



Dr. Paul L. Walker

January 23, 1932 - February 23, 2021

Dr. Paul L. Walker, passed away on February 23, 2021 at the age of 89. A memorial service will be held and live streamed at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26th at Mount Paran Central Church of God, Atlanta.

Walker is survived by his wife of 68 years, Carmelita; son, Dr. Mark Walker and wife, Udella Richardson Walker; grandson, Justin Walker and wife, Amanda; granddaughter, Ashten Dick and husband, Caleb; great grandchildren, Kennedy Walker, Judah Walker and Levi Dick; brother, Don Walker and wife, Jackie; brother, Dean Walker and wife, Judy. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Walker is predeceased by his parents, Paul H. and Margaret Walker; son, Paul Dana Walker.

Born in Minot, North Dakota, Walker was called to the pastoral ministry in 1950 and attended Lee College, Presbyterian College, Emory University, and Georgia State University. He began his ministry with the Church of God denomination from Cleveland, TN., serving as State Sunday School and Youth Director of California from 1955-1959, and one year in the same post (1959-1960) at Tennessee.

Walker is perhaps best-known for his nearly 40-year leadership as the senior pastor of the Mt. Paran Church of God in Atlanta. In 1960, Walker accepted the pastorate of the Hemphill Ave. Church of God, which relocated to Mount Paran Road, in North Atlanta, in 1967. The name of the church was changed at that time to Mount Paran Church of God. In his 37 years as the senior pastor, Walker led the church to become one of the largest, most prominent and progressive congregations in the city, nation, and world. Under Walker's leadership, the church underwent several building programs at the Mount Paran Road cite, and then expanded to four additional locations throughout the Metro-Atlanta area. , Mount Paran became "one church in five locations" reaching multiple thousands every Sunday morning. In 1997 the church appointed Walker "Pastor Emeritus" where he served in the role until his passing.

Walker left Mount Paran when he was elected to the highest office of general overseer for

the Church of God in 1996. He served in that role from 1996-2000. Following Walker's tenure as general overseer, he became Chancellor of Education for the Church of God, serving four years in the role until being re-elected to the International Executive Committee of the Church of God as third assistant general overseer in 2004. He served two years in that role and was elected secretary general in 2006 where he served for two additional years.

Paul Walker has authored eight published books and has received numerous recognitions, both within the Church of God and across the Evangelical spectrum. He has also been recognized for awards in education from his alma maters, and within the Atlanta community. His memberships and accomplishments are as follows:

Education

1951 – Associates A.A., Lee College

1953 – Bachelors B.A., Presbyterian College

1964 – M.Div., Emory University

1970 – Masters M.Ed., Georgia State

1972 – Doctorate Ph.D., Georgia State

1989 – Honorary D.Div., Lee University

Ministerial

Began Ministry: 1950

Date Ordained: 1958

Date Licensed: 1950

Elected General Leadership Positions

General Overseer – 1996-2000

Secretary General – 2006-2008

Third Assistant General Overseer – 2004-06

Executive Council – 1978-82; 1984-88; 1990-94; 1996-00; 2004-08

Appointed General Leadership Positions

Director Local Church Development – 2008

Chancellor, Church of God Division of Education – 2000-2004

State Sunday School and Youth Director, Tennessee – 1959-60

State Sunday School and Youth Director, California- 1955-59

Lee College Board of Directors – 10 years

North Georgia State Council member

Church Activity (Committees & Boards)

International speaker: Church Growth International – (Board of Trustees)

Church Growth International – Manila, Philippines – 1989, 1992, 2000

Seoul, Korea – 1989; Elim Fellowship – Manchester, England – 1988, 2001

Church Growth International – Board of Trustees, 1978

Charismatic Bible Ministries

Professional Activity (Social or Civic)

Member, Christian Association for Psychological Studies

Clinical Member, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

Honors and Recognitions

Church of God Theological Seminary, “Leadership Award,” 2002

Mortar Board’s Community Service Award, Georgia State University, 1993

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Georgia State University, 1983-84

Alumni Gold P Award, Presbyterian College

Georgia Trend’s 100 Most Influential People In Georgia

Atlanta Junior Chamber of Commerce

James Bowell Mitchell Award (Outstanding Minister of the 1964 class), Emory University

Five Outstanding Young Men (City of Atlanta) 1964

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Paul L. Walker Ministerial Scholarship at Lee University. You can give by calling Advancement Services at 423-614-8324 or go to www.leeuniversity.edu/give

You can view the live stream here: <https://live.mountparan.com/>

Events

FEB **Memorial Service** 02:00PM
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Mount Paran Central Church of God
2055 Mount Paran Road NW, Atlanta, GA, US

Comments



“ I attended Mt. Paran in 1973 & 74 every time the doors were open. I've never had a pastor like Dr.. Walker or a church like that. They have all fallen so far short of what I received from Mt. Paran. A few times in my life I have regretted ever going there because they have lacked so much--it was a hard act to follow. I will forever cherish my memories of Dr. Walker & Mt. Paran.

Sharon Clem, Chattanooga, TN, March 19, 2021

Sharon C Clem - March 19 at 03:16 PM



“ Dr. Walker was the kind of person you strive to be. He was a selfless, genuine, and a Man of Great Character who improved others. I thank God for him and everything he did for my Family. My prayers and thoughts go out to His Family, and I will never forget his smile and joy, (Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah), at which he preached and taught the Word of God! Dr. Walker was a True Man of God!

Sincerely,

Phil Hanson

Phil Hanson - March 15 at 06:01 PM



“ Cynthia and Bobby Smith.
We came to Mount Paran and heard for the first time, Dr. Walker. He was awesome, that was 28 years ago.
We just found out he went home.
Our hearts are heavy!
RIP Dr. Walker!

Cynthia Smith - March 14 at 12:21 PM



“ My husband and I attended Mt Paran Central and North for 21 years until we moved to Carrollton, GA in 1997. Dr Walker influenced my walk with God by teaching me how to talk to God, how to study the Word, and how to praise God. I learned so much through the services and classes on Wednesday nights. I was even baptized a second time. I still remember and sing the songs from church and reflect on so many stories Dr Walker shared. As someone wrote, Dr Walker was a giant. And now he is with our Heavenly Father. I am so grateful to have had my years at Mt Paran. Love to his family.

Donna Fitzpatrick - March 08 at 10:11 PM



“ Greatest Preacher of all time. I followed his preaching for 40 years. There will never be another like him.

Randy Lamb - March 06 at 06:42 PM



“ Mark, thanks for sharing the video of the memorial service of your dad's home going. It brought back so many good memories of my parent's and my time at Mt Paran in the '80s. My folks first went to Israel with your dad and that was a life changing trip as my folks were baptized in the Jordan. Hearing your message at the memorial service brought back many good memories of some visits to Mt Paran North (and even our time together on the Little Packers at Chastain). I love you guys and pray for you.

Bud Cox - March 03 at 10:02 AM



“ Dr. Walker shook hands, thanking New Life Singers for being part of his ministry team each Sunday as we entered the loft. He ushered in a deeper worship, a Holy Ghost anointing into our previously Episcopalian family. His ministry flowed thru me on two month missionary trip to Siberia for the Great CoMission, in 1996 teaching Christian Morals & Ethics curriculum for a new foundation of society in the former USSR. Christian radio played at night in my child's room, my 7yo bounced out of bed to inform "Mommy Mommy MY pastor's on the radio." He guided our single parent family to draw strength and provision from the Rock of Salvation. My son graduated from Lee 2011. Yes the Walker ministry enriched our community immeasurably. Paul's example that "the Joy of the Lord is our strength" will live on eternally. <><
Gratefully, Lydia Davidson

Lydia - March 02 at 06:55 PM



“ Richard Jackson, formerly Smyrna, Georgia now Lynnwood, WA:

I was blessed each Sunday as Dr. Walker led the congregation into God's presence. The power of the Holy Spirit was evident in his sermons.

Perhaps my friend, Karin Ruhrort Jones, greeted Dr. Walker soon after the moment that he passed into the presence of Jesus.

I appreciated Dr. Walker's encouragement in Christ, especially whenever I would seek his advice.

I'm thankful that his leadership encouraged the progression of my life in Christ and that of others.

Richard Jackson - March 01 at 12:27 AM



“ Another Giant has passed. What a great man that positivity influenced my life. Paul L. Walker was my Pastor since I was a child. I went to grammar school with his children. Probably no other man has influenced my childhood, my young adult life, my children's lives more. So many other Giants and great people he brought into my life though his being Pastor of the great Mount Paran Church of God.

Oral Ray Black - February 28 at 05:47 AM



“ I was a soprano with the New Life Singers for 17 years. I got to stand with Dr Walker every Sunday , waiting to enter the sanctuary. We picked on each other playfully, especially after he broke his arm skiing. His knowledge of the Word never ceased to amaze me. I just know he's in Heaven, playing the trumpet.

Cynthia Andersen - February 27 at 09:54 PM



“ I gave my life to Christ under Dr. Walker's ministry on February 24th, 1984. One day short of 37 years later he has been promoted to the Church triumphant.
Bon voyage Dr. Walker!

Jeff Britt, Bethlehem PA.

Jeff Britt - February 27 at 07:38 PM



“ Dearest Carmelita, Mark, Udella and all:

I cannot adequately express how sad I was to hear the news of the passing of your precious husband and father. I haven't cried as much in over ten years.

Lord knows, I could not have loved him more! Even though he was only ten years my senior, I always considered him my spiritual father, and my heart grieves his passing as sorely as it did my own earthly father. What an incredible soul: brilliant, compassionate, strong and funny! I will never forget the time he was guest speaker at North, one Sunday morning; I hadn't seen him for quite some time, and waited as patiently as I could to speak to him after his sermon. The line shortened, and finally, we were face to face...he took a step back, feigning shock, and said, "You're not dead yet?!" Only he could get away with saying that to anyone. You always knew that whenever he joked with you, it was in earnest good fun.

As a result of that comment, I created a character and had it put on a mug for him, with the same caption, which you may still have. It then became a birthday card, with the added caption, "Well...then, Happy Birthday, I guess." (which, obviously, can only be sent to someone with a sense of humor like Doc's). Speaking of which, some of the things

I remember best about his preaching (beyond the obvious fact that he had a more exhaustive knowledge of the Bible and greater command of the English language than anyone else I ever knew, and could pierce your mind and soul with his spiritual intellect) were: 1. his interjected jokes, 2. his willingness to show and/or share his humanity, and 3. doing the "Walker Shuffle" behind the pulpit - which I recall some of us doing along with him from our seats in the choir loft. The congregation likely wondered why we were always grinning.

I could go on, but there are thousands who will be sending you their own wonderful memories of him and his impact upon their lives, so I will leave you with the knowledge that this soul prays The Lord will bless you with peace and comfort and the myriad other ways in which only He can.

I love you all.

In deepest sympathy and celebration of his glorious life, I remain your faithful friend always,
Andrea daVinci Braun

Andrea daVinci Braun - February 27 at 04:33 PM



“ I loved your reach-out Andrea. It has been so very long since I gave seen you but do remember you well! I moved to Mt Paran North when we opened it in later in the '80s & am still there in the choir. Thsnks for the memories your note brought out here. I echo your love & devotion for Dr. Walker & this wonderful family.

Karen Bemiss - February 27 at 07:00 PM



“ May the Lord bless you, Dr. Paul Walker. Thank you for your steadfast leadership. You are loved.



Ayo - February 27 at 11:55 AM



“ The Lord very supernaturally led me to Mt. Paran during my turbulent teenage years. Dr Walker's messages, style of preaching, faith in a very present Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and genuine encouragement profoundly impacted my life. The people he surrounded himself with and non-religious ministries that he fostered all created a safe haven and place to grow in God. There have been deep disappointments from other spiritual leaders, but thank God that Dr. Walker set the standard of what a real man after God's own heart looks like. I cannot help but think what joy and rejoicing is going on in heaven right now with Dr. Walker there. Much love and condolences to his family and all who love and miss him.

Leigh Ann Odom - February 27 at 08:02 AM



“ Will never forget when he was our Youth Pastot under Pastor W. E. Johnson at Fort Mill COG while attending Presbyterian College . He had such an impact on my life and so many others. Attended he and Carmelita's wedding with Pastor Johnson. She and Paul were such a blessing to our church and the young people. Such a wonderful man of God.
Thank you for being such a Soldier for the Cross. Will never forget you. Thoughts and prayers for Carmelita and family.

Phyllis Childers - February 27 at 12:21 AM



“ I literally grew up at Mt Paran. My Mother was pregnant with me the first time our family attended. I am thankful I grew up under his ministry. My favorite memories are linked to his passion for our precious Lord. I can still hear him shouting Let the people of the Lord praise the Lord. Followed by Amen! Amen and Amen!

Melanie Tilson Hofmeister - February 26 at 09:38 PM



“ To the family of Dr. Paul Walker, my most heartfelt condolences for your loss. I know he will be deeply missed.

I would like to share with you the story of a life he touched.

In a phone conversation today with my Uncle, Johnny Hyers, we somehow ventured onto the topic of his college days, at what was then known as Lee College. He told about this one buddy, who was probably responsible for most of the close knit group of friends passing their courses, because of his amazing photographic memory. He could remember every detail of their class lectures..... took great notes!

Then there was the story about an old car he and his buddies pooled their money to purchase for a few dollars, but had to keep moving it around campus because they didn't have a parking permit. They would take turns driving it, and would pile into it and onto it, to go to the favorite swimming hole. Only one day on the return trip, they discovered the brakes weren't working. That same buddy held onto my uncle's pants and refused to let him jump off the running board until the car safely stopped, probably saving him some scrapes and broken bones. He spoke about their days of double dating, and how his friend found the woman he eventually married. My Uncle's friend had amazing talents in music and any sport he attempted, and recruiters were constantly pursuing. Uncle Johnny ended the conversation by saying he had not talked to his friend in a long time, but those were some special times.

After hearing the name Paul Walker throughout the conversation, I knew who he was because of Mount Paran, and many friends who attended that church. I told my Uncle that I thought he had recently passed away, looked it up and reported back to him the sad news. I thought it One of God's special blessings that he should be the topic of conversation of some of my uncle's fondest memories today of all days.

He was indeed a remarkable man, influencing lives even at an early age.

On behalf of my Uncle Johnny, his friend Paul is remembered with much love and gratefulness. Our conversation was all about HIM! I hope these memories brought a smile to your heart as they did to ours.

On behalf of my uncle, may God bless and keep you all through this difficult time.

Chery McKinnon - February 26 at 09:01 PM



“ My mother AnnaMae Nokleby, delivered Paul L. Walker, in Minot North Dakota. I know he and his family were on her prayer list, until she passed away, in 1995.

Melvin Nokleby - February 26 at 09:30 PM



“ I had the pleasure (challenge) of being Dr. Walker's Administrative Assistant for 5 years from 1973-1978. It was an amazing partnership and I learned so much about myself. He and Carmelita played an important role in the life of this new immigrant to the USA. My love and sympathy to Carmelita, Mark, and all the family.

Joy Wooderson

Ursula Joy Wooderson - February 27 at 02:05 PM



“ In 1969 (I was 13), Dr Paul Walker was the Vessel God used to lead my newly divorced Mother from her legalistic Baptist Roots into Freedom & The True Love of Jesus! That was when there was an outpouring of the Baptism of The Holy Spirit. Oh What an Example of Jesus! He also officiated my Marriage to my husband of 47 yrs! Oh the Sadness of OUR Loss! Oh the Excitement as Heaven received their Anointed One! Thank you Dr Walker for your Yieldedness to Our Lord & the Legacy you left!
Jodi Hewatt

jodi hewatt - February 26 at 07:58 PM



“ Mary Hellman, Dr. Walker was an amazing spiritual leader. Attending Mt. Paran was the beginning of my spiritual growth. I became a member of the church and attended for about eleven years. I have so many great memories at Mt. Paran. The memorial service today was so beautiful my condolences to Carmelita and the other family members. He will truly be missed. We will see him again and what a time we will have. May God bless his family and give them the strength during this time. Just remember the good memories you have of him.



Mary Hellman - February 26 at 07:28 PM



“ Sam & Susan O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Dr. Paul L. Walker



Sam & Susan O'Neal - February 26 at 06:32 PM



“ I have many fond memories of being at the Walkers' home while at Northside with Paul and Mark and worshipping at Mt. Paran. Dr. Walker married my husband and I in 1984 and we're still going strong! My condolences and love to Carmelita, Mark and family, along with Julie.

Debbie Pope Smith - February 26 at 02:47 PM



“ Because of the kind of Pastor Dr Walker was he will always be remembered fondly! The way he delivered a message/sermon you just knew in your heart, in your spirit that the Lord Jesus loved you and I deeply! Pastor Dr Paul Walker was a vibrant and passionate leader, for the cause of Christ! And I know that the moment he passed into Glory seeing Jesus face to face was a joyful celebration!



Ivonne Long - February 26 at 01:41 PM



“ To the Walker family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My late husband, Kevin and I always loved when Dr. Paul Walker would come to preach at Mount Paran North. Each time he spoke, he lead us to the Lord in a deeper and more meaningful way. He knew the scriptures like the back of his hand, he spoke with compassion and love while sharing the truth of the Gospel...never watering it down, never appeasing the masses.

We will never forget one Sunday when he gave the Missions Week sermon to close out Mission week, he had a way of sharing his life experience and humor through his sharing of the soul-saving grace of Christ. That Sunday was no exception. It was a message that 'stuck' with us for years.

He made Kevin and I laugh. He made us cry. His words convicted our hearts and then called us to action for the kingdom of God. Dr. Paul Walker was a gift to all who knew him and an example of what truly walking with Christ looks like. His walk encouraged others to walk boldly too.

Our children and I are committing to praying for all of you as you grieve his life. There is so much to grieve. Yes, he is in glory, face to face with his Savior, but we, who are left here, will feel his absence immensely. We are praying that our God of comfort, grace, mercy and joy will keep filling each of your hearts with a greater understanding that this is not our forever home, that today, we too are one step closer to meeting face to face with our Lord. You are loved. You are covered in prayer and we are grieving with you.

Love,
Kelly, Liam, Avalynn and Gabriel Skelly

Kelly Skelly - February 26 at 01:08 PM



“ When I moved to Atlanta in 1975 to attend graduate school a friend suggested I should go to Mt. Paran to experience the worship and to hear Dr. Walker. In early 1976 I finally visited and heard Dr. Walker preach and prowl the area around the pulpit for the first time and Mt. Paran became my church home for the next 20 years. Little did I know then that I would end up on staff and have the privilege of working with him for most of those years, first in the youth ministry there and then later as director of the Mt. Paran counseling ministry. Dr. Walker showed me, and demonstrated for me, a standard of excellence for those called to the ministry of Christ that I have tried to live up to ever since. Part of the benefit of knowing Dr. Walker was the opportunity to know his incredible family.....Carmelita, Paul Dana before his death, and Mark. My thoughts and prayers go out to Carmelita and Mark and all of the Walker family at the loss of not just a great man of God, but of an incredible husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Ten years ago to the day on February 23rd, 2011 I lost my earthly father who first instilled in me my love of God and Jesus Christ. Three days ago I lost the spiritual father who first gave me the opportunity and then nurtured the calling of ministry in my heart, and ultimately gave direction to my life that I will forever be grateful for.

Bill Morris

Bill Morris - February 26 at 12:25 PM



“ Wonderful tribute to Dr. Walker. Thank you! He meant so much to so many of us.

Karen Bemiss - February 26 at 12:36 PM



“ What a wonderful tribute to Dr Walker. It brought back many wonderful memories of my days attending Mt Paran. He was an inspiration to many.

jeannie smith - February 26 at 04:34 PM



“ Thanks for sharing. You are another Giant that Dr Walker brought into my life because he was Pastor.

Oral Ray Black - February 28 at 05:56 AM



“ Fond memories of Mt Paran after moving to Atlanta in the late 80s. Dr Walker's warmth and pastoral gifts made the church feel like home.

David Whitney - February 26 at 12:15 PM



“ A great man of God! Also flowers sent from Jeffrey Walker are from all the Walkers in North Dakota. God Bless all of the family!

Jeffrey Walker - February 26 at 11:45 AM



“ Jeffrey W. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



Jeffrey W. - February 26 at 11:40 AM



“ The best Pastor ever! Thanks for the memories. The Kitchens family: Sheila, Tanya and Erik

Sheila H Kitchens - February 26 at 10:58 AM



“ What a privilege to have known such an amazing man of God! He was only my pastor for about six years, but I felt as though he were a dear family member. Dr. Walker was so transparent, warm, and approachable. His messages were so encouraging, faith-building, and inspiring. He was able to communicate not only spiritual truths to the mind, but especially to the heart. The way he led worship was so healing for the soul. I've carried many of his stories with me through my life these last thirty years, and I am much the richer for it. I praise God for his life and ministry and for Carmelita and Mark and all his family. God changed the world of so many of us through him. I am forever blessed to have known Dr. Walker. I pray that the precious Holy Spirit will comfort and surround his family with that peace that passes all understanding.

Joy Smith - February 26 at 10:57 AM



“ What a steadfast and inspirational example of a strong leader, spiritual guide, family-centered man, and friend you were. We will miss you deeply, Dr. Walker, but we rejoice for you in your homegoing celebration. “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

Bruce and Laura Allen - February 26 at 10:11 AM



“ With much love in Christ, Cynthia Atkinson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



With much love in Christ, Cynthia Atkinson - February 26 at 10:07 AM



“ History, Political Science, and Humanities purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



History, Political Science, and Humanities - February 26 at 08:52 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 26 at 08:09 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 26 at 08:04 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 26 at 06:54 AM



“ I attended Mt. Paran in the late 80s & early 90s. It was a privilege to worship in that glorious church & to have Dr. Walker as my pastor. I was always amazed at how much scripture he had memorized. I was convinced he had the entire Bible committed to memory. My dad, Walter Lauster, & Paul were at Lee College together. He once told me that they were entering a class together & dad asked Paul if he was ready for the test. Paul said, "There's a test today?" He asked dad for his notes & stood outside the classroom & quickly scanned dad's notes. Paul aced the test; dad had studied hours and barely passed. My dad expressed his frustration at how easy learning seemed be for Paul. I always thought that was a funny story because my dad seemed a bit jealous! Carmelita & Mark, thank you for sharing him with all of us. He impacted so many lives, including mine.

Elizabeth Lauster - February 26 at 03:27 AM



“ I have many memories of the Walkers. I used to keep their Dachshund when they went on trips. I think the thing that has stuck with me the most throughout the years is that he taught me every single thing I know about Prophecy. I used to listen to his sermon, and I would almost run down the aisle afterwards to ask him, “ Is it Time, yet ? “ He’d look very seriously at me and say, “ Not quite, Carol. “ I am glued to what is going on in the Middle East, and am quick to pick up on facts that someone gives that is totally incorrect. And my knowledge comes from Dr. Paul Lavern Walker. He will ALWAYS be My Pastor.

Carol Cole

CAROL COLE - February 26 at 01:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 26 at 12:18 AM



“ Derek McCord purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



Derek McCord - February 25 at 11:07 PM



“ Mr. and Mrs. Walker have dined at our restaurant for many years and over the years we've shared many conversations, laughs, jokes, and one liners! He will forever be one of my most favorite faces to see come through those doors! He in many ways reminded me of papaw! I've always told his love ones this and that they just don't make men like him and my papaw anymore...he will be greatly missed and my thoughts and prayers are with you all! Love y'all!!! Michelle Moreno (longhorns)

Shelly Moreno - February 25 at 09:10 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 25 at 07:55 PM



“ Roni and I are so grateful for the life and ministry of Dr. Walker. As newlyweds, we began attending Mt. Paran in 1970, and the knowledge imparted to us gave a a firm foundation for our family. We are covering Carmelita and the entire family in prayer, may the peace that passes understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Know the grave holds no gloom, nor boast any victory, for Jesus passed through death, rose and lives forevermore. So shall all who love Him.

Linda Goss - February 25 at 07:50 PM



“ Dr. Paul Walker meant so much to Art and myself! My husband passed away 4 yrs. ago but I have wonderful memories of our Pastor and Friend! Art was in the Bus Ministry for over 17 yrs. Dr. Walker meant so much to him as well! I will Pray for the family in this difficult time! Sending my Love! Glenda Crawford Fuller

Glenda Crawford - February 25 at 07:08 PM



“ Mike Hayes and Student Development purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



Mike Hayes and Student Development - February 25 at 05:06 PM



“ Dr. Paul Walker has had a huge impact on my husband and I since becoming Christians in 1972. He was a great servant of God and very wise man. Our prayers go out to his wonderful family.

Starla Kiser - February 25 at 04:31 PM



“ I first met Pastor Paul Walker and the Mt. Paran church family the last Sunday night of April 1973. I had arrived in Atlanta temporarily (I thought) and was looking for a church that had the kind of music I had recently been introduced to by charismatic friends. I went looking for that kind of music and found a church home at Mt. Paran! The church was much smaller then & I met with him to get his input on my joining the church & asked to be put into volunteer positions so I could tithe my time and not just money from my earnings. He put me to work immediately and I worked closely with what was then a "tape" ministry that we had in place to distribute his sermons as soon as minutes after the services ended. I have since then been a part of several ministries at Mt. Paran, including the choir over the years. I came to love that man & his wife Carmelita intensely and received counsel and ministry and guidance from him more times than I can count. Today, as I pray for his precious family in their loss of this legacy of a man of God, I hear him leading us in the song "Oh Happy Day" which he led with such enthusiasm and gusto & often!! He is much responsible for many of the decisions I have made in life since then and I am beyond grateful for his leadership and guidance. To Carmelita, Mark & Udella, Justin & Amanda & your children, Ashten & her family -- my heart goes out to you as you walk through this season. God's most gracious comfort be with you. Losing those we love so intensely brings sorrow, but I pray that the fabulous memories you surely have will be a great comfort and guidance to you as you all too continue your wonderful services to our Lord and Savior. I know each of you & love you dearly and know that God has wonderful plans for your own legacies of service to Him. I am praying for you all.

Karen Bemiss - February 25 at 03:07 PM



“ In my younger wilder and years while out and about late nights and early morning hours around Atlanta during the mid eighties , I picked up a strong signal from a radio station in Manchester Georgia and discovered a dynamic preacher who turned out to be Dr. Paul Walker.

He was certainly distinctively different from others I had heard who couldn't seem to hold my interest for very long. Immediately I decided at that time to find out where he was so I could go in person, and thus came to Mount Paran.

Once there of course I was then captivated by his biblical messages , which were accompanied by music like I had never heard, so needless to say my life was altered by that tremendous man of God.

I remember my first visit to Mount Paran to find the parking lots packed to the extent that cars were parked along Highway 41 and I 75, and I immediately knew something special was going on in this church.

Dr Walker was a giant not only religious circles but made an impact to all of Atlanta and the entire state of Georgia, and eventually worldwide.

But even with that said, he took the time to focus on each and every person one on one individually, to meet their needs, and his focus made you feel like you were the most important person in the world.

He was an able and willing servant, guided by the Holy Spirit, virtually touching the lives of millions around the world for the Lord, and he will certainly have bountiful blessings in heaven.

I thank God for Dr. Paul Walker, and pray blessings for his entire family.

Ed Miles

Ed Miles - February 25 at 02:47 PM



“ Honoring this couple and these friends this week - Paul and Carmelita Walker - salt of the earth. I've known them since the 70s and consider them dear friends. A smile comes across my face when I remember the story you shared of stealing your first kiss on a bus leading a youth outing in California. Dr. Walker was and remains sui generis - no one in our tradition quite like him, no one will replace him. Carmelita is as genuine as they come: sweet, empathetic and approachable. I honor your memory today and at this time of transition, Dr. Walker. Your departure is only temporary for us. You have inspired an entire generation behind you and set the standard high. Along with many others, I would love to have witnessed the reunion between you, Paul Dana, and your parents. Tell Dad I said hello.....'But Until Then...'
- Bob L. Johnson, Jr.

Bob L. Johnson, Jr. - February 25 at 02:34 PM



“ I started going to Mt. Paran in the 1970's when I was in my 20's. I became involved in the single adult ministry. I sat under Dr. Walker's ministry for several years and my faith grew tremendously. So many miracles took place in my life at that church. I was crippled with rheumatoid arthritis and God miraculously and instantaneously healed me one night. 40 years later there is still no trace I ever had this disability. God baptized me with the Holy Spirit one Sunday night after Dr. Walker preached a powerful sermon on receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Later God called me to quit my full time job and move to Cleveland, Tenn and enroll in Lee College and prepare for the ministry. God miraculously provided for all of my education and housing. I graduated from Lee College in 1983 and started full time ministry as youth and children's pastor. I later served in singles adult ministry for many years. I thank God for Dr. Paul Walker and his ministry. So many people were saved and changed because of all he said and did for the Lord. I look forward to the day I can meet him in heaven and thank him personally. My prayers are with his wife, son and family.

Patti Turner - February 25 at 02:16 PM



“ We had the joy of being Paul and Carmelita's neighbors for the past 5+ years and what a true blessing that was for us. One moment will always stand out to me and my family; I was facing serious surgery and was quite scared of the procedure and outcome. Neighbors came by to wish me well and there in our driveway, I asked Paul to please pray for me. He immediately agreed and began a prayer for me, my surgeon, me family, and the outcome. The prayers were heard and all was well. I felt such peace and relief and even though Paul and I were of different faiths, our GOD was the same and we shared HIS love and blessings. We will miss knowing that the Walkers' are just across the driveway. What a joy to have shared time with both of them and to know that Paul now resides in his heavenly home!

Vi and Ron Poteete

Vi Poteete - February 25 at 01:20 PM



“ Karen Bemiss is following this tribute.

Karen Bemiss - February 25 at 01:12 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 25 at 12:12 PM



“ Daniel Grizzle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Paul L. Walker



Daniel Grizzle - February 25 at 11:35 AM



“ With a sad heart but with joy knowing that Heaven is being blessed and rejoicing with God's faithful servant Dr. Paul L. Walker. Our family was blessed to be ministered to by Dr, Walker Don & Rosielene McLendon

Don & Rosielene McLendon - February 25 at 11:29 AM



“ Paul Walker was truly a giant of the Christian faith and church. He was creative, innovative, intelligent, and such a good model and mentor to so many. Serving as his first assistant when he was General Overseer of the Church of God gave me an opportunity to see him beyond his public persona. As profound as he was in the public eye, he was equally as admirable in private settings. Vickie and I extend our love and condolences to the family as we pray for God's grace to comfort you. Lamar Vest

Lamar Vest - February 25 at 10:41 AM



“ Chris Conine and the Business & Finance Team purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



Chris Conine and the Business & Finance Team - February 25 at 10:25 AM



“ My wife and I heard Dr. Paul Walker preach for the first time on a radio show in San Antonio, Texas. His message was inspiring and we always wanted to go to his church. As miracles do happen, a year later I was recalled back to work from being laid off and we ended up in Atlanta, GA. The only church we wanted to visit was Mt Paran. We were so blessed to hear Paul preach in person. It was evident every time he preached you could feel the Holy Spirit speaking through him. His passion for God and his compassion for people were evident. At this time, Paul was turning over the church to Dr. David Cooper. We can remember being a little heart broken but as in everything Paul did, he had a succession plan and David has been a wonderful pastor. I miss seeing Paul in the pulpit but we are reminded of his legacy every time his son Mark visits Mt Paran to deliver a message. Paul will be missed by all and we will keep his family in our thoughts and prayers. He was truly a great man of God and will live in Glory for all eternity!!!!!!

David and Pat Smith

David Smith - February 25 at 09:59 AM



“ Sharon and I with three young sons moved to Marietta in 1980. After worshipping at a local church and desiring to grow in our faith, we learned of Mt. Paran. We found a home church for five years prior to moving back to NC and the Lord used Dr. Walker and the staff he nurtured to guide us into a deeper walk with the Lord. With great anticipation, we invited Paul and Carmelita to a cookout at our home and had to wait 3 months prior to their visit. What a blessing to have them in our home. Our first Sunday at Mt. Paran was the same week this sweet family learned of Paul Dana's tragic death. Over the months, we witnessed the great faith, tears and new depth to Dr. Walker's ministry. How wonderful he would walk his former daughter-in-law down the aisle when she remarried. This was Paul Walker. He has been on my mind the last few days so I decided "to check on him" only to learn of his passing from this life to glory. For Carmelita, Mark and all the family...may the Lord give you beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. He was a wonderful man. Without question, his unwavering faith led him to hear...Welcome, good and faithful servant! Enter into the rest of the Lord!

Joe & Sharon Eskridge

Joe & Sharon Eskridge - February 25 at 09:48 AM



“ Words cannot express how much Dr. Walker meant to my whole family. We were Baptists and found a home at Mt. Paran.

Margaret Brown Whitley - February 25 at 09:46 AM



“ Lisa Hibler lit a candle in memory of Dr. Paul L. Walker



Lisa Hibler - February 25 at 09:31 AM



“ Paul and I used to play Racquetball once a week together in the nineties, what a great man and great Athlete and competitor.

Pat Gartland - February 25 at 09:25 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 25 at 08:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 25 at 08:39 AM



“ Your Brother Dean and Wife Judy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



Your Brother Dean and Wife Judy - February 25 at 08:31 AM



“ This incredible man touched so so many lives I will forever be grateful for him and THE MOUNT PARAN CHURCH. I RAN TO GET IN FOR 12 YEARS....I STILL MISS IT

CHARLENE FISCH

CHARLENE FISCH - February 25 at 03:52 AM



“ I served over 20 years on the executive board of WWEV with Doctor Walker and have never admired or respected anyone more on this planet.

Joey Lancaster - February 24 at 11:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 24 at 10:10 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.



February 24 at 08:19 PM



“ I/we are so grateful to God for the life of Paul Walker and the significance of his life on earth that led thousands, perhaps millions of people to a trusting and personal relationship with our Redeemer in Christ Jesus. Paul brought the scriptures alive in my heart and mind for which I will always be eternally grateful as my pastor and personal friend. I and my family will always treasure our personal time in Israel with Dr. Walker and Carmelita on their last trip to Israel as well Dr.Walker marrying Cathy and I at Mt Paran Church 32 years ago and I will treasure our weekly competitive racquetball games in the 80's. I will greatly miss my friend, pastor, mentor and spiritual Abraham but know you have already been joyously received by the living and in the loving arms of Christ eternally and in his words , “Well Done my Good and Faithful Servant”

Our sincerest condolences to his sweet prayer warrior and wife Carmelita and the entire Walker family. RIP brother Paul

Don, Cathy, Brian & Kevin Whitney

Don Whitney - February 24 at 07:31 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear this.

I went to counseling with him in 1981 after the death of our two boys. I still think of his words often, in fact, in many ways he saved my life. I will never forget his sermons in such a soothing voice.

Payers to the family.

Lamar and Veda Babb

Veda Babb - February 24 at 07:03 PM



“ Chad Pendley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Paul L. Walker



Chad Pendley - February 24 at 05:22 PM



“ Thank God for Dr Walker, Carmelita, and his entire family. I am deeply grateful to have sat under his nose on the front row for many years listening to him teach us. I am so grateful for his life. There is just no language to express how much he meant.

Pat Samford - February 26 at 01:36 PM



“ My parents, Major Lowell E. and Gertie Camp, were the first ones to join Hemphill Avenue Church of God when “Brother Walker” became the new pastor. Moving every 2-3 years, my family never joined a church but attended regularly. My parents decided to join Hemphill Avenue COG because they wanted to make a public display to support the young pastor.

My father was handball champion at Dinnins Air Force abase in Marietta. He had Pastor Walker played each other many times.

When my family moved to Germany after Georgia, my father helped arrange for Dr. Walker to reach to a group of German Pentecostals for several meetings. My father picked him up at the airport and I was blessed to go out to eat with my pastor and spend time with him.

I still have the black and white photo of my father in his Air Force uniform, Lang with an airmen, and tall handsome Dr. Walker.

Praying comfort, blessings, and peace for all the Walker family.

Marye Lou Camp

Marye Lou Camp - April 09 at 07:19 AM