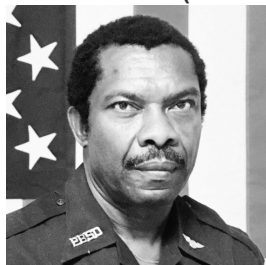


Earl WALKER(1927 - 2017)**WALKER, Earl**

Earl Walker was born October 20, 1927 in Daytona Beach, Florida. Earl transitioned to eternal rest on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in the City of Riviera Beach, Florida. Earl was a man who lived life to the fullest and brought laughter and smiles to each and every one he touched. His memory and legacy will always be cherished and loved by his devoted wife, Elena Walker; one daughter, Linda Sampson; several step-children; one sister, Gertrude Walker Eutsay; a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins and devoted friends and neighbors. Preceded in death by one son, Kim Walker. Earl was raised in Pleasant City and attended the public schools of West Palm Beach, graduating from Industrial High School

in the class of 1946. After graduating from high school, he displayed a strong desire in joining the United States Army. Earl enlisted in the United States Army, October 26, 1948 as a small arms repairman and master armorer. While serving in United States Army, he was deployed and fought for his country in the Korean War. During this war Earl received several awards for valor, meritorious service and heroism. He was especially proud of the prestigious Bronze Star Medal he earned for meritorious achievement in ground operations against the enemy in Korea on September 25, 1950. After successfully serving his country, Earl was honorably discharged on June 16, 1952 at the end of the Korean War. It was not until he was called home to be with his father, when his devoted wife learned that his pristine and decorated military career, along with the awards earned him the option to eternally rest in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Earl always embodied the passion to help others, this was a strong motivator behind his decision to join the West Palm Beach Police Department on December 7, 1959. Almost four years later Officer Walker was promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police on October 23, 1963. He defeated all odds during the time of segregation when he was promoted to rank of Lieutenant of Police on April 24, 1967. His unwavering service did not go unnoticed by the City of West Palm Beach or the citizens he served. During this tenure, he received eight letters of accommodations and for each yearly evaluation his performance was indicated as being excellent. After devoting twenty years of exemplary service to the City of West Palm Beach and its citizens Earl retired from the Police Department on January 7, 1980. After retirement, he continued service with the Palm Beach County Sheriff Office. He was employed with the Palm Beach County Sheriff Office as a sworn Deputy for approximately fifteen years before retiring. Upon retiring Earl realized he had more time to participate in his favorite pastime of outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, boating, and tending to his firearm collection. He enjoyed sharing his experiences as a West Palm Beach Police Officer, the adversities he faced and the great stories of just simply catching the "bad guy". Earl's great nephews were very fond of these stories, which lead them to follow in his footsteps as Law Enforcement Officers. These fond memories of Earl Walker will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of all the people that he touched and encountered. We weep because Earl is no longer in our midst; we rejoice because we know he is resting in the arms of Jesus Christ. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00PM on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at the South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, Florida. In lieu of flowers The Walker Family is requesting that donations be made to the WPB VAMC, Hospice Unit-Code 8083. Offering can be mailed to Voluntary Services (135), 7305 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33410.

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