

Pallbearers

Deacons at Savannah Grove Baptist Church

Honorary Pallbearers

Javan Solomon
Federico Anderson George Bowman
Freddie Brandyburg Benny Blake

Floral Bearers

Deaconess at Savannah Grove Baptist Church

Tribute

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free

Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MR. WALKER EMANUEL SOLOMON II



**TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026
11:00 A.M.**

**SAVANNAH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
2620 ALLIGATOR ROAD
EFFINGHAM, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Reflections of the Life
Of
Mr. Walker Emanuel Solomon II

Walker Emanuel Solomon, Jr. was born on October 28, 1947, at Waverley Good Samaritan Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the second child born to Walker E. Solomon, Sr. and Mary Winkfield Solomon, arriving 17 months after his sister, Joyce Elaine Solomon. From an early age, he was surrounded by a loving family that nurtured the faith, character, and values that would guide him throughout his life. He was baptized at Sidney Park CME Church, where he remained a devoted member throughout his childhood.

Walker was educated in the Columbia Public School System, attending Mrs. Palmer's Nursery School, Waverley Elementary School, W. A. Perry Junior High School, and C. A. Johnson High School. While in high school, Walker excelled academically and was actively involved in numerous extracurricular activities. He had a lifelong love of music, playing the saxophone in both the marching and concert bands and singing with the Johnsonnaires, the high school chorus. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and, during his senior year, was recognized as a National Merit finalist. His academic achievements led him to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. During his sophomore year, he transferred to the University of South Carolina (USC), where he joined the first group of Black students who, in 1965, entered the University not under a court order. The Black students at USC rallied together to form the Black Student Union, and Walker eventually became President of that organization.

During his senior year, at USC, Walker decided to pursue a graduate degree in theology, in part, to further serve the community. He attended Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut where he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1971. Following graduation, he began serving as the Director of NARCO, a neighborhood drug treatment program and halfway house in New Haven, Connecticut. He faithfully led the program until 1979, dedicating himself to helping individuals overcome addiction and rebuild their lives. After nearly a decade of service, he left New Haven to pursue a business venture in Tuskegee, Alabama. Before being appointed Executive Director of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, Walker played an instrumental role in the state’s redistricting efforts. He helped draw city and county council district lines to ensure fair representation for communities with significant Black populations and coordinated efforts to establish single-member districts where needed. Working closely with members of the Legislative Black Caucus and the South Carolina Democratic Party, he used his leadership, analytical skills, and expertise in computer mapping to advance equitable representation and meaningful change. His dedication and contributions ultimately lead to his appointment as Executive Director of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus from 1990 to 1992. In 1992, he was appointed County Director of the Florence County Department of Social Services in Florence, South Carolina, a position he faithfully held until 2004. During his tenure, he also briefly served as Interim Director of the Williamsburg County Department of Social Services in Kingstree, South Carolina. Throughout his career, he was known for his unwavering commitment to serving others, advocating for families, and uplifting his community. He loved sports. During his free time, he served as an Assistant Football Coach in the Primary Peewee Football League.

On June 25, 1999, he married Brenda E. Forrest. Together, they built a beautiful life in Florence, South Carolina, sharing 27 wonderful years of love, faith, and devotion. Their marriage was a testament to commitment, resilience, and the enduring bond they shared through every season of life. In 2004, he accepted the position of Regional County Director with the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, serving DeKalb County with the same compassion and dedication that had defined his career. He retired in 2013 after decades of distinguished public service.

Retirement did not slow his commitment to serving others. Instead, he devoted even more of his time to his beloved Savannah Grove Baptist Church. There, he managed the Senior Citizen Day Care Center before answering another call to serve as a faithful Deacon in 2016. He was also an active member of the Men's Ministry, faithfully supporting the spiritual growth and fellowship of the church. His love for worship was evident through his participation in the Men's Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Pee Dee District Choir, where he joyfully shared his voice in praise and worship. His life was marked by a servant's heart, steadfast faith, and an unwavering dedication to his family, church, and community.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Brenda; his mother-in-law, Ruth B. Forrest; his five children: Stephanie Solomon, Ina (Federico) Solomon-Anderson, Donald Watson, Javan Solomon, and Lindsay (Donathan) Browning; his cherished grandchildren, Jasmyn Watson and DeAsia Williams; his sister, Joyce Solomon Moorman; his first cousins, Fronzena Webster, Jetta Winkfield, and Ave Merritt; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Mr. Barris McWhite

Processional

Opening Selection.....Savannah Grove Men’s and Sanctuary Choir
“Total Praise”

ScripturesMr. Tyron Jones
Old Testament – Psalm 23:1-4
New Testament – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer of Comfort.....Mr. Bernie Stewart

Solo.....Reverend Willie Forrest, Jr./ Savannah Grove Sanctuary Choir
“I Trust in God”

Remarks.....Mrs. Ina Anderson
Mr. Freddie Brandyburg
Mrs. Lindsay Browning
Senator Maggie Glover
Mr. Ray Brantley

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Ralph W. Canty

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
2603 Two Notch Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Walker Emanuel Solomon, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, love, and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you in a special way.