

# *In Loving Memory*



*Charles Oliver Walker, Jr.  
Saturday, September 8, 2012 – 11:00 AM  
Harry Hosier UMC  
Fayetteville, NC 28303  
Rev. Larry Robinson, Pastor*

# Order of Service

Chaplin Jerry Sherbourne, Officiating

Prelude

Prayer

Song

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture

Old Testament  
New Testament

Palms 23  
John 14:1-7

Obituary

Read Silently

Reflections

Sermon

Rev. Larry Robinson  
Pastor, Harry Hosier UMC

Song

“Soon and Very Soon”

Benediction

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MSG (Ret) Charles Oliver Walker, JR was born May 24, 1940 in Columbus, GA, to Charles Oliver Walker, SR and Minnie Shipp Walker. He was married to Faustina Coleman Walker.

Charles departed this life August 19, 2012 in the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital, Tampa, FL, after a chronic illness. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Clifton Shipp. He is survived by his wife Faustina, his children, Jacqueline R. Walker, Gwendolyn C. Walker, Charles O. Walker, III (Claudia), and Lisa E. Walker; four grandchildren, Meagan and Heather Chesley and Charles IV and Carmen Walker; numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, other relatives, a host of friends and loved ones.

He professed his faith and was baptized in 1952 at First Baptist Church, Columbus, GA.

Charles graduated from Spencer Senior High in June 1959. He studied at Albany State College, Albany, Georgia, for one year. He later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC, in 1985.

He enlisted in the Army in 1960 and served for twenty one years. During that time he served tours of duty at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Benning, GA, Augsburg, Germany, two tours of duty in Viet Nam, and Fort Bragg, NC where he retired in 1981. Charles was awarded the Soldier's Medal; Purple Heart; Bronze Star Medal with V Device and two Oak Leaf Clusters; Ranger Tab, Army Commendation Medal with V Device and One Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; Good Conduct Medal (7<sup>th</sup> Award); Drill Sergeant Identification Badge; Army Service Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal; Combat Infantrymen Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Meritorious Unit Commendation; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3); Oversea Service Ribbon (1); Vietnam Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and a Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation. Charles was a "Barrel Chested Freedom Fighter".

After his retirement he was employed by Triple P Services, Goldsboro, NC, as a grant and proposal writer.

He will be remembered fondly by many as Coach Walker and his devotion to Pop Warner sports, as well as for his love for fishing.

Charles was a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a member of American Legion Post 167, Tampa, FL.

## He is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he lived,  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,  
You can cry and close your mind be empty and  
turn your back,  
Or you can do what he would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.  
--David Harkins 1959

## Acknowledgement

The family of MSG (Ret) Charles O. Walker, Jr. wishes to express our sincere thanks for the financial donations, flowers, cards and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.