



## Dr. Joyce Ann Walker Davis

April 14, 1958 - July 22, 2025

Mrs. Joyce Ann Walker Davis was born on April 14, 1958, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to the late Rosa Mae Crite Walker and the late John Willey Hicklin. She peacefully departed this life and was called home on the morning of Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Joyce was a proud graduate of North Mecklenburg High School, Class of 1976. She continued her education at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, where she was crowned Miss N.C. A&T State University for the 1979–1980 academic years. Her pursuit of education didn't stop there—she earned a Bachelor of Science degree from N.C. A&T, followed by a Master of Healthcare Administration and Master of Business Administration from Pfeiffer University, and ultimately a Ph.D. from Walden University. She began her professional journey with Bellsouth (AT&T), where she dedicated 10 years of service. She later transitioned into the healthcare field, dedicating 27 years of service to Presbyterian Novant Health Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. In 1993, Joyce married the love of her life, Reverend Harry D. Davis Jr. Their marriage was a beautiful reflection of faith, partnership, and love. Together, they built a family grounded in spiritual devotion, and in 1997, they welcomed their greatest blessing— their son, Joshua Demetre Davis. Joyce lived a vibrant and active life. In her youth, she served as head cheerleading captain at North Mecklenburg High School, played softball with the City of Charlotte, and was an enthusiastic member of a traveling bowling club. As First Lady in the churches her husband pastored, she faithfully served in the role of church secretary, exemplifying dedication,

strength, and grace. She leaves behind a legacy of love and faith cherished by her devoted husband of 32 years, Reverend Harry D. Davis Jr.; her beloved son, Joshua Demetre Davis; her daughter, Tiffany L. Morgan; sister, Catherine Gather; brothers, Cleveland Walker, Roosevelt Walker Jr., and Daniel E. Hicklin Sr.; niece, Yolanda Brannon; nephews, Thomas Corey Gaither and Daniel E. Hicklin Jr.; and a host of grand nieces, nephews and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens

11201 Beatties Ford Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rockwell AME Zion Church  
6101 Rockwell Church Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28269-9023  
(704) 596-8279

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rockwell A.M.E. Zion Church  
6101 Rockwell Church Road  
Charlotte, NC

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ Just found out about Joyce's passing late this afternoon. I remember Joyce from working @ Southern Bell & remember her making her own clothes. She was a beautiful person. I had a chance to talk to her several months ago & didn't know she was sick. Prayers for her family!

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**Sarah Withrow Duncan** - August 08, 2025 at 06:51 PM

AT

“ EWC NFL Team Jersey Sunday! Dr. 1st lady was "DABBING" on 'em



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**ATrain** - August 02, 2025 at 07:52 PM

BM

“ My heart aches because I have lost a very good friend that was a faithful servant but also knew how to keep it real. Joyce was a dedicated wife and mother. My prayers and condolences are with her family during this difficult time. Rest in peace my friend. Well done.

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**Bea McKoy** - August 01, 2025 at 11:33 PM

CB

“ Conzellie Bates lit a candle in memory of  
Joyce Walker Davis



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**Conzellie Bates** - August 01, 2025 at 04:21 PM

DE

“ To:Rev. Harry D. Davis Jr., Joshua and the  
Walker family:

*Joyce was a very smart and successful  
person with a life well lived. May GOD guide  
you all thru this difficult time and may you feel peace knowing GOD  
has gained another angel. Furthermore, just know you all are in our  
thoughts and prayers as well.*



*Family of Sgt Denise  
Vickie, Linda and Randy*

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**Denise** - August 01, 2025 at 11:58 AM

BH

“ A very dear and devoted friend that loved with her whole heart. I  
remember how when they would visit Rev. Davis home church of  
China Grove AME Zion, he had to prowl us apart. We both were  
talkers. And the talks of Turk and Joshua were endless. I will truly  
miss my friend. I pray strength for the family. Another flower for the  
heavenly garden. RIH my friend. 🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️

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**Brenda Hayes** - July 31, 2025 at 10:03 PM

JF

*Joyce and I worked together at Bellsouth for quite awhile. We would talk during breaks and sometimes not on breaks. She used to say to my.*

*I don't even remember what brought up the subject about family, she would say to me my father is John Hicklin.. my uncle used to say to me I have a daughter who work at the telephone company her name is Joyce Ann Walker. One day it dawned on me the he was talking about her and she was talking about him.*

*Yes it took me awhile to recognize they were talking about each other. I told Joyce that you are my first cousin you father and my mother are sister and brother. From that day on we were Family. Even though I didn't see her a lot after I retired and she went to another job, we would see each other every now and then. I will miss seeing your beautiful smile and catching up on stuff job and family wise. You were and very Beautiful and Loving person and I will truly miss you,*

*Rest in Heavenly Peace.*

*Sending out Prayers for your Husband and Son.*

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**Janet Woodard and the Woodard Family** - August 01, 2025 at 10:35 PM

BE

“*Joyce and I entered A&T the fall of 1976. Residing in Holland Hall, our paths crossed and became acquaintances during our time there. We were ecstatic to have her represent our university as Miss A&T! We offer our sincere condolences to her family and network of friends. May your faith and fond memories provide peace and comfort.*

*Betty McNeill Elliott*  
*Class of 1980*



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**Betty M Elliott** - July 31, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DS

“ Dolly & Zachary Smith purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Joyce Ann Walker Davis.



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Dolly & Zachary Smith - July 31, 2025 at 09:33 AM

WM

“ A terrific person.



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Wesley L. Boykin, Ph.D., MPH - July 31, 2025 at 09:15 AM

JM

“ *In Loving Memory of Dr Joyce Davis*

*My sincerest condolences to Reverend Davis, Joshua, and all those who love Joyce.*

*It's hard to find the words to say goodbye to someone who brought so much light, laughter, and warmth into our lives. Joyce was a bright spirit who filled every room with joy and heartfelt kindness. Her beautiful smile and humor could lift anyone out of a tough day. Her spirituality and wisdom reminded us to look deeper and live with intention. She taught us how to embrace life fully — with laughter, love, and a little bit of sparkle.*

*We'll miss Joyce's wit and soulful insight and the way she made everyone feel seen and valued. The world won't be the same without her exuberance and friendship, but her spirit will live on in every smile and every story we share about her- and I have MANY 😊.*

*Rest peacefully, dear friend. Thank you for everything you gave us — your light will shine forever in our hearts.*

*With love and remembrance,  
Janene McClure*

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**Janene McClure** - July 31, 2025 at 08:59 AM

DC

“ *Joyce was a lifetime friend of 54 years and we had lots of great memories and fun together in our lifetime. Joyce was there for me in 2020 when my mother went home to heaven and she wrote the most inspiring poem and read it at my mothers funeral! So I will truly miss her and the friendship that we once shared,so Joyce you're at peace now so rest in heaven my dear friend!HARPER*

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**DENISE CHURCH** - July 30, 2025 at 08:56 PM