wally and it paid off. Wally says he was forever grateful to Coach Kidd. This great coach is 89 yrs. old; Coach Roy Kidd and his wife Sue reside in Richmond, KY. Coach started the Wally Chambers Scholarship Fund at ECU, the program has given many students a great start. Some of the students called and thanked Wally for the scholarship.

Wally put Mt. Clemens on the map, he made history there. Wally leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Patsy Chambers, they met after his

professional football and coaching career. Wally shares the same birthday as his wife along with two close friends Bobby Haynes and Katie McFadden, yes, they all were born May 15th. Believe it or not he and his wife were married on their birthdays May 15, 2004," 2 for the price of 1" They celebrated their Birthdays and Anniversary each year. Wally is a former American football defensive tackle for the Chicago Bears and defensive end for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the early 70's. He was the 8th overall pick for the Bears in the 1973 NFL Draft out of ECU. Mr. Chambers played 5 seasons with the Bears, where he made a Great impact and 2 seasons with Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He didn't miss a game in his first 4 seasons with the Bears. Wally was a (3) time Pro Bowl Selection (1973, 1975, 1976) 1st team All-Pro in 1976, (2) time 2nd team All-Pro in 1974, 1975, NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year 1973, UPI NFC Defensive Player of the Year 1976, NFL Defensive Linemen of the Year 1976. Wally was one of the best players on the field with the Bears. Wally was also inducted into the KY Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006. Knee injuries forced Wally out of the game, but that didn't stop him. He went on to coaching, he coached for the NFL New York Jets. He also coached defensive line (3) different colleges *Northern Iowa Panthers *East Carolina and *Ohio Glory.

After the Life of football Wally health began to decline. He had 8 back surgeries hoping it would help alleviate some of the pain, 15 surgeries total. He spent the rest of his days in constant severe pain. His step-son Jameson was a huge help to him especially when he'd fall and didn't have the strength to pull his self backup. Chambers enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren, and looked forward to seeing his daughter, Shewana who resides in Frankfort, KY with two of the grandchildren. So, look out ECU because the oldest granddaughter (Jazmin) is 15 and almost 6'0 feet tall, she loves basketball, and volleyball with her sister baby girl (Janyiah) on her trail to be better than Jazz. Grandson Josiah was also a big help to Papa and Grandson Ayden wanted to take over, he loves to help too. Wally also loved talking to his family, baby sister (Susie), his brother (Mike), baby brother

(Ronnie) he loved all of his family, before he hung up, he'd always say I love you.

And of course, he Loved watching football with his brothers-in-law John Trice and Winston Walker. He loved his wife who stuck by his side all the way to the end, Wally will be missed by all that loved him. The doctor asked if he had the chance to do it all over again, would you? His answer was yes because I love the game.

Mr. Wallace Chambers leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Emma "Patsy" Chambers of Saginaw, MI; daughter, Shewana Chambers of Frankfort, KY; stepson, Jameson Walker of Saginaw, MI; four grandchildren, Jazmin and Janiyah Chambers, Josiah and Ayden Walker; sister, Susie Blanchett of Mt. Clemens, MI; three brothers, Michael (Alison) Chambers of Rentz, GA, Ronnie Chambers of Marquette, MI and Jimmy (Catherine) Fleming of Leeds, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins including special cousins, Ike Jakes, Uncle Charlie and Aunt Betty; two sisters-in-law, Lucile Trice and Doris Walker, both of Saginaw, MI; four brothers-in-law, Elbert and Winston Walker, John Trice, all of Saginaw, MI and Willie Walker of Gates, TX; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Jim Osborne of Algonquin, IL, Waymond Bryant of Mound Flower, TX , Larry Kirksey of Atlanta, GA and Bobby Sanders of OH.

Mr. Chambers was preceded in death by his son, Wallace Chambers II; his parents, Jimmy and Evelyn Chambers; sisters, Mae Gibson and Debbie Ogbonna; brothers, Douglas, Larry, Rufus, Carl Chambers; niece, Evelyn Houston

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 30, 2019 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 3309 Bundy Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48601 with

the memorial service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Lafayette Simpson will officiate.

Previous Events

Family Hour

SEP 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
3309 Bundy Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Memorial Service

SEP 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
3309 Bundy Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Patsy and family, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. You all have my deepest condolences and please know that your friends share in your bereavement. Keep God close and he will be your comforter.

Betty Mitchell - October 01, 2019 at 06:04 PM

WP

“ William And Kristi Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



William and Kristi Phillips - October 01, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers.



September 30, 2019 at 01:03 PM

MT

“ Wally was a wonderful friend to me at Eastern Kentucky University. He had the best smile and an endearing , booming laugh. I'm sure he is now an angel in Heaven. I wish his family my deepest sympathy. Rest In Peace Wally. 🙏❤️🙏 Marilyn Eby Taylor

Marilyn Eby Taylor - September 29, 2019 at 08:09 PM

D-

“ *Sincere Sympathy*



Deborah Morris -Williams - September 29, 2019 at 07:16 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



Patricia Williams - September 29, 2019 at 04:17 PM

TJ

“ *Trina Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



Trina Jackson - September 29, 2019 at 08:03 AM

CR

“ *Cynthia Ruth sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



Cynthia Ruth - September 28, 2019 at 10:34 PM

JH

“ Dear Patsy and the entire family of Wally. I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember the many Physical therapy sessions that Wally and I had together. He was one of the most motivated and driven people I have ever met and always had the goal to get stronger and get back home. He had entertaining stories from yesteryear and one of the most contagious booming laughs when he found something to be funny. Wally had a heart of Gold and Always spoke so loving of you, Patsy, and the family. Wally is an angel now with no restrictions. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless and keep you.



Julie Dobos, PT Dept HealthSource - September 28, 2019 at 10:17 PM

VG

“ Valorie Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Valorie Green - September 28, 2019 at 09:29 PM

FR

“ Frances Zackrie



FrancesHamZackrie - September 28, 2019 at 05:01 PM

SF

“ *Starreese Jackson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



Starreese Jackson and family - September 28, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers.*



September 28, 2019 at 11:11 AM

ER

“ *To, the chambers family you have our deepest sympathy in our prayers are with you from the Reese's Mr Eddie &Melva Reese*



Eddie Reese - September 27, 2019 at 05:19 PM

DW

“ *DOUG WILLIAMS purchased the Lovely One Sp athiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers.*



DOUG WILLIAMS - September 27, 2019 at 04:57 PM

SC

“ Shirley Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Shirley Cork - September 27, 2019 at 04:25 PM

SS

“ An honor to know Wally. A big man with a bigger heart.

Scott Seamon - September 27, 2019 at 01:32 PM

RC

“ Ralph Coldiron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Ralph Coldiron - September 27, 2019 at 07:25 AM

RC

“ I played with Wally at ECU! We were freshmen together. Wally and I became good friends because we were across the line from each other every day at practice. Wally was a true gentleman, he is gone too soon! What he accomplished on the field in college and the pro's tells of his ability. He will be missed.

Ralph Coldiron - September 27, 2019 at 07:24 AM

EC

“ Evelyn Stuckeys Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Evelyn Stuckeys Culberson - September 26, 2019 at 06:20 PM

JC

“ Wally my Battling Bather Brother...you played the game so well, and we were all so blessed to have known you. May our Lord give your family His peace during this time of mourning. And may you rest forever in his arms.

Jim Cole - September 26, 2019 at 12:06 PM

PF

“ Patricia Allen Frierson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Patricia Allen Frierson - September 26, 2019 at 11:55 AM

YV

“ YvonneSanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



YvonneSanders - September 26, 2019 at 09:16 AM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



Annie Lowery - September 26, 2019 at 09:10 AM

LF

“ *L.D. FRIERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



L.D. FRIERSON - September 26, 2019 at 07:02 AM

DC

“ *Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



Deborah Champion - September 25, 2019 at 09:38 PM

BH

“ *Our prayers & sympathy goes to Patsy & family In the loss of your husband. Wally was sure a beautiful giant his spirit will always be with us all. We love you. May God continue to comfort & keep you doing this time.*



Bobby Haynes - September 25, 2019 at 03:09 PM

PC

“ Peter Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Peter Cooper - September 25, 2019 at 02:20 PM

PC

Sending prayers from Tampa, Florida

Peter Cooper - September 25, 2019 at 02:20 PM

PS

“ To Sis. Patsy Chambers & Family; We feel it befitting to extend our deepest sympathy to the family assuring you of our love and support in your time of bereavement.-Pastor Lafayette Simpson & the entire Bethlehem Baptist Church Family.



Pastor Lafayette Simpson - September 25, 2019 at 01:17 PM



May God comfort and keep your family and friends. We are blessed for knowing you and bonding thru ECU football. #foreverCornels Our deepest sympathy, Jeff and Emma Montgomery

Emma Montgomery - September 25, 2019 at 07:33 PM

LB

“ Pasty, my prayers are with you. Love you !
Linda Buckley Bolton



Linda Bolton - September 25, 2019 at 12:36 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Carolyn Washington - September 25, 2019 at 10:40 AM

JF

“ Patsy I'm sorry for your lost we will keep you and your family 🙏🙏

Janice Brown and family - September 25, 2019 at 08:03 AM

FB

“ May Wally's Smile & Laughter always be with You Patty💖
Sending Prayers for You & the Family.



Fazilet Beemon - September 25, 2019 at 02:51 AM

MF

“ Ms Ann Ford & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Ms Ann Ford & Family - September 25, 2019 at 12:19 AM

OC

“ Odeania Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Odeania Carruth - September 25, 2019 at 12:03 AM

SC

“ Sona Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



sona Carruth - September 25, 2019 at 12:02 AM

LV

“ Linda Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Linda Veasley - September 24, 2019 at 09:08 PM

BO

“ Bobbie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Bobbie - September 24, 2019 at 08:43 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



Barbara Reed - September 24, 2019 at 03:58 PM

BR

So sorry for your loss patsy's keeping you in prayer. God bless you always

Barbara Reed - September 24, 2019 at 03:58 PM

AJ

Our prayers go out to the family of Wally. I had the pleasure of working side by side with Wally @ Temple University in 1987. Great memories of Wally from those days.

Rest in Peace Wally

Amos and Stacey Jones

amos jones - September 25, 2019 at 06:30 AM

CW

“ *Carolle Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers*



Carolle Walker - September 24, 2019 at 02:26 PM

CW

Praying with and for you, love you Auntie Patsy!

Carolle Walker - September 24, 2019 at 02:28 PM

JA

“ Prayers to the entire family of Mr. Wally Chambers.



Janice Anderson - September 24, 2019 at 08:17 AM

RC

“ Ralph & Shirley Culpepper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



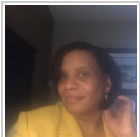
Ralph & Shirley Culpepper - September 24, 2019 at 12:23 AM

MP

“ Michael And Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wallace Hashim Chambers



Michael and Vyethel Kemp Peterson - September 24, 2019 at 12:10 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you!



Cheryl Walker - September 23, 2019 at 09:19 PM

AC

“ *Praying for your family at this time Patsy, May God provide comfort and peace*

Arwanda Conner - September 23, 2019 at 07:41 PM