



Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.

June 11, 2012

Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr., age 56, a longtime Utican and more recently of Stittville, went home to be with the Lord when he passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 11, 2012 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded with the love and support of his family.

Nathaniel was born in Palatka, Florida on October 29, 1955 to Bernice (Smalls) Murphy and the late Nathaniel Walker Sr. He spent much of his youth in Florida, and relocated to Utica in 1971 where he graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1973. Although November 13, 1982 marked the date of his marriage to Rosie Wright, it was years before that they had begun to share their

lives. They rejoiced at their blended family and the blessing of their grandchildren, and they worked together to accomplish this grand goal. They were truly admired for their open hearts and caring ways.

Blessed with great strength of mind and body and a strong work ethic, Nathaniel held positions at Foster Paper Company, Kelsey Hayes, and Special Metals. He was currently employed with the Utica City School District as a light equipment operator, a position he held for 29 years. Nathaniel was the patriarch of his clan, a beloved paternal figure, and an awesome teacher who believed in

living an honest life. Nathaniel was the center of many gatherings; whether it was a backyard barbecue where he could be seen strategically aligning

visitor's cars or leading others to sing in gospel songs. He had a flair for "one-liners" and could put a twist on any topic and he will be remembered for his "I tell theory."

At home he was a craftsman, perfectionist, and a Mr. Fix-It. He enjoyed gardening and landscaping, and had an eye for detail, especially when it came to his meticulously manicured lawn. It was common knowledge that with his "green thumb" Nathaniel could grow collard greens on concrete. He was an avid outdoor sportsman and when he fished, "He cast, and they came". Similarly, when he hunted deer he seemed to have a special "whisper" to draw them near. He had a way with his dogs who responded quickly to his commands. As a water enthusiast, he often gathered friends and family for boat rides. Nathaniel had a flair for fashion but especially could masterfully "re-design" a tee shirt. For relaxation, he favored western flicks, chiefly Gunsmoke marathons and he was a gifted card player who chose his partners strategically and the house rule was that his team would always win! He was a Mason, a member of the Cornhill Fish & Game Club, the Elks Lodge and volunteered for many social and civic causes. But Nathaniel's greatest love was spending quality time with his grandchildren whom he loved dearly. The fact that he lived to see and love his children's children was a special accomplishment of his life. He beamed with happiness when they showed him affection before others. All in all, Nathaniel was a Christian man, and he honored the Lord and his teachings. In 2005, he accepted the Lord as his Savior.

Nathaniel is survived by his wife, Rosie; his mother, Bernice Murphy; his sons and daughters-in-law, Nathaniel Walker III, Michael "Patricia" Washington, James "Stella" Bell, Taj "Heather" Bell, Romare Walker, and the memory of his son Tennell Washington who preceded him in death in December 1984; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles "Tracie" Murphy, Tondrick "Kenya" Murphy, all of Maryland; his sisters and brother-in-law, Charlesetta Murphy, Jacqueline "Pastor Robby" Rhodes, Alberta Murphy, all of Arizona; Loretta and Pamela Walker of Florida.

Nathaniel's life was made complete with the unique relationships he shared with his 20 grandchildren: Andraya, Sabastian, Giavanna, Isabella, Andru; Roy, Chanel, Durrell, Santana, Michael, Moenae, Montanae; Stephanie, Alyssa, Nyanna, Darnell; Taj Jr.; Jomare, Antonio and Rosiya; and his 2 great-grandchildren, Roy Jr. and Roy. In addition, he leaves his mother-in-law Barbara Wright; in-laws Alice, Doris, Erma, Barbara "Marshell", Arlene, Bobby "La Shone", Yancey "Linda", Jimmy and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, his aunts, Catherine "James" Scott, Irene Johnson, Alberta Scott, all of Florida; his uncles, Lonnie Smalls of Georgia, Frank Smalls, Isaiah Smalls, Samuel Smalls, all of Florida. He was also blessed with a host of faithful friends. He was predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Graves and brother-in-law, Alvin Wright.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nathaniel's Home Going Celebration which will be held on Saturday morning at 9:00 at Believers Miracle Deliverance Ministries, 207 Eagle Street, Utica, NY 13501 with Apostle Willie J. Steele officiating. Interment will follow in New Forest Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially Dr. Win, and the staff of Critical Care, all who offered attentive and comforting concern.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Cammi Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



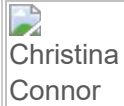
Cammi Jacobs - December 11, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Cammi Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Cammi Jacobs - December 11, 2020 at 12:29 PM



Christina Connor

“ Christina Connor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Christina Connor - January 15, 2016 at 08:34 AM



RW

“ Rosie Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



rosie walker - June 18, 2012 at 05:46 PM



RW

June you are my world, I miss you so much, my tears are endless and my heart wont stop hurting. everyone that knew you loved you but I loved you more. I know you will have everyone in heaven smiling, we shall be together again. I love you with all my heart and soul.

rosie walker - June 18, 2012 at 06:01 PM



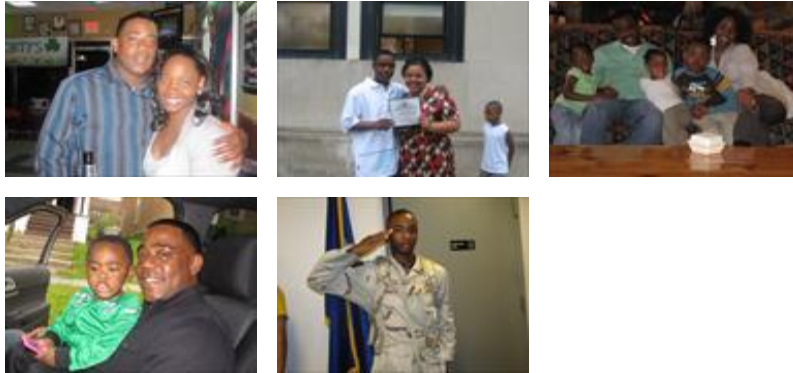
LD

*I have known you both for years & the love you both shared was so rare. The admiration, the peace & joy..My heart is heavy for your beautiful wife & your children. I honor the place within you of love, light, of truth & peace; your journey here has ended,but a new- even brighter one has begun; the love you taught us- instilled in your loving family & in everyone you touched will remain with us for ever.
We love you June. I love you Rosie. I am praying that God strengthens you & sends you peace. Celebrate his life Rosie.
Laurie Dapice*

Laurie Dapice - June 20, 2012 at 09:33 PM

MW

“ 15 files added to the album New Album Name



Michael & Patricia Washignton - June 18, 2012 at 03:14 PM

MG

Micheal sorry to hear of your Dad's pasting. Our Lord has taken him to a place of Glory, and no more pain., And you will be together again one day. Bless u and your family at this time . Love Miss Michele

Michele Hahn Garcia - June 18, 2012 at 09:39 PM

SR

“ Stephanie Marie Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Stephanie Marie Rodriguez - June 18, 2012 at 11:43 AM

SR

Grandpa i Miss Yuh Yuh Been On My Mind ...!!! i Know in My Heart Yuhr Telling Me Everythings Going Tew Be Okay Like Yuh Always Did i Love Yuh Grandpa ...!!

Stephanie Marie Rodriguez - June 18, 2012 at 11:45 AM

DS

“ Deana Smiljic lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Deana Smiljic - June 17, 2012 at 07:18 PM

DS

RIP Nate.

Deana Smiljic - June 17, 2012 at 07:24 PM

Y(

“ Nathan and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I just heard about your dad's passing today. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have memories of Dudley Ave with you and your dad and Aunt Brenda. When our love ones pass on they take a piece of our heart with them. And they are always close to you because they are a part of your heart always and forever. Nathan my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.. June Rest In Peace.
Aunt Yolanda



Yolanda Dischiavo (Cavo) - June 16, 2012 at 08:42 PM

MF

“ Moronda (Chastine) Facyson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Moronda (Chastine) Facyson - June 15, 2012 at 06:15 PM

JS

“ To the family of Nate, please except our condolences for your loss. Our prayers are with you all. Ed & Jackie Seymour, Sr. Tampa, Fl.

Jackie Seymour - June 15, 2012 at 02:36 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



June 15, 2012 at 02:09 PM



"Lit a Candle for My Grandfather, love you Andru

June 15, 2012 at 02:11 PM

SJ

“ Rosie & Family
Please accept our sincere sympathy for your loss. Working, good times & memories of M.L. King School will not be forgotten for all the years. "GOD" will be with all you & our thoughts & prayers are with you, also.



Peace Be With You
Steve & Barb Joswick

Steve & Barb Joswick - June 15, 2012 at 01:29 PM

NS

“ Nicole Sterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Nicole Sterling - June 15, 2012 at 10:31 AM

MH

“ Mr. & Mrs. Edward (Ann) Harvey. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



mr. & mrs. edward (ann) harvey. - June 15, 2012 at 07:05 AM

MS

junebug and i go way back to the day of living a cross the street from one another, it was sad to find out of his passing , when i had just spoken with him , the first of may , when i was in utica, ,our words went like ,what are u doing here in utica, crazy school bus driver, i said taken care of some things ,ask was he still working and driving truck for the school, girl he said u no i,am not going no where, he ask me was i driving down in north carolina , yes i said just part time. junebug , will be missed by those that love him, and who share the things ,in comment with him, we always bet who would cathe the big bass, i said i would be back in june for bass season, junes last words to me , was be safe on ur trip back home to north carolina, see u in june dont, for get to bring ur poles , my prayes goes out rose and the family, i say to my friend junebug ,i,ll see u in heaven my friend with my poles. your friend ann harvey.

mrs.eddie (ann) harvey . sr - June 15, 2012 at 07:37 AM

MH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Edward (Ann) Harvey. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



mr. & mrs. edward (ann) harvey. - June 15, 2012 at 07:05 AM

KP

“ *Karen Pulice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



Karen Pulice - June 15, 2012 at 05:15 AM

RR

“ *Rob Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



Rob Rhodes - June 15, 2012 at 02:28 AM

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CS

“ *Celestine Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



Celestine Stubbs - June 14, 2012 at 11:00 PM

CS

I love and miss you Uncle Nate. You were my father's other half. I know you two are embracing eachother now and catching big ones in heaven. Love, your oldest niece

Celestine Stubbs - June 14, 2012 at 11:09 PM

CM

“ *Charlesetta Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



Charlesetta Murphy - June 14, 2012 at 10:32 PM

CM

"Rise up Junebug, Rise up," and so you did, in spirit to be with the lord! Rest in Peace, My Beloved Brother! Although I know your in the arms of GOD, I will miss your smile and the fun we shared. Your Spirit will always be with me, Love You Always!

Charlesetta Murphy - June 14, 2012 at 11:13 PM

ST

“ *Shaquiya Tullis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



Shaquiya Tullis - June 14, 2012 at 10:14 PM

ST

Uncle Bug words cannot express how much you mean to sooo many people, family, friends, coworkers, etc! I know that you are in heaven smiling down on all of us, I will forever cherish the memories that I have of you. Rest Peacefully Uncle Bug, Love You!

Shaquiya Tullis - June 14, 2012 at 10:30 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



Jennifer Crawford - June 14, 2012 at 09:17 PM

CH

“ *Charles & Debbie Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



Charles & Debbie Henderson - June 14, 2012 at 09:05 PM

SR

“ *i love yuh grandpa yuh will always be in my heart <3*

Stephanie Marie Rodriguez - June 14, 2012 at 05:57 PM

DW

“ Dawn Winston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Dawn Winston - June 14, 2012 at 05:40 PM

DW

Rosie, My prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Dawn Winston - June 14, 2012 at 05:42 PM

RG

“ Rev.&Mrs.Arthur Gary lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Rev.&Mrs.Arthur Gary - June 14, 2012 at 05:19 PM

RG

To The (Family) of Mr. Walker, Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. look to the hills for your strength. Remember this one thing to be absent from the body is to be present with the lord.

Rev.&Mrs.Arthur Gary - June 14, 2012 at 05:29 PM

SH

“ Sheila M. Holliman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Sheila M. Holliman - June 14, 2012 at 04:39 PM

MB

“ *MARY BURKE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



MARY BURKE - June 14, 2012 at 02:59 PM

NP

“ *NANCY PORTER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



NANCY PORTER - June 14, 2012 at 02:14 PM

KW

“ *Kara Bottini & Jarvis Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



kara bottini & jarvis washington - June 14, 2012 at 01:35 PM

NA

“ *Nick Angerosa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.*



Nick Angerosa - June 14, 2012 at 01:19 PM

NM

“ Nick Angerosa, Cathy And Joey Massoud lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Nick Angerosa, Cathy and Joey Massoud - June 14, 2012 at 01:18 PM

SH

“ Sharon Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Sharon Hawkins - June 14, 2012 at 12:53 PM

UJ

“ Ulysses Rodriguez-Lewis Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Ulysses Rodriguez-Lewis Jr - June 14, 2012 at 12:35 PM

TK

“ Tammy "Brough" Karrat lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel "Junebug" Walker Jr.



Tammy "Brough" Karrat - June 14, 2012 at 07:09 AM

TK

I will miss seeing your face at work and our little chats we had. Your smile was so contagious and always lightened the room. Love and miss you Uncle June! Until we meet again.....

Tammy "Brough" Karrat - June 14, 2012 at 07:11 AM

KB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Karen Bell - June 14, 2012 at 04:59 AM

KB

Thank you for being a great father in law to me dad and I will always have you in my thoughts. Miss and love you a lot.

Karen Bell - June 14, 2012 at 05:01 AM

NP

“ *I WILL ALWAYS MISS U UNCLE NATE! AND U WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART..*

natasha nicole peterson - June 13, 2012 at 09:42 PM