



## James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr

November 5, 1959 - January 25, 2021

James w. Waller, Jr. better known as "Brotha" was born November 5, 1959, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the only son of James W Waller, Sr and Johnnie Mae Watson Waller (survived). Brotha was a 1978, graduate of Warren Central High School where he played basketball, football, and ran track. Brotha was employed by Fort Dearborn, Bowling Green for over 25 years. Brotha was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church until 2017, where he served as an Altar Boy. On October 21, 2018, he was baptized at the Eleventh Street Baptist Church where he has served faithfully as a member of the Brotherhood.

Brotha was the kind of man who left his doors open to anyone who wanted to come. He loved to mentor young men telling them the things that would make them good husbands, fathers, and sons. Brotha was all those things and more. Brotha married the love of his life, Janet Waller on October 8, 1983, after being together since 1976. His love for his wife, his children, his grandchildren, and all that he came into contact with was a living testimony of who he was. As an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, Brotha would cheer them on while spending quality time with his sons, grandsons, sister Lisa and Jeff. Brotha loved to write poetry and he grilled the best ribs in Bowling Green.

On, Monday, January 25, 2021, Brotha saw that it was time for him to join his wife Janet, his father James Waller, Sr., grandparents John L. & Mary Alice Watson, Earl & Eleanor Waller. To cherish the loving memory of James W Waller, Jr. "Brotha" he leaves his children, Schuyler Waller, Chase Waller, and Cierra Waller; grandchildren, Kei'maunie and Julian; mother, Johnnie Mae Waller; siblings, Tonetta Waller-Garner, Lisa Waller, Sherri Waller; aunts and uncles, Melvin Porter (Doris) Watson, Mariah Watson-Brown, Sarah Waller, Varna Jean Waller, Margaret Ree, Alice, Louise, Waldean, Charlene(James), Charles (Peggy); nieces and nephews, Dominique, Briana, Bianca, Justin (Niyah), Destiny, Glenn II (Crystal), Candace (Hovie), and Cameron; great-nieces and nephews, Nataya, Braylan, Lakyn, Reese, Britton, Morrion, Collins, Stevie, and Brody; devoted sisters in law, Darlene Collins, LaDonna (Damon) Byrd; Godchildren, Terrell, TC, Ryan, Chasity, DeSean, Davonte; a host of other relatives and friends.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Cemetery Details

## First Baptist Church - Rockfield Cemetery

428 Rockfield Church Road  
Rockfield, KY 42274

# Previous Events

## Walk-Through Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Eleventh Street Baptist Church  
1035 Kenton Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

## Private Funeral Service

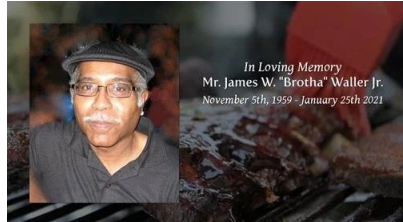
JAN 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eleventh Street Baptist Church  
1035 Kenton Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - January 29, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Celebration of Life for James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - January 28, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**William Walker** - February 06, 2021 at 02:32 AM

MD

“ *Mustapha Dorley lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



**Mustapha Dorley** - February 05, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KB

“ *Kenetha And Marvin Bryant lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



**Kenetha and Marvin Bryant** - February 02, 2021 at 04:10 PM

TR

“ *Tara Richardson lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



**Tara Richardson** - February 01, 2021 at 10:37 AM

MF

“ *Prayers for the family during this difficult* 🙏



**Marqueta Franklin** - January 30, 2021 at 07:04 PM

BY

“ *Buel Young lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Buel Young** - January 30, 2021 at 02:58 PM



*My condolences. Denice Gillum Hennemann*

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**Denice Hennemann** - January 30, 2021 at 05:49 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Huskey lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Lisa Huskey** - January 30, 2021 at 01:13 PM

BC

“ *Bishop Dr. And Mrs. LaMark Carver lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Bishop Dr. and Mrs. LaMark Carver** - January 30, 2021 at 12:51 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



**Brenda Williams** - January 30, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *Shamekia Butts lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



**Shamekia Butts** - January 30, 2021 at 09:38 AM

LB

“ *He was just simply the best.*



**Lowan Brown** - January 30, 2021 at 08:30 AM

VS

“ *Vanessa Britt Nelson & Son sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



**Vanessa Britt Nelson & Son** - January 30, 2021 at 12:55 AM

JO

“ James was a great man. Went to school with him for six years at Cumberland Trace and Warren Central. We played basketball and football together at Cumberland Trace, where we became friends. I'll cherish the memories of him. Bless you, and rest in peace.

*Jerry Oliver*

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**Jerry Oliver** - January 29, 2021 at 09:23 PM

TF

“ Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



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**Tina Fant** - January 29, 2021 at 08:29 PM

MB

“ I will always remember you and miss you. My heart is so empty and sad. But I know that now it is time for you to be with the lady who was always at your side,

*Rest In Peace*  
*Mariah(Baby Sister)*



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**mariah a brown** - January 29, 2021 at 06:59 PM

SI

“ Sanford And Marcia Irvin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Sanford and Marcia Irvin - January 29, 2021 at 06:47 PM

EB

“ Edward N Deborah Bufford lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Edward n Deborah Bufford - January 29, 2021 at 06:17 PM

EH

“ Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Estella Hill - January 29, 2021 at 03:37 PM

DL

“ DeAnna Lewis lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



DeAnna Lewis - January 29, 2021 at 03:32 PM

SW

“ *Sheena Withrow lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Sheena Withrow** - January 29, 2021 at 03:31 PM

LJ

“ *Although distance separates us, know that you are in my heart and prayers. Condolences to my Waller family. Linda Marshall Jones*



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**Linda Marshall Jones** - January 29, 2021 at 02:43 PM

DG

“ *Diane Gilbert. lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Diane Gilbert.** - January 29, 2021 at 01:33 PM

RM

“ *Sending my condolences to my family, Johnnie, Lisa, Sherri, Toni, Cierra, Sky, and Chase during this very difficult time. I'll never forget the good times growing up Brotha. Eternal peace Cousin.*

*Renee Martin*

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**Renee Martin** - January 29, 2021 at 12:45 PM

RM

“ Renee Martin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Renee Martin - January 29, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr.



January 29, 2021 at 12:27 PM

KC

“ Kenny. & Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Kenny. & Crisandra Coleman - January 29, 2021 at 11:10 AM

EB

“ Ernest, Dianne, Elaine, Anita, and Gary Butts purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr.



Ernest, Dianne, Elaine, Anita, and Gary Butts - January 29, 2021 at 10:12 AM

SW

“ Sarah Whitney lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Sarah Whitney - January 29, 2021 at 09:49 AM

MF

“ May the peace of God be with you all during this difficult time. Sending our love and prayers to this beautiful family 🙏👼👉!



Mrs. Hannah Whitney & Family - January 29, 2021 at 09:45 AM

DB

“ Dallas And Paula Butts lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Dallas and Paula Butts - January 29, 2021 at 08:51 AM

CS

“ Carolyn Sydnor sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Carolyn Sydnor - January 29, 2021 at 04:20 AM

EB

“ Elaine Butts-Ross lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Elaine Butts-Ross - January 29, 2021 at 12:25 AM

ES

“ Edwin. & Jakki Snowden lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Edwin. & Jakki Snowden - January 28, 2021 at 05:16 PM

DF

“ Dira Franklin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Dira Franklin - January 28, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr.



January 28, 2021 at 03:52 PM

FL

“ I met Brotha when he joined Eleventh Street Baptist Church. I told him who I was and we just clicked. We would always hug each other every Sunday that was so special too me. I have know the Cosby family for over sixty years. I met Waldean and Joan when I was a student at WKU. I was adopted into their family to me that was a blessing. I also had the opportunity to meet their Mother and Father through them I met James Edward and then his girls. Jan was very special to me because I communicated with her the most. I love the Cosby/Waller family very much. For the loss of Brotha I am so sorry but in my heart I know he is happy because Jan is waiting for him with open arms. Blessings to both families. Floretta Hopkins Lee-James

Floretta Hopkins Lee-James - January 28, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ Darlene Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Darlene Collins - January 28, 2021 at 02:43 PM

TW

“ Tracy Whitney lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Tracy whitney - January 27, 2021 at 09:14 PM

DW

“ *Denise Wade lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Denise Wade** - January 27, 2021 at 06:37 PM

KC

“ *Kenny. & Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Kenny. & Crisandra Coleman** - January 27, 2021 at 05:17 PM

MA

“ *I am so sad to here about this, he was such a great guy. Sherri, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you all.*

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**Markita Anderson** - January 27, 2021 at 05:16 PM

DH

“ *Delores Holland lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Delores Holland** - January 27, 2021 at 04:34 PM

LF

“ Louise Franklin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Louise Franklin - January 27, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Marian Benton lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Marian Benton - January 27, 2021 at 12:34 PM

WB

“ Wathetta Buford lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Wathetta Buford - January 27, 2021 at 10:29 AM

LR

“ Linda Rogers lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Linda Rogers - January 27, 2021 at 10:27 AM

RM

“ *Ruth Morrow lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Ruth Morrow** - January 27, 2021 at 07:28 AM

SR

“ *Stephanie Ray lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Stephanie Ray** - January 27, 2021 at 12:38 AM

YW

“ *My family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all.*



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**YvonneBryant Williams** - January 26, 2021 at 11:42 PM

AS

“ *Anna Senter lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Anna Senter** - January 26, 2021 at 10:10 PM

VW

“ Vicki Withrow-Franklin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Vicki Withrow-Franklin - January 26, 2021 at 09:39 PM

AB

“ Aletha Britt sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Aletha Britt - January 26, 2021 at 09:35 PM

SF

“ Shirley Hudson & Family lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Shirley Hudson & Family - January 26, 2021 at 08:32 PM

SF

“ Shirley Hudson & Family lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Shirley Hudson & Family - January 26, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Faith Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Faith Mitchell** - January 26, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ *Barbara Page lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Barbara Page** - January 26, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Gladys M Beason lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Gladys M Beason** - January 26, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *Sarah Hardin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



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**Sarah Hardin** - January 26, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Frank Alexander lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



Frank Alexander - January 26, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Tim Bibbs lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



Tim Bibbs - January 26, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Chantay Offutt lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



Chantay Offutt - January 26, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Cardine & Shawna Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



Cardine & Shawna Harrison - January 26, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DJ

“ Debra Jewell lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Debra Jewell - January 26, 2021 at 10:16 AM

GC

“ Gwen Coats lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Gwen Coats - January 26, 2021 at 09:50 AM

SL

“ Sabrina W Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Sabrina W Loving - January 26, 2021 at 09:46 AM

SL

“ Sending sincere love and condolences to the Waller, Cosby families and friends..A great man..Heaven has gained another Angel!! 🇺🇸  
😊 Sorry for your lose, it's Heaven gained!! 🙏🙏😊

Sabrina W Loving - January 26, 2021 at 09:46 AM

LW

“ Loretha Withrow lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Loretha Withrow - January 26, 2021 at 09:42 AM

SR

“ Sherri Waller Reed lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Sherri Waller Reed - January 26, 2021 at 08:19 AM

PM

“ Phyllis Blakey Morrow lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Phyllis Blakey Morrow - January 26, 2021 at 06:58 AM

WA

“ Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Wanda Anthony - January 26, 2021 at 02:30 AM

CR

“ *Charletta Ray lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



Charletta Ray - January 26, 2021 at 12:40 AM

BF

“ *Bobby Franklin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



Bobby Franklin - January 25, 2021 at 11:24 PM

TC

“ *Prayers Cierra, Chase, & Sky*



Toya Clark - January 25, 2021 at 11:02 PM

Alice Boards

“ *Alice Boards lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



Alice Boards - January 25, 2021 at 10:51 PM

LC

“ Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Lisa Cook - January 25, 2021 at 10:27 PM

MC

“ To the Waller and Cosby families, you have my deepest sympathy in the passing of your loved one. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around all of you and give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Mary Duncan Cole

Mary Cole - January 25, 2021 at 10:20 PM

MC

“ Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Mary Cole - January 25, 2021 at 10:16 PM

DJ

“ Donald Daniels Jr lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Donald Daniels Jr - January 25, 2021 at 09:24 PM

BC

*Sending Prayers and my deepest Condolences to the waller family for your Loss. From Barbara Babbs Cherry and Family.*

**Barbara Babbs Cherry** - January 25, 2021 at 11:10 PM

DD

“ *Donald & Joanna Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



**Donald & Joanna Daniels** - January 25, 2021 at 09:24 PM

LL

“ *Lori Lowery lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr*



**Lori Lowery** - January 25, 2021 at 09:09 PM

ME

“ *Prayers of peace and comfort for this family*  
🙏



**Melody** - January 25, 2021 at 08:51 PM

LH

“ Lisa Huskey lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Lisa Huskey - January 25, 2021 at 08:40 PM

SS

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the Waller and Cosby Families!!!



Sheila Smith - January 25, 2021 at 08:33 PM

NM

“ Nathaniel Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Nathaniel Bernadine Martin - January 25, 2021 at 08:21 PM

DF

“ Dano & DeWanda Byrd And Family lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



Dano & DeWanda Byrd and Family - January 25, 2021 at 07:50 PM

AB

“ Anita Butts lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



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Anita Butts - January 25, 2021 at 07:49 PM

FC

“ Florence W Claypool lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



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Florence W Claypool - January 25, 2021 at 07:20 PM

J&

“ Judith Boards &Family lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



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Judith Boards &Family - January 25, 2021 at 07:13 PM

JD

“ James Waller This man his family we go back many years he was my neighbor wonderful family man many great memories may the Lord comfort the Waller and Cosby family during this difficult time.

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John H. Douglas - January 25, 2021 at 06:59 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



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**cheryl hewitt** - January 25, 2021 at 06:50 PM

LM

“ Lolita Martin lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



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**Lolita Martin** - January 25, 2021 at 06:45 PM

DS

“ Devon Satterfield lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



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**Devon Satterfield** - January 25, 2021 at 06:32 PM

SF

“ Shell & The Entire Heater Family lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr



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**Shell & The Entire Heater Family** - January 25, 2021 at 06:22 PM

BR

“ *Jan and Brotha are reunited he's at peace. My condolences to you all sending love and strength your way.* ”

**Beverly Ray** - January 25, 2021 at 05:52 PM

CJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the Waller family.* ”



*Carolyn Johnson*



**Carolyn Johnson** - January 25, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ *William Walker lit a candle in memory of James W. "Brotha" Waller Jr* ”



**William Walker** - January 25, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Dear Waller Family,*

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*

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**Cedric Burnam** - January 25, 2021 at 05:12 PM