

*In loving memory of*  
**Walter L. Brooks III**



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**SEPTEMBER 18, 1997 - SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

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**Homegoing Service:  
Friday 11, October; 11:00am**

Tabernacle of David Missionary Baptist Church  
1100 Lincoln Road East . Vallejo . CA . 94591

# GONE TOO SOON, FOREVER LOVED



Walter L. Brooks III, beloved son, brother, and friend, who left us on September 14, 2024, just shy of his 27th birthday. Walter was born on September 18, 1997, in Oakland, California, to his proud parents, Walter Brooks Jr. and Latresa Ponder.

Walter grew up in a close-knit family, always cherishing time with his siblings: Antonio Fant Jr., Rayven Brooks, Treyvonna Brooks, Madison Brackens, and Trinity Brackens. His love for his family was evident in every moment he spent with his little sisters and his nephew, where his big heart and playful spirit shone the brightest. Walter found joy in video games, sharing laughter and memories with those he cared about most. One of Walter's most cherished pastimes was going to the movies. Whether catching the latest release or revisiting old favorites, he loved the experience of cinema, and it was where he found a sense of escape, wonder, and relaxation.

A graduate of Dougherty Valley High School in 2015, Walter pursued a path of service to his country. In November 2018, he entered active duty in the U.S. Navy, where he served with dedication and honor. After two years, he was honorably discharged, having made lasting contributions during his time in the service.

Walter's passing leaves a deep void in the lives of all who knew him. His gentle nature, his quiet strength, and his ability to bring joy to those around him will be forever missed. Though his time with us was far too short, Walter touched the lives of many and leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and kindness.

Walter will be lovingly remembered by his parents, his siblings, his nephew, and a host of extended family members and friends. While we mourn his loss, we celebrate the remarkable person he was and the joy he brought to the world.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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FAMILY PROCESSIONAL

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WORDS OF WELCOME

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SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 23

MINISTER

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PRAYER

MINISTER

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MUSICAL SELECTION

MON'A LEWIS

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THANK YOU AND  
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

TREYVONNA BROOKS

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OBITUARY READING

ANTONIO FANWELL

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MUSICAL SELECTION

VOICES OF THE TABERNACLE OR  
SOLO VOCALIST

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EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE  
(2 MINUTES PLEASE)

ANTONIO FANWELL, RAYVEN BROOKS,  
TREYVONNA BROOKS, AND OTHERS

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POEM READING

LATRESA PONDER

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MUSICAL SELECTION

MON'A LEWIS

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

REVEREND ROBERT L. MCCRAY  
PASTOR OF THE TABERNACLE OF  
DAVID MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

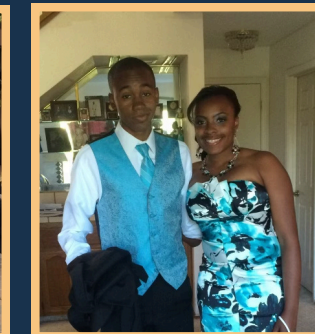
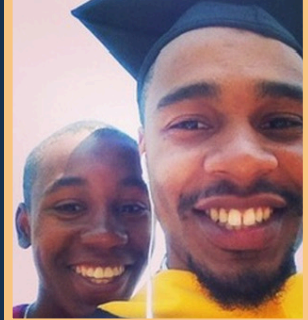
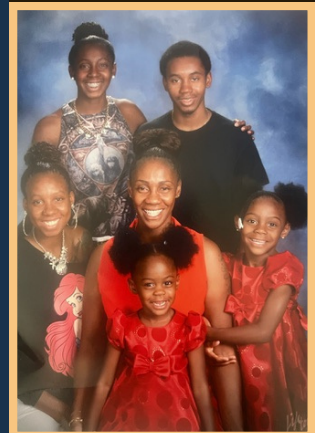
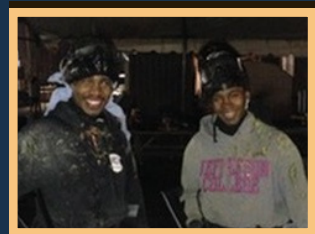
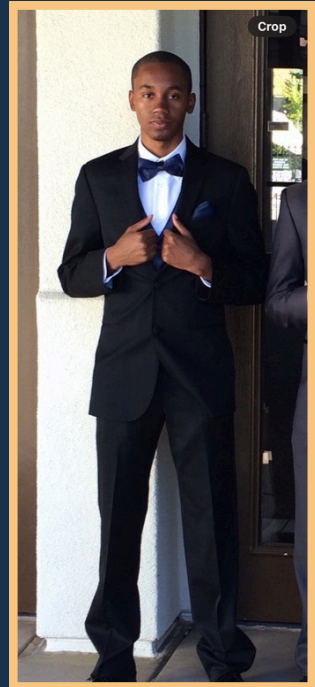
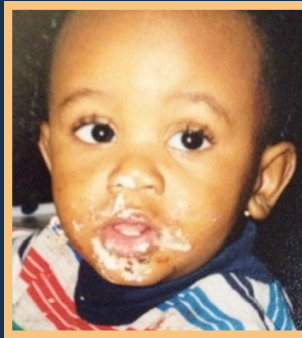
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VIEWING

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RECESSIONAL

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# FOREVER IN MY HEART: A MOTHER'S ENDLESS LOVE



If she could change the world for you, without a doubt she would,  
if she could move all stumbling blocks and sometimes, she thinks she could,  
but that's just Mom's opinion, sometimes a Mom gets blind  
so, she builds her own little perfect world with only you in mind.

She knows the dark clouds are coming,  
She hears the thunder roar that's why she shields you in her arms,  
fearful to let you go.

But that's just the way your mother is,  
I guess they will always see their children through a  
tinted glass of what they want them to be

Mothers of black men survive by  
pushing fear down so it doesn't  
overflow, overwhelm our senses  
paralyze us and derail our ability  
to love, nurture and protect  
our young black men

We cling. One hand on the bible  
and another holding on to our sons  
They say that we love boys and raise girls  
Forgive us; it's an anxious that has been there since their birth  
We haven't exhaled because we remember those who have suffered a loss  
and we are in the same prayer circle as other  
mothers who have lost a young black man at such a young age

We embrace the legend of the strong black  
woman during the day but cry silent tears at night  
As we push down, there is an uprising of  
anxiety, depression, high blood pressure, yet we carry on  
We organize and fight and hold our boys close  
We fight for our sons because we need the world to heal  
so that every mother of young black men can finally exhale.

# INTERNMENT



Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
5810 Midway Rd  
Dixon, CA 95620

# PALLBEARERS



Ja'von Carrington Jr.  
Justin Bowers  
Antonio Fanwell

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



*We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shown love, support, and kindness during this time of loss.*

