

Howard Lloyd Walker

Howard Lloyd Walker, 86, of Georgetown, completed his earthly journey in exchange for his heavenly home on Saturday, March 14, 2015, while briefly receiving care at Haven Hospice of the Lakes-Roberts Care Center in Palatka. A native of Georgetown, he was born on Wednesday, March 28, 1928, to Walter and Eugenia (Maddox) Walker. He was educated in the Putnam County School District.

Pvt. Walker served in the 2nd Division, 9th Infantry Regiment, during the Korean War from October 16, 1952, to July 24, 1954, and earned an honorable discharge. Following his military service, he became an avid fisherman who spent long days and nights along the St. Johns River or the lakes within Putnam and Volusia Counties. In 1964, he relocated to up-state New York, where he was an apple orchard operator. In 2003, he returned to Georgetown to be closer to his family for personal care, love, and support.

Howard was a kind, humble, and quiet man with a loving spirit who always greeted or left you with "God bless you." He really loved to drive his old brown Buick to go grocery shopping, dine out at the Chinese restaurant, or to simply take daily trips to the local convenience store for snacks and soda. He was an avid "old-school" Los Angeles Dodgers fan who also enjoyed watching his favorite game shows, Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune.

In addition to his parents, Howard was preceded in eternal rest by his wife Louise Walker; brothers Waldren, Leroy, Lonnie, Teddy, and Alonzo Walker; sisters Dolly Walker Cook, Edna Walker, Helen Walker Oxendine, and LaFrance Walker; sons Lonell Wilson, Jr., and Lawrence Goss; beloved nephew, Edward Walker.

Those who will forever cherish his memories: daughters Star Anne Hines of Miami, Howanda Walker and Gloria Walker, both of Atlanta GA, Gwendolyn Walker (his primary caregiver) of Georgetown, and Stephanie Lloyd of Colorado Springs CO; son Howard Lloyd (Alicia) Walker, Jr., of Ellenwood GA; brother Alton (Dorothy) Walker of Georgetown; brother-in-law Raleigh McMillan of Georgetown; sisters-in-law Ophelia Walker of Georgetown; Bertha Lee Blakely of Welaka; grandchildren Derrick, Dionne (Khalid), Dana, Deniece, Deidre (his nurse), Howard III, Tarvis, Kimberly, Tobias, Yolanda, Crystal, Jessica, Dominique, Leticia, and Aleta; 15 great-grandchildren; special nieces Loretta Hooper and Annette Walker; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and caring friends, especially his "best friend and brother" Everett L. (Laura) Walker of Hurley NY.

Visitation of family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, March 20, at Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church, 131 Georgetown Shortcut Road, Georgetown. A Celebration of Howard's Life will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at "Flagg's Chapel of Serenity" with Pastor Loverso Walker, Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Daytona Beach, Eulogist. Interment will be in Welaka-Georgetown Cemetery, 196 Beecher Spring Road.