



## Rev. Willie James Walton Jr.

April 29, 1937 - March 7, 2025

### Obituary for Willie James Walton

Willie James Walton, born April 29, 1937, in East St. Louis, passed on to be with the Lord on March 7, 2025, at the age of 87. The oldest of five children. Parents, Willie E. and Georgia Bell Walton, and three siblings, Annie, Oakley, and Ellis Walton, preceded him in death. A devoted brother, son, father, grandfather, uncle, and preacher, Willie lived a redeemed life of faith, love, and service to God.

Willie was a member of Gospel Temple, Warren Avenue Baptist Church, and Third Baptist Church, in Detroit, Michigan. He accepted the calling to the ministry in 1976. Willie went on to dedicate his life to sharing the Word of God with passion and conviction. He served on Usher board #2, as an Associate Minister, and on the Education Committee for many years. He was active in church until his health began to fail.

Willie attended Northern High School in Detroit, MI. He loved to read and always sought opportunities to learn through classes in higher learning. Willie was an extraordinary athlete and loved to play baseball and basketball. He worked at Allen Industry until it closed, and then began working for General Motors.

Willie married Barbara Jean Heath in 1969 in Chicago, IL.

Willie is survived by his beloved sons, Marcus Felts Walton (Guana) of Jacksonville, FL and Michael James Walton (Lindsey) West Bloomfield, MI, as well as his cherished grandchildren, Chelsea D. Sinkfield (Anthony), Madelyn,

and Alexander Walton. He also leaves behind his dear sister, Gladys Houston of Atlanta,GA, along with nieces, nephews, and many loving family members and friends.

A service honoring Willie's life will be held on March 12 at noon at Kemp Funeral Home. Family hour at 11:30am.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:23

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 702-5367  
info@kempfh.com  
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Willie James Walton Jr.*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - March 12, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Willie James Walton Jr.*



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“ *To the family of Minister Willie Walton🌿  
Your loved one was a gentle soul who loved God. We pray that you all are comforted as you remember him and begin to heal.  
I am a former member of the Third Baptist Church family, and related to Deacon Al Baker and Mrs. Ollie Thomas.  
God bless you,  
Minister Michele Baker*

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**Michele Baker** - March 10, 2025 at 10:44 PM

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“ TJ, Jaime & Chuck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Willie James Walton Jr..

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**TJ, Jaime & Chuck** - March 10, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“ TJ, Jaime & Chuck purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Willie James Walton Jr..



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