



Dr. Wilmer David Walker Jr.

May 16, 1939 - July 7, 2025

Dr. Wilmer David Walker, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia, the eldest of four children of Wilmer David Walker, Sr. and Etherline Minter Walker. Wilmer, who preferred to be called David, was also known as “Boochie” to family members and close friends. He received his early education from Walker Street Elementary School, his secondary education from Booker T. Washington High School in 1956 and his Bachelor of Arts in Art Education from Morehouse College in 1961. He attended New York University, receiving a Master of Arts in Art Education in 1970 and completed his formal education at Clark Atlanta University, receiving a doctoral degree in education in 1990. He was a member of the illustrious Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

In April 1963, he married Jocelyn Scott, whom he had known since high school. A devoted husband and father of three children, David began his professional career working as an art teacher at David T. Howard High School from 1961-1967, followed by a two-year stint at Whitaker Learning Disabilities Center for Children, both in the Atlanta Public School system. In 1969, he accepted a job as a graphic artist with Warner Lambert Pharmaceutical Company and moved to Morris Plains, New Jersey, commuting to Atlanta as often as possible to spend time with his family. After returning to Atlanta in 1970, the remainder of his professional career was with Atlanta Public Schools in various roles of increasing responsibility in the fields of art education and administration. For over a decade, in the classroom, David was

a dedicated, respected and much-loved teacher by the many students he taught, exposing them to the beauty and transformative power of art.

In addition to his professional career and throughout his adult years, David pursued his passion for inventing educational games and toys as well as other items and obtained over a dozen U.S. and international patents. His love for inventing was fueled by a creative mind and an uncanny ability for pragmatic problem solving. After retiring from Atlanta Public Schools in 1996 and the death of his beloved wife Jocelyn Scott Walker in 1998, he spent most of his time working on his inventions and operating Kickstart Toys.

David's memory and legacy will be cherished by all who knew him, especially his children, grandchildren and family. He is survived by his three children: Scott Walker, Steven Walker, and Staci Walker; his four grandchildren, whom he referred to as his "jewels": Cole and Kennedy Walker, Hollie and Walker Lynch; siblings: Beverly Etheridge and Donald Walker (Marilyn); his brother, Marvin Walker preceded him in death in 2024; a dear friend, Bernice Wilson and countless nieces, nephews, and a host of family members and friends.

Celebration of Life for Mr. Wilmer David Walker, Jr. will be 11:00 A.M. Monday, July 14, 2025 at Warren Memorial United Methodist Church, 181 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314. Interment will be in Lincoln Cemetery, Atlanta, GA. His viewing will be from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. at Murray Brother's Funeral Home, 1199 Utoy Springs Road SW, Atlanta, GA.

Because David had a deep love for arts education - In lieu of flowers the family is inviting the community to make a donation to Moving in the Spirit - an Atlanta based non-profit and dance school - in his memory and honor. Donate here: <https://movinginthespirit.org/?form=jointhemovement>

Young-Levett Funeral Home, COVINGTON CHAPEL, 770-786-2944.

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