



Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr

February 17, 1957 - August 27, 2015

Reverend Walter Whitaker Sr, was born on February 17, 1957 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina to Maggie Parker Whitaker and the late Raymond Whitaker Sr, the 7th of eleven children. On Thursday, August 27, 2015 after a routine day of working and returning to his residence with family, God called him home. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Jr and Leroy and two sisters, Maggie Warren and Doris King. He was a man of faith, with big dreams and a big heart. He believed in God and family first. He confessed his the call to Ministry and was ordained at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, where he taught adult Sunday School for the past twelve years and served as Associate Pastor at the church. Academics was always a major part of Rev. Whitakers' life. He graduated from Northern Nash High School in Rocky Mount, NC. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force, and retired at Hickham Air Force Base Hawaii as a Master Sergeant in 1995. After leaving the Air Force he continued his education. He received his Bachelor's degree from NC Wesleyan College; his Masters of Education degree and Education Specialist/Leadership doctorate degree from Liberty University. He was currently working on a second doctorate degree at Liberty University. At the time of his death, he was a teacher at Parkers Middle School in Rocky Mount NC. He loved teaching, and one of his passions was guiding young people to a better future. He loved reading and encouraged his children to read daily, exercising his beliefs by taking them to libraries in NC and Virginia on a regular basis, where they

checked out books and he made sure they read each and every one. He encouraged them to travel and see the world and he took them on many recreation trips throughout the United States. He treated all of his children's friends as his own children, and often took them on trips too. Rev. Whitaker loved helping people, especially the elderly. He spent much time running errands for them and taking them out to eat. Two of his favorite were Min. Erma Mervin and Mrs. Annie Mae Battle.

As a young child, he loved playing the guitar and organ and singing gospel music. While in military service, he was winner of the Hickham Air Force Base Music Competition in Seoul Korea in 1987 and Honolulu, Hawaii in 1994. Reverend Whitaker was a world-wide gospel singer and recording artist; both as a solo artist and with his family group "The Spiritual Keys". His song "Starting all over again" expressed his faith in God and his perception of life, along with his popular recording tribute to Willie Banks, "God Is Still in Charge of My Life." Reverend Whitakers music can be found on all major download sites; Itunes, Amazon, Rhapsody, Google Play and others under "The Spiritual Keys".

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 27 years Virginia Bunn Whitaker, One son, Walter Lee Whitaker, Jr (Talisha) of Virginia Beach, Va; Five daughters, Crystal , Emerald and Kadee Whitaker of the home; LaNika Barnes (Chris) of Charlottesville, Va.; Miracle Whitaker of Nashville, Ga; One unofficial adopted daughter, Rachel Brooks of Rocky Mount, NC. Six grandchildren, Kordel and Kristian Whitaker; Jyazia and Laila Barnes; Serenity Mackey and Torey Lott II. His mother, Maggie Whitaker of Whitakers NC; Three brothers, Bishop James Whitaker (Gloria) of Okinawa, Japan; George Whitaker (Aljeana) of Whitakers, NC; and Marvin Whitaker, Phoenix City, AL; three sisters, Mary Whitaker-Bing (Timothy) of Brooklyn, NY; Margaret Harris (Thomas) of Elm City, NC; and Patricia Hunter Larry) of Garner, NC. Seven sisters-in-law, Rozella Hobbs of Kennesaw, Ga; Chief Apostle Ida Lusby and Vanessa Pittman of Rocky Mount, NC; Mary B Bunn of Rocky Mount, NC; Margaret Jones (Johnny), and Mary D Bunn of Whitakers,

NC; and Ethel Braswell (Joseph) of Cocoa Beach, FL. Four brothers-in-law, Roosevelt Pittman (Burnetta) of Whitakers, NC; William Bunn and Rosco Bunn of Rocky Mount, NC and Wayne Bunn of Battleboro, NC, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Gethsemane

3020 N. Raleigh St.
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Morgan Funerals & Cremations, Inc.
320 South Glendale Drive
Rocky Mount, NC 27801
(252) 446-2600

Funeral

SEP 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
426 S. Cutchin St.
Whitakers, NC 27891

Tribute Wall

NI

“ *One More Hour*

*If you could give me an hour
I'd try to remember your smile
So that when it was dark and I was alone
My heart would be whole for a while.*

*If you could give me an hour
I'd hold you, remember your touch
So when it was dark and I was alone
My soul wouldn't hurt quite as much.*

*If you could give me an hour
I'd listen and hear your sweet voice
So that when it was dark and I was alone
My ears would hear and rejoice.*

*If you could give me an hour
I would study your beautiful eyes
So that when it was dark and I was alone
Your smile would light up the skies.*

*If you could give me an hour
I'd soak up each second together
So that when it was dark and I was alone
I'd pretend you were here forever.*

Love you Daddy Lee...Nika



Nika - October 06, 2015 at 08:27 PM

WJ

“ I love and miss my father he was the best and will truly be missed. Walter Whitaker Jr.



Walter Whitaker Jr. - September 28, 2015 at 05:58 PM

PH

“ Patricia Harper lit a candle in memory of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr



Patricia Harper - September 05, 2015 at 10:03 AM

TB

“ Timothy Bing lit a candle in memory of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr



Timothy Bing - September 04, 2015 at 12:56 PM

YW

“ Yvette Warren lit a candle in memory of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr



Yvette Warren - September 04, 2015 at 12:52 PM

MW

“ *Mary Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr*



Mary Whitaker - September 04, 2015 at 12:48 PM

MW

“ *My loving brother, I will always treasure the moment you held me and let me cry my heart out on your shoulder when our daddy passed away. That was one of the most hurtful days in my life. I can only imagine the pain your loving wife and children are going through. I hope that they, as I am, look forward to the day when we will be reunited again. I will always love you. Our family has lost another great soldier for the Lord. Rest peacefully my brother until that day. Love you much. Mary*

Mary Whitaker - September 04, 2015 at 12:47 PM

LD

“ *Latrice Dantzler sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr*



latrice dantzler - September 03, 2015 at 07:59 PM

LD

MISS you uncle Walter. I will always love you keep smiling 😊😊

latrice dantzler - September 03, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr.*



September 03, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ *Ashanti Cooper lit a candle in memory of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr*



ashanti cooper - September 03, 2015 at 06:55 AM



“ *Imani Cooper lit a candle in memory of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr*



imani cooper - September 03, 2015 at 06:52 AM

MH

“ *My little brother.. remembering all the times we shared growing up. You were always your own person. Serious and determined. I love how you always dreamed big and went after what you wanted in life. Your music still calms my spirit. I'll miss you, but knowing you've found your life dream of being with the Lord gives me peace and comfort. Love you much....Margaret*



Margaret Harris - September 02, 2015 at 08:37 PM

MJ

“ *Virginia & family, you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Continue to look towards the hills.*



Mitch & LaTosha Jenkins - September 02, 2015 at 09:22 AM

XO

“ *Will be missed*



xoxo - September 01, 2015 at 04:51 PM

MD

“ *Marcia Wilkins Draughn lit a candle in
memory of Rev Walter Lee Whitaker Sr*



Marcia Wilkins Draughn - September 01, 2015 at 04:16 PM