



Ms. Madeleine Carol Walker

December 23, 1948 - November 13, 2025

Madeleine Carol Walker, daughter of the late Frank L. Walker and Rolean (Taylor) Walker, was born and raised in Jackson, Tennessee. As a child, she made her mark in history as one of the first three students to integrate Tigrett Junior High School in 1962, an action that would ultimately start the process of desegregating the Jackson Madison County school system.

She graduated from Jackson High School in 1966. She went on to receive her bachelor's degree from the University of Memphis, followed by a master's degree in Nutrition at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. During her undergraduate time at Memphis, Madeleine pledged as a sister of the Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is survived by seven line sisters: Rosetta Dukes, Janis Fullilove, Suzanne Clark, Diana Haynes, Mary Carolyn Knox, Ethel Muhammad, and Debra Lynch.

She was very passionate about her career in nutrition. She began her career at Regional One Health (formerly known as John Gaston Hospital), working there for many years as a registered dietician until she retired. She was known to often stay late at night doing research for clients with special dietary needs.

She was very devoted to her family, as demonstrated by her driving to and from Memphis five days a week to care for her ailing mother, even after doing

research well into the late hours of the night. She was very loyal to her friends, whom she had many, over the years. Her friends knew her to be a witty conversationalist, a people person, and a lover of music and socializing.

She loved recounting memories with her closest friends, sharing stories of the good times they had together at their favorite night spots. She was widely known for her sense of style, as one who probably invented the “layered look” - impeccably accessorized with the right shoes, the right purse, the right jewelry, the right scarf, and the right cap on any given day.

She was a consummate gift giver to anyone in her circle for any – whether it was a birthday (she seemed to always know the dates), vacations, memorable achievements, or just because. If she knew of someone in need, they could always count on Madeleine for her support.

Madeleine is survived by one brother, Harold D. Walker (Joan), sisters, Terry V. Kennedy and Rhonda L. Hill (Frederick), Carita Holland Marshall (Alexander), Cynthia Holland Younger (Paul), Tabetha Williams (Andre), aunt, Sophira Bradford, a host of family members and dear friends.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

NOV **28**. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Family Hour

NOV **28**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Macedonia Baptist Church
106 Glass Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Madeleine Carol Walker*



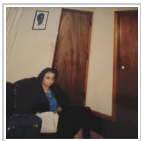
Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc - December 01, 2025 at 11:14 AM

JC

“ *We will Forever cherish the Wonderful memories we shared with Madeleine, a Favorite Sister Cousin. From Early childhood we experienced her intellectual prowess and had so many fond times throughout adulthood. 🙏💖 Julia Cotton & Earline Ransom*



Julia V Cotton - November 28, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ *A beautiful soul my dear God Mother may you rest in peace you will be forever missed*



Pamela Moses - November 27, 2025 at 09:40 AM

MC

“ I will always remember Madeleine as one of the first African Americans to integrate the Jackson Madison County School System. I admired the courage that she and her family showed in their efforts to make Jackson a better place. The Walker family were our neighbors and their contributions will never be forgotten.

Michael Cherry - November 19, 2025 at 11:05 PM

RS

“ Madeleine was always the relative who. We looked forward to seeing at the family reunions. She had her own style and we felt her presence and love. We will miss her but will see her again. Rip

Rosie Bond Street - November 19, 2025 at 10:03 PM

SC

“ My deepest condolences to Scooter and the family of Madeleine. May God strengthen and keep you during this difficult time. Madeline was my Soror, Line Sister and Friend. She will always be remembered and missed!!

Suzanne Clark - November 19, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DM

Harold (Scooter), thinking of you, Madeline was a very special person and will be dearly missed. Sending prayers of comfort and strength 🙏



Dr. Velma McBride Murry - November 26, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ms. Madeleine Carol Walker.*



November 19, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ *Vince & Monica (Street) Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Madeleine Carol Walker.*

Vince & Monica (Street) Brown - November 19, 2025 at 08:17 AM

MB

“ To my cousin, Scooter and the rest of our Walker family my deepest condolences and love to each of you. I was saddened to hear of the passing of Cousin Madeleine. We were blessed to have parents and grandparents who ensured we spent time together at family reunions so I had the pleasure to know her growing up. I followed in her footsteps as the second in the family after her to pledge Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I remember her as an independent, strong willed and fashionable woman. Some people had Fashion Week but we had Cousin Madeleine to await knowing her color of the year for the family reunions. That is a fond memory because I loved that she had her own signature way to dress. Our cousin Sean shared the attached photo two days before we learned of her passing, the memories of her flooded my mind that day. God certainly has a perfect way of reminding us of the blessings we have experienced as a child. Thanks for the memories Cousin Madeleine. When we all get to heaven what a glorious day it will be.



Monica Brown - November 19, 2025 at 08:09 AM

CT

“ **CORINE TURNER** lit a candle in memory of Madeleine Walker



CORINE TURNER - November 18, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Madeleine Carol Walker.*



November 17, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *St. Joseph*



Linda Seymour - November 15, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ *I will forever remember the love and caring Madeline shared with her sister/friends throughout her life.*



As we were growing up in Jackson, Tennessee Madeline would make the hot-water cornbread for Sunday dinners at our home at 304 Stonewall Street.

There are many more memories that I could share about my awesome sister and friend.

She will definitely be missed and warmly remembered in our hearts!

Delphia Earline Shaw Williams - November 15, 2025 at 02:33 PM