



Charnella D. Walden

March 20, 1973 - November 30, 2020

With deep sorrow, we announce to all whose lives she touched, the passing of Charnella Walden, a woman whose voice was as beautiful as her spirit and her smile.

Charnella Denise Walden was born on March 20, 1973 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL to Alberta Witherspoon and Willie J. Walden Sr. On Monday, November 30, 2020, Charnella transitioned to be with the Lord, and she is now resting eternally with our Heavenly Father.

Charnella attended Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale and early on had a life that was full of music. She always sung for the Lord, and though she could sing anything, it was for God that she chose to sing. In the early 90's, she formed and sang with the Ft. Lauderdale Golden Voices. Soon thereafter, she joined Melvin Dawson & Genesis Ensemble, and by the age of 20 years old she was already a recording artist on the song, "Don't Give Up." In 2003, she joined the Mighty Ones and for 17 years continued to sing to the glory of God.

Though a native of Florida, Charnella spent the last two decades in CT and

worked in a couple of different arenas. Upon her arrival to CT, she provided child care services to support her working family members, and in this role, she acquired surrogate children who will forever know her as 'mama-Char.' It didn't take her long to recognize her anointing to work with young people, and for twelve years, she worked with displaced and troubled adolescents.

Charnella accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age while she was still living in Florida. And in 2008, she joined Faith, Healing and Deliverance Ministries of CT under the leadership of Sr. Pastor Sandra Jefferson and made it her church home. Charnella loved the Lord and faithfully served Him. She was always ready and willing to pray, and she enjoyed glorifying God as a part of the Praise & Worship Team. She ministered and encouraged others with songs like 'I Won't Complain,' 'His Eye is on the Sparrow' and 'Waymaker'.

Charnella could make anyone laugh, and if you spent time with her, you probably heard her say, "aht aht, don't do that" more times than you can count. Charnella had nicknames from many people, but the name most dear to her was 'Mom' which her children, Kejuan and Ziamerria, called her. She could often be heard quoting the scripture, "better is the end of a thing than the beginning" (Eccl 7:8). Charnella loved hard, she loved well and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Devoted daughter of Alberta Witherspoon and Willie J. Walden Sr. (Gwendlyn), loving mother of Ziamerria L. Gordon and Ke'juan James D. Gordon; doting grandmother of Quest Mekhi J. Walker; companion for over 15 years Darrell L. McClam; loving siblings of Jesse D. Witherspoon, Apostle Jimmie L. Butler (Althea), Willie J. Walden Jr. (Marcia), Edward Walden,

Michelle Walden, Linda Walden and Brenda Reed (Sam). She also leaves to cherish her memory Tatiana, Diante and Darjahne McClam who affectionately called her mom along with a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ
285 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 776-8179

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charnella D. Walden*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My condolences to Alberta and your family may GOD continue to 🙏 BLESS and keep you all.*
Shirley Lawrence 😍😘

Shirley Lawrence - December 17, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *Shirley Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Charnella D. Walden*



Shirley Lawrence - December 17, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ *To Charnella's family, I am so very, very sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathies. She was a beautiful person inside and out and I admired her so much for her dedication to her family, work and church. She always brought a smile to my face every time we met.*

May she rest in eternal peace with the Lord.

Michael Virata, MD

Michael Virata - December 14, 2020 at 04:56 PM

CH

“ *My condolences to the church family and family of Charnella. You ushered people into the presence of God. You will be missed. Praying for your family.*

*Humbly in Christ,
Evangelist Charity Ford*

CharityFord - December 11, 2020 at 10:30 PM

EM

“ *Condolences to the Family and Mighty Ones on the passing of a beautiful soul gone to soon. Charnella was a classy woman and always had a beautiful smile whenever you saw her. she will be missed !!!*

*Humbly submitted,
Eric B. McKenzie & the Hi-Lite Juniors*

Eric B. McKenzie - December 11, 2020 at 11:58 AM

SB

“ *Condolences from Sarah McCray Houston and Shayna Bromell*



Shayna Bromell - December 11, 2020 at 11:44 AM

CD

“ *Cassandra Daniels lit a candle in memory of Charnella D. Walden*



Cassandra Daniels - December 11, 2020 at 10:24 AM

AB

“ *My condolences to the family i ran into Charnella a couple of years ago and i begin sharing with her i told her we use to go to Winchester school we were friends i told her i use to pick her up for school every morning and i believe we were in 3rd grade when the teacher told the class that she will be moving back to Florida,i was very sad she said you remembered all that i said yes i do but when i heard the news i was sadden,to the family remember weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning* ❤️💍❤️



Anita Benton - December 11, 2020 at 06:35 AM

EA

“ *Sending our love and condolences to the family of Char. She was such an Inspiration to so many.*



Eddie and Tasha Atkinson - December 11, 2020 at 03:50 AM

TS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tashaonna Sledge - December 10, 2020 at 10:39 PM

RS

“ Renee Smith lit a candle in memory of Charnella D. Walden



Renee Smith - December 10, 2020 at 09:28 PM

EG

“ *It is with heartfelt tears that I share these memories. I have memories of Charnella living in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Charnella Walden, Sheila Green and I went to many movies, restaurants, stores, etc. shopping together, conversating together and even praying together. So many hours of being each others' encourager and support....not to mention singing in many concerts and enormous hours of rehearsals and studio recordings in the Melvin Dawson and Genesis Ensemble Gospel Recording Group. Even though I can hardly fathom that you're gone, I know that the Lord has you in His loving arms and we will see you again in our eternal home. Love you Sis, Apostle Elizabeth Gibson*



Elizabeth Gibson - December 10, 2020 at 04:30 PM

ST

“ Thank you for always praying for me when I needed it and thank you for being there when I needed you.. thank you for the laughs when I felt down... you was a beautiful person and you had a beautiful voice... you always gave nothing but love and wisdom and I thank you for allowing me to be apart of your life... sip



shauna tyson - December 10, 2020 at 04:12 PM

DS

“ From: Debra Smith-Stoner
To: The Family

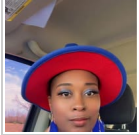
May it bring you comfort to know, “to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.” You all have my condolences and prayers. May God keep you all as you lay your love one to rest. Praying for you, Debra

Debra Smith-Stoner - December 10, 2020 at 12:39 PM

AS

“ What a beautiful person you were with a lovely smile and sense of humor. I enjoyed whenever I saw you we always greeted each other with a hug. You will be missed I can still here you singing “ Oh No I won't complain “. I'm praying for the family 🙏🙏🙏☐☐☐

Amy Smith - December 10, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Love you Auntie Char. You will be truly missed💔



Tamika Danielle - December 10, 2020 at 03:48 AM



“ Praying for my family during this of time of sudden grief. The only comfort that I have is that you loved others well and praised Him with fierce commitment. Rest my cousin in His arms.



Yolanda Fraser - December 09, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ Your first singing group, the Golden Voices of Ft. Lauderdale will miss you dearly. You were my high school best friend. I feel like I lost a piece of me. So many memories. Love you sis... Gayle Williams



Gayle Williams - December 09, 2020 at 01:54 AM

CW

“ Can't believe you are Gone.. I'm truly going to miss you my sister:(



Courtney Wright - December 08, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JT

“ Julia Tezekjian lit a candle in memory of Charnella D. Walden



Julia Tezekjian - December 08, 2020 at 07:31 PM

EB

“ Rest well my beautiful sister, it seems so unreal but I know God makes no mistakes I love you so much. before you left us u Prayed a powerful Prayer on our Marco Polo! I can still hear u singing in my head "Bless thee O Lord" Sister You are now singing in the Heavenly Choir. Rest Well I Love You.

Elder Emma Butler - December 08, 2020 at 03:59 PM

PH

“ This is gonna be a rough holiday. You just told me you loved me & missed me Char. I'm gonna miss you forever MY SWEET SISTER
💜 My condolences to the family i love you all.



Patricia Hollby - December 08, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charnella D. Walden.*



December 07, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ *Rest well Sis...you will always be my “main damie”! I can hear your voice singing...and your laugh that brought joy every where...you will forever be in my heart and a part of my best memories* 💙💙

Jo

JoCelyn Roundtree - December 07, 2020 at 08:42 PM