



Mr. LeRoy Walker, Jr.

August 7, 1942 - January 8, 2021

LeRoy Walker, Jr. “Cush” passed away at his home Friday evening, January 8, 2021. LeRoy was born August 7, 1942 to Dr. LeRoy Walker and Katherine McDowell Walker (both deceased) in Columbia, South Carolina.

LeRoy is survived by his high school sweetheart, Judith Burton Walker, their children, Shawn McDowell Walker and Melodie Walker- Edmund (Craig Edmund), his sister, Dr. Carolyn Walker Hopp, his three grandchildren, Desmond Walker, Maddison and MaKayla Edmund and his niece, Dr. Wanda Wade; and a host of nephews, nieces and other relatives.

A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707. There will also be an Omega ceremony at 9:15 a.m., prior to the service.

To view the memorial service, please do so at <https://jo.my/leroy-walker-memorial>

In lieu of flowers and to honor LeRoy’s passion for flying and instilling in youth a love and appreciation for aviation, the family is requesting contributions be made to “HOCC-TAI” (Heart of Central Carolina-Tuskegee Airmen Inc.) at P.O. Box 1065, Morrisville, NC 27560 to the attention of LeRoy Walker Jr. “Cush”

Memorial Fund.

He will be dearly missed by his family and host of friends.

Previous Events

Omega Ceremony

JAN 8. 9:15 AM (ET)

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(919) 683-1379

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. LeRoy Walker, Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Wow, I just accidently ran across this online. It really sadden me to find out he was gone. Leroy was in the same class with me at NC State University (1960 to 1964). We met for the first time as freshman in a zoology class and I was new to NC from NJ. I asked him to be my lab partner because he was not feeling comfortable to ask on his own. He was a wonderful person and I was so lucky to have made that connection. Later I was able to visit him and his friends often in their dormitory. We also went out to visit with friends and I enjoyed very much going to clubs that he introduced to me because they were familiar with the area and I was not. He and his friends inspired me to become involved in the Civil Rights Movement and work through hardships involved in that participation. Leroy was a wonderful, smart, honest, friend to me and I learned so much from knowing him. My condolences to his family that he opened up about. They all seemed to wonderful people.*

Arthur Beveridge - May 11, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *I had the opportunity to get to know Cush while planning for the inaugural Walker Cup International Women's Wheelchair Basketball Challenge over twenty years ago. Ever since, he had a way of ALWAYS making me feel as if we had been friends forever. Cush was a good soul, and I am a better man having known him. Prayers of peace to his family and friends. Fly high, my friend.*

Scott Alford - February 17, 2021 at 08:33 PM

JL

“ *The Local Reporter in Chapel Hill/Carrboro honors the memory of the amazing Leroy Walker Jr. with this tribute by his friend Jock Lauterer, writer-photographer.*

<https://thelocalreporter.press/remembering-leroy-walker-jr-airman-mentor/>

Jock Lauterer - January 23, 2021 at 03:15 PM

EB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Walker's passing. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were always such a joy to be around. Such gracious and lovely people. My deepest condolences to the Walker family.*

Elyana Nadjem Bowman

Elyana Nadjem Bowman - January 22, 2021 at 11:08 PM

JL

“ *The. Durham VOICE honors the memory of LeRoy Walker Jr*

<https://durhamvoice.org/?p=39242>

Jock Lauterer - January 22, 2021 at 04:13 PM

TM

“ LeRoy Walker

Such an honor to know you and grateful to have been so positively impacted by you and your loving family. Everybody you met you treated like your own - your home was always open. Your voice was kind. Your eyes were compassionate. You used your time, talent and treasures to lead and serve: your family, your community, the church, the youth and the elderly. Your mind was full of truth. Your character was steadfast. Your heart was full of love.

Thank you for modeling a life full of love - reminding us all how greatly we are loved by God and how greatly we can love because of HIM.

Welcome Home - Well Done Good and Faithful Servant !!!

David and Tesa Michaels

Tesa Michaels - January 18, 2021 at 10:09 PM

AH

“ To Judith and the Family of Mr. LeRoy Walker, Jr. "Cush"

We were sorry to hear of LeRoy's passing. Please remember that God is so wise to make a mistake and too Holy to do anything wrong. Prayer is the key, but it takes Faith to unlock the door. You have our most sincere condolences and love. I have known LeRoy "Cush" for over 60 years and we we ran Track together at Hillside High School under the legend of the late Russell Evans Blunt. We ran against teams that had faster runners than we had, but Coach would beat teams by having more runners. When we ran relays, he had us working overtime on baton exchanges. "Cush" would always stay and share some of his knowledge that he received from another legend, his Father, the late Dr. LeRoy Walker, Sr. He was always calm and patient with us until we perfected passing the baton without missing a beat and within the passing zone. During our time, we went 18 years without losing a meet. "Cush" played a big part in helping us to set a record in the Sprint Medley Relay that stood for many years. In relays most coaches ran their fastest runner on the anchor leg, but Coach Blunt ran the slowest sprinter on the anchor leg and used the passing of the baton that we had perfected to build a lead for me (the slow poke) and we did not loose many relays.

We say to Judith and Family that we love you and we will pray that God will continue to pour out all of his wonderful Blessings and keep you in his care.

*This with much Love,
The Albert & Dorothy Huey Family*

Albert Huey - January 16, 2021 at 12:58 PM

JL

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Jock Lauterer - January 15, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JL

“ Dear friends,
On behalf of the Durham VOICE, the teen writers and photographers, and the journalism students at Hillside High School, we extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathy. And although I just met LeRoy in 2019, we celebrate his groundbreaking work that he did with the VOICE kids and the HHS students, most notably, his stirring recollections of flying and the joys of being airborne. His infectious narratives and obvious love of the craft inspired us all. He is missed, and too soon gone! I miss my new pal! The next time i look up and see a vapor trail, I'll know it will certainly be LeRoy, flying to his well-deserved rest.
Most sincerely,

*Jock Lauterer
Founding Publisher
the Durham VOICE
UNC-CH adjunct professor of journalism (ret)*

Jock Lauterer - January 15, 2021 at 09:30 AM

MW

“ We will miss our dear friend LeRoy. He loved his family, his friends, and his community. Fly with the angels, LeRoy.

Bob & Martha Willson

Martha Willson - January 14, 2021 at 09:37 AM

CH

“ To my beloved brother, LeRoy~
Servant of God well done!
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the vict'ry won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

*The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease;
And, life's long warfares cloud at last
His soul is found in peace.*

*I will love you forever.
Carolyn*

Carolyn Walker Hopp - January 13, 2021 at 03:18 PM

JR

Carolyn and family of Leroy Jr. So sad to hear of the passing. Our prayers are with you. Jackie Robinson - Hillside Class of 1965.

Jackie Robinson - January 16, 2021 at 07:56 AM

PB

“ *To the Walker family*

I was deeply saddened to learn of the sudden passing of your love one and my Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Tau Psi Chapter brother. God's ways are sometimes mysterious. We do not understand this pain and loss, but we trust and have faith that God's ways are perfect. Comfort comes in knowing death is not the end. Those who die in Christ will live eternally. You have my deepest sympathy.

*Brother Paul Bennett
Raleigh, NC*

Paul Bennett - January 13, 2021 at 10:11 AM

DS

To Judith & Family,

My deepest condolences on the lost of your husband. Cush was my friend and fraternity namesake, Apollo five and I Apollo 7. He will truly be missed. I am glad that our paths crossed because I am a better person because of it. May his legacy live forever with his family and friends. May God and the Holy Spirit lead, comfort and guide you and your family in coming days and future

*God Bless
Winfred Sanders & Family
Tau Psi Apollo 7 May 1966*

Dr. Winfred J. Sanders - January 14, 2021 at 01:38 PM

AV

“ *Andre D. Vann sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. LeRoy Walker, Jr.*



Andre D. Vann - January 10, 2021 at 11:31 PM

DF

“ *Rest In Peace Bro. Walker!*

May God bless and keep the Walker Family now and forever. We are praying for your strength and uplift especially during this time. Our Fraternal Circle of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has been broken as we have lost a Brother who has gained his eternal reward. We give thanks to God!

We will continue to pray for your uplift especially now.

Respectfully,

*David L. Fitts
Immediate Past Basileus
Beta Phi Chapter
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity*

David L. Fitts - January 10, 2021 at 01:37 PM

PS

“ *To Judith and family. I am sorry to hear of the passing of LeRoy. Your St. Joseph family and your Class of '64 (NCCU) family are praying for you. We are all thinking of you at this sorrowful time.*
Phyllis Shumate

Phyllis Shumate - January 10, 2021 at 01:11 PM

BH

*Sincere condolences to Judith and family during this difficult time. Keeping you in prayer. Love and compassion,
Barbara Parker Hayes
Class of 64 NCCU.*

Barbara Parker Hayes - January 11, 2021 at 03:19 PM


Patricia
White

“ To Carolyn and the Walker family, my sincere condolences. Patricia Brunson White. 🌹

Patricia White - January 10, 2021 at 07:05 AM

CW

“ To Judith and the Walker family,
For me, a 66 year friendship circle has been broken with the loss of LeRoy, my classmate and friend from Whitted Jr High, Hillside High and NCCU. You have my sympathy and love and know that he will be missed by HHS Club '60 Forever classmates.
Constance Ann Sartor Walker

Constance Ann Sartor Walker - January 09, 2021 at 06:25 PM

LM

Judy , so sorry for the loss of Leroy. He will be remembered as a calm man who had many talents and shared them with others unselfishly. May he Rest In Peace and my prayers to you and the family.
Lettie Graves Matthews ' 67

lettie matthewd - January 11, 2021 at 09:33 PM