

# Walker Collins

MAR 11, 1931 - AUG 14, 2020



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**R**ev. Walker Leroy Collins, Sr. was born on March 11, 1931 in Monticello, Arkansas to Myrtle Ridgell and Harvey Collins. Walker accepted Christ as his savior at an early age. He spent his childhood years with his grandparents whom he adored. Rev. Collins graduated from Drew High School in Monticello, Arkansas. He relocated to Michigan in 1953 after serving in the Korean War and met the love of his life, Myrline.

Walker was a black business owner in the 1970s in which he ran Downriver Foods in Ecorse, Michigan. He attended the Detroit Bible College, and he was called into ministry in 1957. Rev. Collins was also instrumental in the development of the A.M.E. Ministers Protective League. His first assignment as a minister was at New St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan. He was a pastor at several churches until he retired in 2001 after serving as an associate minister at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in River Rouge, Michigan.

In addition to being a black business owner, real estate agent and pastor, Walker Leroy Collins, Sr. worked at Ford Motor Company as an electrician forty-three years. He retired in 2006 at the exceptional age of seventy-five. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time at Dunkin Donuts and discussing baseball and politics. He also enjoyed watching western movies and spending quality time with his family. He enjoyed over sixty years of marriage with his Queen, Myrline.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Myrline, two daughters: Cynthia and Annette (Lisa), two bonus sons; Martell and Jaray and a bonus daughter; Asia, one brothe- in-law; Alex (Helen), one sister-in-law; Quincey, six grandchildren; LaKeisha, LaKita (Devin, Sr.), Deangelo, Joshua, Makyla, and Nicole, five great-grandchildren; Devin, Jr., Aleah, Amaya, Bryson, and Dylan, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Walker, Jr., and six siblings; Bernard, Emma Jean, Curtistine, Lloyd, Cornelius, and Ridgell.



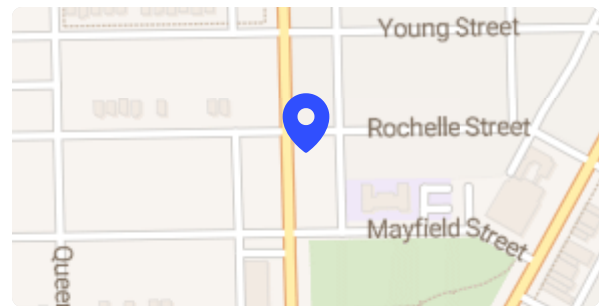
### Visitation

**Thursday**, August 27, 2020

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**The House of Johnson Funeral Home- Detroit Chapel**

12540 Hayes, Detroit MI 48205



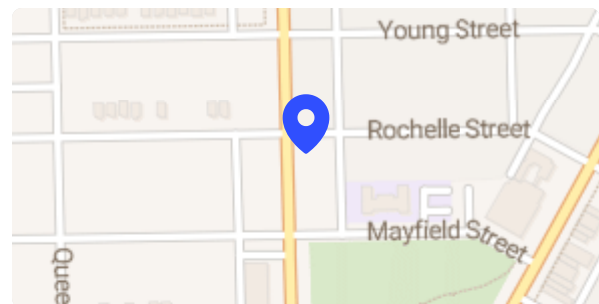
### Family Hour

**Friday**, August 28, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**The House of Johnson Funeral Home- Detroit Chapel**

12540 Hayes, Detroit MI 48205



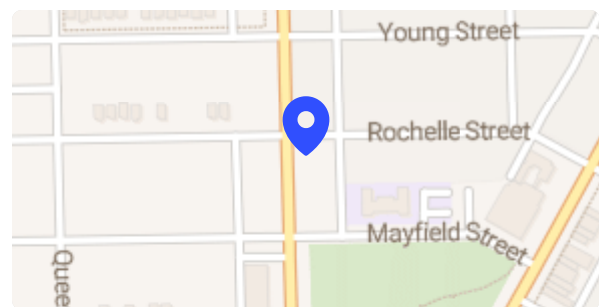
### Service

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11:00 AM ET

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# Tribute Wall

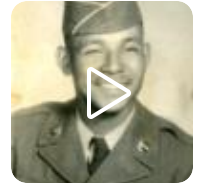
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**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.

August 27 at 8:14 AM



**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary**.

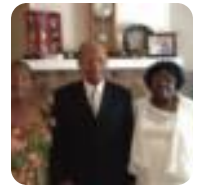
November 3 at 8:50 AM



**Valarie Irons** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My sincere condolences to the Collins Family. "Uncle Jack" was such a kind and humble man. May he rest in eternal peace.

August 28 at 10:04 AM



**Michael J. Tarver, Washington, Dc** sent a Rose Remembrance to the Collins family.

August 28 at 3:12 AM



**Carolyn Daniels** posted:

From the Family of Cornelius & Hazel Daniels. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Collins Family. He was such a sweet & loving man. His soft spoken voice & beautiful smile displayed his warm love for everyone. Rest well Rev. Collins. You will be truly missed.

August 27 at 8:52 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Collins family.

August 26 at 7:04 PM





## Tribute Wall

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**Cheryl Bell** lit a candle in honor of Walker.

I remember Mr. Collins as a good hard working father, and very respectful man of the community. Cynthia Tanya Gail and I grew up with good fathers over on Annabelle. We were blessed to have fathers who were very present in our lives. God bless his memory and blessings to the family. Love, Cheryl warren Bell

August 24 at 12:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Collins family.

August 23 at 4:18 PM





## Media

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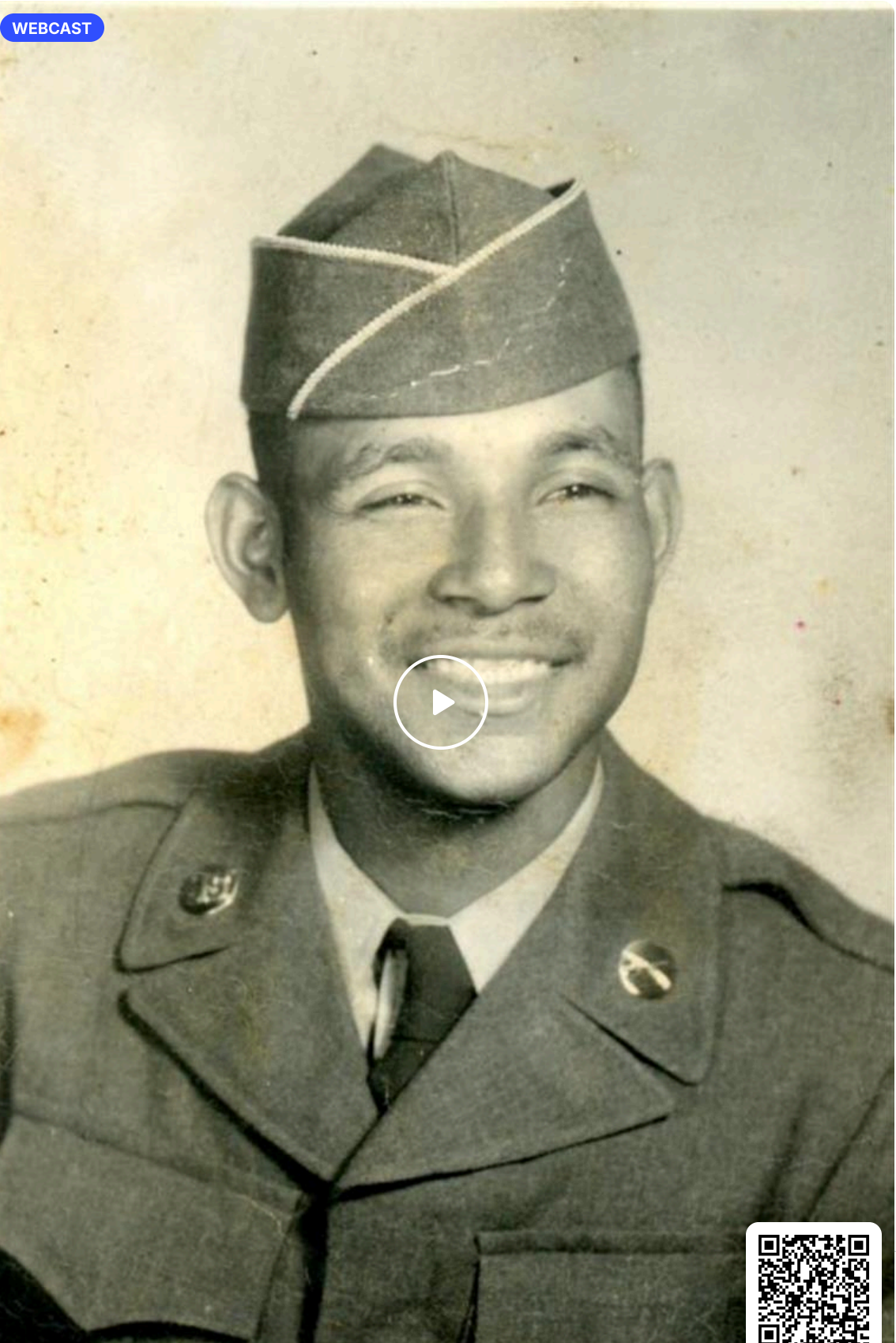
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**ER** **Eleanor B. Ridgell** October 19 at 6:27 PM  
 REST IN HEAVEN FAVORITE COUSIN WE ALWAYS LOVE YOU...

**JW** **Jean Ridgell Webb** August 29 at 12:51 AM  
 Rest well cousin

**JJ** **Jackie Lamb Jamison** August 28 at 1:28 PM  
 To my dear cousin Rev (Jack) Walker Collins a very gentle kind man. My fondest memories him singling with my Dad cuz Lloyd ,Curt We will soon be done with trouble and trials in that land on the other side Rest In Paradise where you can sing together once again God Bless

**Delores Walker** August 28 at 8:32 AM  
 The Collins Family put a smile on Rev. Collins face as he viewed the service from heaven. Reverend Collins was honored today in the humble ,loving manner that he lived . Rev. Collins will live in our hearts forever and the memories of him will be cherished .Delores Walker

**Myke Tarver** August 28 at 6:57 AM  
 Today my heart is sad and heavy with thoughts of conversations not shared ... Rest in heavenly peace Reverend Collins. Peace be with you.



**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** shared 2 photos to the **Obituary** November 3 at 8:50 AM album.

**Papa**  
 You're a warm and caring person. You're an inspiration to me. You've always made me feel loved. You've always been an influence. You've been there for me in every way.  
 You've always been so thoughtful. Through all the years we've known. You're more than just a grandpa.  
 You are a special person. Please remember, papa. We'll always have love for you!  
 Your Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

**PALLBEARERS**  
 Friends of the Family

**INTERMENT**  
 Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery  
 2815 Johnson  
 Monday, August 28, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.

**FLOWER BEARERS**  
 Friends of the Family

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
 The family will thank Rev. Walker Leroy Collins, Sr. wishes to acknowledge with deep gratitude the many comforting messages, cards, floral tributes, prayers and expressions of genuine kindness which were displayed during this difficult time. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date, at this time.

**ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO**  
**The House of Johnson Funeral Home**  
 "Where Memories Live Forever"  
 1520 Hayes  
 Detroit, Michigan 48205  
 Elder Delano Bowman, Director

**Homegoing Celebration**  
 For **DAD**  
 Rev. Walker Leroy Collins, Sr.  
 Friday, August 28, 2020  
 Family Hour: 10:00 A.M. Funeral: 11:00 A.M.  
 The House of Johnson Funeral Home  
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**Obituary**  
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 Walker was a black business owner, real estate agent and pastor. Walker Leroy Collins, Sr. worked at Ford Motor Company as an electrician for thirty-three years. He retired in 2004 at the exceptional age of seventy-three. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time at Dunlap Downs and discussing baseball and politics. He also enjoyed watching western movies and spending quality time with his family. He enjoyed over sixty years of marriage with his Queen, Myrtle.  
 He leaves to cherish his memory: His wife, Myrtle; two daughters, Cynthia and Jennifer (Holt); two sons, Steve, Marvell and Leroy; and a home daughter, Asia; one brother, in-law, Alex (Hicks); one sister-in-law, Queenie; six grandchildren; Lakisha, Lakita (Drew), Sr., Dwayne, Andrea, Malika and Nicole; five great-grandchildren; Devin, Jr., Malik, Amari, Bryson, and Dylan; and a host of nieces and nephews.  
 He was preceded in death by his son, Walker, Jr., and six siblings, Bernard, Emma Jean, Curtaine, Lloyd, Cornelius, and Ridgell.

**Order of Service**

**Organ Prelude:** \_\_\_\_\_ Musician  
**Processional:** \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy, Family & Friends  
**Scripture:** \_\_\_\_\_ Marvell Collins  
**Prayer:** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Jeffrey Baker  
**Song:** \_\_\_\_\_ Geraldine Adams  
**Acknowledgements, Cards, Condolences and Obituaries:** \_\_\_\_\_ Daphne Walker  
**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_ Family and Friends  
**Music Selection:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Eulogy:** \_\_\_\_\_ Reverend Elder Delano Bowman  
**Recessional:** \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy, Family and Friends  
**Organ Postlude:** \_\_\_\_\_ Musician

**Sweet Memories**  
 My Dear Dad, the love and beautiful memories we shared will never end! I will always cherish our time together that lasted for over sixty years.  
 With Love, Myrtle  
 Thank you for your endless love. That will help me through each day. And thank you for the memories that will never fade away. You're the man I loved and I was proud to be your wife. Oh, everyday-the same small way. I will celebrate your life!  
 (Loretta H. Johnson)  
 If there was ever a man you could call a son, it was my dad the man. He was gracious and kind, my dad the man. He was understanding and wise, my dad the man. He always said you were in charge of your happiness, my dad the man. There was never a dull moment with my dad the man.  
 Love, Cynthia  
 Thank you, dad, for a wonderful life, for being kind to me when I couldn't do for myself, for being there when I wasn't aware. Talking to me when I was not able to respond. One thing I could feel was the love you showed me every day!  
 Love, Annette (Lina)  
 Papa, your soul is one I've never met before. Thank you for blessing us with HOPE! I'm so very grateful to have had you in my life. Thank you for the wisdom you bestowed upon me and my siblings. Thank you for your generosity. There is no one quite like you. Papa, you will forever be loved!  
 Love, Asia



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August 28 at 10:04 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Walker by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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