



## Ethel Lee Walker

April 5, 1937 - April 24, 2024

Ethel Lee Walker (Maxon) of Hopkins, Minnesota, passed away peacefully, in her home, on April 24th, 2024, at age 87.

Ethel was born in Farrell, Mississippi, on April 5th, 1937. She migrated with her family to Blytheville, Arkansas, before moving to Chicago in 1952, and eventually settling in Ford Heights (East Chicago Heights), Illinois. Ethel worked as a homemaker, and in social services. She worked for Howe Developmental Center for 11 years, CEDA for 16 years and Willow House for 12 years. Ethel retired in 2008, before moving to Hopkins, Minnesota. Ethel was active in the church while serving as an usher and nurses aide at Christ Temple #2, in Ford Heights. She was also an attending member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Ethel was an excellent cook who enjoyed bringing family together for holidays, Gospel music, and trips to the casino.

Ethel was preceded in death by her spouse, James Walker Jr. ; daughter, Barbara Stewart; parents, Alfred Sr and Dora Lee Parker; sister, Helen Robinson; and brothers, Alfred Jr and Larry Parker.

She is survived by her children, William Maxon (Celeste), Maxine Maxon, Tracey Walker, and James Walker III (Jennifer); step-daughter Pamela Walker; siblings, Henrine Mayes, and Sillierine Bennett; 14 grandchildren,

Leslie Wilder, Corey Wilder, Reginald Wilder, Mia Stewart, Solomon Stewart III, Tiffany Royal, Nathan Maxon, Frederick Maxon, Tianna Maxon, Jason Walker, Darion Walker, Armon Walker, Caleb Walker, and Noah Walker; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Ethel will be greatly missed by all for bringing family together, her big heart, and her generosity to all.

A private memorial service was held for family members on Monday April 29th. A public celebration of life will be held on June 8th, at 11 AM, at Christ Temple No. 2, in Ethel's home town of Ford Heights, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to:

Park Nicollet Hospice  
6500 Excelsior Blvd  
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ A Strong Lady I Miss Her Much

Maxine Maxon - March 03, 2025 at 09:57 AM

AV

“ My sympathy & Condolences to the family. Because some one we LOVE is in HEAVEN, There is a little HEAVEN in Our Home, Amen & Amen. Thank you for the true meaning of Love,FAMILY. I will miss u. Luv u in spirit always Neighbor of Village Park Apartment ,Anna & Family

Anna Scott neighbor of Hopkins Village - May 18, 2024 at 05:06 PM

LH

My Condolences to the family

Lisa Hurrings - May 19, 2024 at 05:35 PM

MM

Thank You

Maxine Maxon - March 03, 2025 at 10:00 AM

TI

“ The love you provided, the food , comfort and home you shared are memories that will stay with me forever ! Sneaking in your bed when I couldn't sleep , garage sale shopping are things I will continue to do! Till we see each other again 🦋💋👍👍



Tiff - May 17, 2024 at 11:11 AM

TI

*So many memories! The love, comfort, food, knowledge! Allowing me to sleep with you when I was scared, buying my first Cabbage patch doll ! I really really wanted one, garage sale shopping, holidays, Thank you for everything! Till we meet again 🥹👄🦋💋*

Tiff - May 17, 2024 at 11:14 AM

SB

“ *My fondest memories of my eldest sister Ethel was when we all shared everything we had to make life better for our children . She taught me how to shop and be fugul with our dollars and the many and frequent telephone discussions about our children. We laughed and cried together. Riding in her green Vega car with all our children to weekend excursions at the 26th street Forest Preserves in Chicago Heights. I admired her ability to do a lot with a little. How we praised our God for His grace and daily mercies as to how we overcame many obstacles in life. Ethel was loved and will truly be missed but remains in our hearts forever. Rest in Peace my dear sister ❤️🙏🙏🙏.*

Sillietine Parker Bennett - May 15, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ *Hello my name is Stephanie Anderson and I lived across the street from Mrs. Walker back in the 70's through 90's I have so many fond memories, our block was one big family. Thank you for the love you shared with us growing up. Job well done know take your rest. Love the Anderson's*

Stephanie Anderson - May 15, 2024 at 12:25 PM

CS

“ hello im corey my fond memory of my grandmother was when I met her for the first time and she said im ur grandmother was anout 7 ot 8 she bought me my first big mac love ❤️ u mommie gone miss u I didn't get to spend alot of time with u cause I grew up in ohio but I always but when I came to chicago I always spent a weekend with u 🥺😊❤️❤️

corey wilder sr - May 14, 2024 at 07:40 PM

HM

“ As my oldest sister, Ethel was our babysitter while our parents worked as sharecroppers. Later she became my hairdresser. In turn we would style each other's hair. When she went to test for her driver's license, I drove her to the Kankakee DMV. That's where we had to test. She did not pass the first time. Rather than drive home we stayed and she took the test over that day. We came home with her license. That was how persistent she was. I have many more memories to hold on to. Love and prayers to er family.

Henrine Mayes - May 14, 2024 at 05:18 PM

CH

“ The last memory of Ms. Ethel Lee Walker is at the 50th Wedding Anniversary for the renewal of wedding vows of her son, William Maxon and his lovely wife, Celeste Maxon. It was a wonderful event and she was exquisite as she entered the church. During the dinner after the renewing of the wedding vows we had a great time talking about life in general. The last words I spoke to her and family members were that it was a blessing to have both of our families joined together in marriage. Her smile was bright and we had a good laugh together. I am thankful for the lovely way she raised William Maxon. He is a gentleman. And, as my mother said before she passed, "you are a good man". God bless your family and loved ones during this time and praying for God's peace, mercy, love, hope, grace, and comfort. Many blessings and love, Cynthia Hadnott

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**Cyn Hadnott** - May 12, 2024 at 01:02 AM

CM

“ My most fond memories are of Ethel Lee hosting Thanksgiving and other holidays with her delicious dressing, yams, turkey, sweet potato pies, and banana pudding. She was a great teacher and sharer of her recipes. She enjoyed cooking and serving the food to family or anyone that was in need. She will surely be missed. Thankful to have known her and know that God's love shined through her. May God's Grace be with the family as we go on without your physical body, but have you always in our heart. You were a great Mother-In-Law always treating me like a daughter. I Love you very much. Celeste Maxon

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**Celeste Maxon** - May 11, 2024 at 08:11 PM

TI

“ I’m going to really miss you Mommie! I’ll get stronger dealing with this and you will always live in my heart and in every butterfly I see! I love you tremendously! Until we meet again 🥰🥰🥰👍🍫💜🕊️🦋🌸

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**Tiff** - May 03, 2024 at 07:32 PM