

—∞—
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



A Memorial Service & Tribute
Mary Williams Walker

June 23, 1932 - May 8, 2022

Sunday, June 26, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Inglewood First United Methodist Church

304 East Spruce Avenue

Inglewood, California 90301

Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
Lead Pastor

Pastor Lesa R. Smith
Associate Pastor





Don't think of her as gone away her journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing that we could know today how nothing but our
sadness can really pass away.

And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched...for nothing loved
is ever lost and she was loved so much.





Order of Worship

OPENING MUSIC	<i>“When the Saints (Go Marching In)”</i>	Inglewood First Music Ministry
GREETING & WORDS OF GRACE		Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin <i>Lead Pastor, Inglewood First UMC</i>
OPENING PRAYER		Pastor Lesa R. Smith <i>Associate Pastor, Inglewood First UMC</i>
HYMN	<i>“How Great Thou Art” United Methodist Hymnal #77</i>	Inglewood First Music
SCRIPTURE READINGS	<i>Psalms 103:12-22 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18 John 5:24-29</i>	Melisa Arnold Manu Tu’uholoaki-Murrin Risa Wheat
HYMN	<i>“Great is Thy Faithfulness” United Methodist Hymnal #140</i>	Inglewood First Music
OBITUARY READING		Melody Ngaue-Tu’uholoaki
REMARKS	<i>Church, Community, Family & Friends are invited to share for two minutes each.</i>	
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	<i>“His Eye is On The Sparrow”</i>	Inglewood First Music
WORDS OF COMFORT		Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
BENEDICTION		Pastor Lesa Smith
*CLOSING MUSIC	<i>“When the Saints (Go Marching In)”</i>	Inglewood First Music

Her Story

Sister Mary was a devoted member of Inglewood First United Methodist Church for over 50 years. She served as Chairperson of Christian Education, Chairperson of Worship, a member of the Trustee Board, Administrative Council, and she coordinated family outings and picnics. Mary served as a Program Director for the Aspires Program, a non-profit center that provided educational opportunities to students to help them thrive and promotes community cohesion and social empowerment. Mary accepted Christ at an early age at First Baptist Church South in Beggs, Oklahoma and served as a devoted member until she left home for college.



Mary attended Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma for two years, and completed her education at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) earning Bachelor, Master's, and Doctorate degrees in Anthropology.

The daughter of Tommy Williams and Minnie Rebecca Smith, Mary was born on June 23, 1932 in Beggs, Oklahoma. She was married to the late Joe W. Walker, Corporal, United States Army – World War II Veteran. She is “Mama Mary” to son Joey Walker, Jr.

Mary was employed at numerous jobs throughout her lifetime, including Long Beach City College and University, Long Beach Community Credit Union, and she retired at Southwest Community College in 2014. She loved interacting with her students. She truly loved teaching.

Mary leaves behind to cherish her memory son Joey Walker, brothers Luther, Cleo (Julie), Howard (Doretha) sister in laws Betty, Ann, Lily, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Her other daughters, whom she showed genuine love for Annie McGowan, Arline Carter, and Vanessa Harris.



Mary had a matter-of-fact attitude about life. She could be humorous, with a spicy personality. She had a generous source of knowledge, support, and love for her family, friends, and her church. We were all benefits of her solid advice and endless conversations full of laughter about her childhood and life in general. She will be missed and forever in our hearts.