



Mrs. Lavern Jeanette Walker

May 8, 1952 - May 1, 2024

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“ *Warren Ellis Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Lavern Walker*



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“### Tribute to Ms. Jeanette Walker

Ms. Jeanette Walker, originally known to many as Ms. Jeanette Henderson, was a beacon of hope and an unwavering pillar of strength in the City of McComb. Coming from a humble background, she lived in the old projects, embodying resilience and determination. Her passion for uplifting the community, particularly its poor and its youth, led her to seek support from me and State Representative David Myers. Little did we know at the time just how influential she already was within the community.

Ms. Walker quickly revealed herself to be a formidable force—a grassroots organizer whose impact was profound and far-reaching. Recognizing her potential, we eagerly joined forces with her, leveraging her influence to drive meaningful change in McComb. Through her dedication, she empowered young people by revitalizing the youth branch of the NAACP.

Her partnership with Mr. L.H. Warren, the State Youth Council Leader Director of the State NAACP, was transformative. Under his mentorship, she mastered the principles of the NAACP, ultimately leading the number one youth council in the state of Mississippi, boasting over 300 active members at its peak. Ms. Walker's efforts were instrumental in the election of Derrick Johnson, now the National President of the NAACP, to the state office.

Her commitment to social justice and equality saw her traveling across the country with young people, exposing them to critical issues and inspiring them to become advocates for change. As the first female president of the McComb Branch of the NAACP, where I had the honor of serving as her vice president, she became a galvanizing force. Her prayer breakfasts and Martin Luther King Day celebrations were legendary, and her forums for political candidates were known and respected throughout Pike County.

Ms. Walker's influence extended far beyond McComb. She was

known and admired by Governors, Congressmen, Judges, and Mayors alike. Her ability to bring people together and inspire action made her a revered and sometimes feared figure in the community.

On a personal level, Ms. Walker was more than a colleague; she was a dear friend whom I loved deeply. Her passing leaves a profound void in my heart and in the hearts of all who knew her. While she can never be replaced, her legacy will forever be remembered in McComb.

Ms. Jeanette Walker's contributions to our country, our state, our city, our children, and our entire race as Black people are immeasurable. We honor her memory, her relentless spirit, and her unwavering commitment to justice. She will never be forgotten.

Rest in peace, Ms. Jeanette Walker. Your legacy lives on in the hearts of those you touched and the community you transformed.

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“ *Our staff will continue to keep your family in our prayers. We thank you for allowing us to serve your family.*

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