



Mr. Walter Gene Abbott

October 26, 1937 - October 25, 2019

In Loving Memory Of;

Walter was born on October 26, 1937 in Welch, West Virginia to the late Walter Willie and Lillian Abbott. The family moved to Detroit, Michigan, in 1938. Barbara Jean was also born to this union.

Walter graduated from Northern High School in 1956, after which he continued his education at Detroit Business Institute, receiving an Associate Degree in Accounting. During his high school years Walter tried his hand at boxing, becoming a Golden Glove Boxer in 1955, a skill that would help him navigate the streets of the North End.

Walter began working at Flo-Co Midwest Heating and Cooling in 1960. He was successful in his petition to bring the union into his workplace and became Union Stewart for Teamster's Local 247, a position he held until his retirement in 1996.

Walter met Willene Benjamin in 1967, a love story that began, and has yet to end. They were married on August 1, 1969 and were blessed to share 50 years of love and a lifetime of memories. To this union, two daughters were born, Wiltrina Hazett and Wau'Keya Scherree.

Walter was an outdoors man, he enjoyed fishing and was an avid deer hunter. He also was a collector of guns. He had an amazing sense of humor, bringing laughter and life into any room he entered.

Walter became a Prince Hall Mason (Peter Salem #40) where he committed many years of dedicated service. Walter also served, over the years, in

various areas at Grace Temple Church of God In Christ, he assisted in driving the school van for the Christian Academy, and also provided security for the church as needed.

Walter was a Caring Son, Protective Brother, Proud Father/Grandfather, Loving Husband and Loyal Friend who was known for his mean mug as well as his "Liberace" smile.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Nov. 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Temple C.O.G.I.C.
12521 Dexter Ave
Detroit, MI 48206
(313) 931-4040

Funeral Service

Saturday, Nov. 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Walter Gene Abbott*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Papa Abbott had a strong sense of identity. They just don't make men like his generation anymore. He knew who he was, where he could go and what he could do. Grateful for his honesty and wisdom.*

LaKeysha Locke - November 01, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ *LaKeysha Locke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Gene Abbott*



LaKeysha Locke - November 01, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ *Nephew Ernie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Walter Gene Abbott.*



Nephew Ernie - October 31, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Walter Gene Abbott.*



October 31, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ *Death to me is always unexpected and catch us off guard, but we know it is certain. Love you big sister and nieces, SLEEP IN PARADISE WALTER G ABBOTT💔*

Sharon Meriweather - October 30, 2019 at 11:55 PM



“ *Prayers and blessings to the family.*

Bernadette Bennett - October 29, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ *Bernadette Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Gene Abbott*



Bernadette Bennett - October 29, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Sending healing prayers and may precious memories of your loved one give you comfort at this time.*

Shirley Williams - October 28, 2019 at 09:21 PM

SW

“ Shirley Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Gene Abbott



Shirley Williams - October 28, 2019 at 09:15 PM

JM

“ I remember meeting you junior when Barbara and I was attending Cass in 1954 and I would spend the night with Barb. Yo u acted like you was the father. You were stricter than Mr. and Mrs. Abbott. Now that we are grown we appreciate that. God Bless your family and I know you will keep watch over them.

Jessie Mckinney - October 28, 2019 at 06:05 PM

JM

“ I remember meeting you Junior(Walt)

Jessie Mckinney - October 28, 2019 at 05:56 PM

TB

“ I remember when I first Walt some 40 years ago. He really made a lasting impression on me; a real classy gentleman. I can say that never changed; that's who and what he was. We're DEFINITELY gonna miss you Bro-n-law. Love Always Reggie & Tina

Tina Benjamin - October 28, 2019 at 10:18 AM

BG

*I have loved you all of my life. You always protected me from all danger. You were the best brother that a sister could have been blessed with and you truly loved your family. Now you are with the Lord. No more memory lost, no more being confused, no more having a problem walking. You are fine now because the Lord has requested your presence in Glory. Love you big brother.
Your sister, Barbara Abbott-Gaines*

Barbara Gaines - November 13, 2019 at 12:04 AM