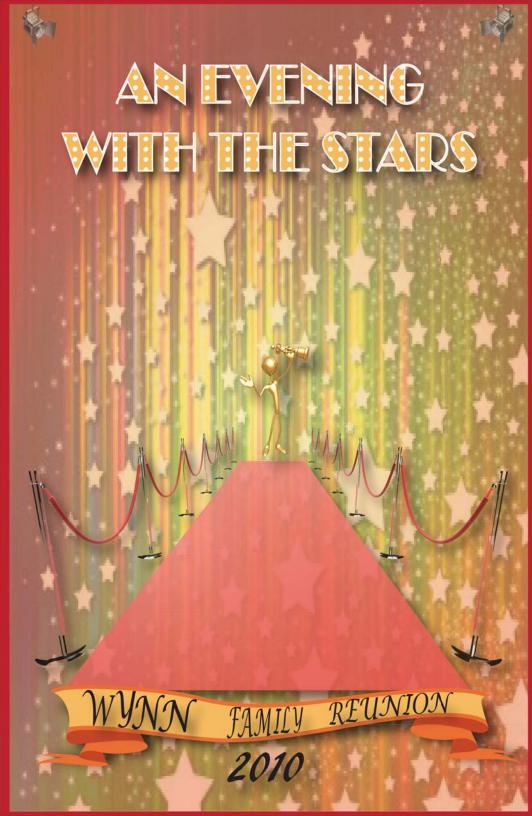
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### THE BLACK FAMILY PLEDGE

BECAUSE we have forgotten our ancestors, our children no longer give us honor.

BECAUSE we have lost the path our ancestors cleared kneeling in perilous undergrowth, our children cannot find their way.

BECAUSE we have banished the God of our ancestors, our children cannot pray.

BECAUSE the old wails of our ancestors have faded beyond our hearing, our children cannot hear us crying.

BECAUSE we have abandoned our wisdom of mothering and fathering, our befuddled children give birth to children they neither want nor understand.

BECAUSE we have forgotten how to love, the adversary is within our gates, an holds us up to the mirror of the world shouting,

"Regard the loveless"

Therefore we pledge to bind ourselves to one another, to embrace our lowliest, to keep company with our loneliest, to educate our illiterate, to feed our starving, to clothe our ragged, to do all good things, knowing that we are more than keepers of our brothers and sisters.

We ARE our brothers and sisters.

IN HONOR of those who toiled and implored God with golden tongues, and in gratitude to the same God who brought us out of hopeless desolation, we make this pledge.

Maya Angelou

We the Wynn Family Reunion Committee of 2010 would like to thank each of you for your commitment and participation in this year reunion. This has been a labor of love and we pray that something said or done will bring us even closer to one another. We love you and appreciate all that you do for your family. May God continue to richly bless and keep you until we meet again.



### AN EVENING WITH THE STARS

Presentation of the Dream Girls of the Walker Family
Shanuta Walker, Yvonne Hill, Juanita Tucker, Rita Walker

Welcome and Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony

Ms. Nikitria Walker

Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Suzette Walker

Poetic Tribute

Mr. Terrence Walker

Blessing of the Occasion

**Sharon Walker Peterson** 

Banquet

Humanitarian Honor Award

Mayor of the City of Petersburg, Mrs. Annie M. Mickens

Special Presentations

Family & Friends

Skit

Andre' and Rita

Special Presentations Family & Friends

Dream Girl

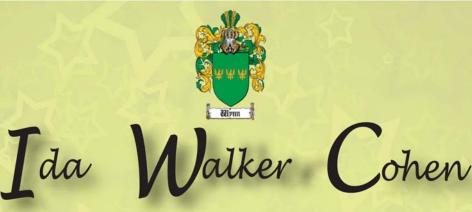
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**Dream Girls Presentation** 

**Descendants of Elizabeth Wynn** 

Remarks

Closing





Ida is the surviving child of Elizabeth Wynn she was born February 22, 1915. She is a very vibrant lady that truly loves people and life. She has left her legacy in the city of Petersburg as a young woman that did not let society dictate the status quo for her life. She tore down racial barriers with one firm and kind word at a time. She often reflects back to the time she was offered the job on the spot by Dr. Jackerson, who was a physician in the City of Petersburg. It was perfect timing. He had just married his secretary and he needed a replacement and Ida was just the lady for the job.

Dr. Jackerson and his wife grew fond of Ida so much that they treated her with the utmost respect in their establishment. They provided her with tools that were not offered to all in order to become a successful African American. Ida recalled how she arrived to work soaking wet from the downpour of rain and how Dr. Jackerson insisted that his wife take her home to change into dry shoes and clothing. Ida informed the good doctor that she only had two pairs of shoes - one pair for Sunday, one pair for work. Dr. Jackerson also insisted that his wife take Ida to Standard James store and purchase her a pair of new work shoes. Without giving it a second thought Mrs. Jackerson gladly took Ida to make the purchase. Dr. Jackerson and his wife became apart of her family. He was the individual responsible for the union of her and her husband Robert O, Cohn in 1944. The good doctor remained an influential part of their young lives.



# Walker Cohen James Albert Easter

Over the years Albert has enjoyed successful military and civilian careers. He is a decorated military veteran and the recipient of several professional awards for work he accomplished while serving in the public sector. Albert is an undergraduate of the University of Nebraska, Omaha (1971) and the recipient of two masters level degrees (Masters of Social Work, 1977; Masters of Public Administration, 1986) from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is an avid fan of mainstream jazz and has a collection of works by such artists as Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington. Since his retirement, Albert has developed and lost interest in his golf game, gained weight because he wants to continue eating like a teenager and discovered the beauty of afternoon naps. He maintains membership at First Baptist Church, Harrison Street, Petersburg, VA and has a strong interest and actively participates in the political activities of his community. He...is one of the good guys, and Albert Jr. we love and honor you!





## James Albert Easter



James A. Easter is the oldest son of James Easter and Maggie Coleman Easter-Ford. He was born August 21, 1936 in Dinwiddie County. Albert Jr., as he is affectionately known to most of the older family members, is also the oldest grandchild of Tillman and Bernice Easter and of Benjamin and Johnana Walker Coleman. He is a long time resident of Petersburg, Virginia where he attended the public schools and is a proud graduate of Peabody High School.. .Class of 1953. Albert is married to the former Constance Mitchell (46 yrs.). They are the parents of three (3) children, Darryl, Dwayne and Dawn and grandparents to four (4) grandchildren.

Albert is a military retiree, having served over twenty (20) years of active military Service in the United States Army. During his military service he completed assignments with numerous military organizations in both the Continental United States and in Over Seas Commands. He is a Vietnam War veteran having served two (2) tours in that area. Having attained the rank of Major, Albert retired from the Army in October 1975. Shortly after retirement from the military, he was selected for employment as Director of Human Resources at Southside Virginia Training Center; a position he held for approximately ten (10) years. Following his tenure at Southside Virginia Training Center, Albert was selected to serve as Director Human Resources for the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice a position he held until his retirement from work on October 2004.





### Ida Walker Cohen

When Ida married her husband, a soldier she met in Fort Lee, she was afforded the opportunity to travel. She lived in Boston and worked for a company that initially did not hire black people until Ida arrived. Ida worked for that company before returning to Petersburg where she decided she would apply the principles Dr. Phillip Jackerson shared with her. Ida and her husband purchased their first real estate piece of property, which laid the foundation for her and her husband to make a property purchase each year. This inspired her son Robert Cohn to become a son after his parent's heart. Bobby has been an influential part in his mother life after the passing of his father. He received his B.A. Political Science from California State University in Hayward and a Master of Arts Degree in Management emphasis in Organizational Development at John F. Kennedy University in Orinda, CA. He later became certified in Real Estate through Merritt Community College in order to continue what his parents started, educating, informing, and empowering individuals to become home owners. Over the years he has become a First Time Home Buyers Specialist, Seniors Real Estate Specialist, Pre-foreclosure/Short Sale Specialist and currently he is the President of the Board of Directors at Merritt Real Estate Forum with a membership close to 600 members. Bobby has been a great son to his mother, and ensures that her every wish is his command.

Ida has been an inspiration to all of us. Even with the numerous amount of nieces, nephews and cousins, she knows each of them by name, *PUMPKIN*. She has a way of making each of us feel special. When she was asked about her secrets for longevity she kindly replied, "Waking up to gardening by 8:30 am, retuning into the house for a late breakfast, my mid day nap, and retuning to my garden, also eating squash everyday Pumpkin."

Ida Cohen we love and honor you for your love that is given to all and the contribution you have made to the Wynn family.









Eva Wilson Wynn was born in Dinwiddie Virginia, in the year of 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Keys Wilson. She married Mr. Roosevelt Wynn, the son John Wynn in 1913. Eva and Roosevelt had two vibrant girls, Dora Lee and Molly Eva Wynn. Eva left Dinwiddie to gain a start from the South. The first stop was Washington D.C., where she worked a few years and decided to continue her travels. She made Philadelphia, PA her home where she worked and retired in 1975. God has blessed and kept Eva Wilson Wynn with us for many years. Her family and friends are a great inspiration in her life. Eva is a pleasant person and rarely complains about anything. She gives thanks God for her life.



Benjamin Walker "BA" is the descendent of Elizabeth Wynn and James Walker. He is the grandson of the late Levi Walker and Arlene Walker Batts. He was born March 20, 1958. "BA" graduated from Petersburg High School in 1977. He is married to Mrs. Annie Torrance Walker. They have a daughter, Tiffany and a grandson Kareem Torrance. "BA" has four sisters; Annette Walker, Diane Walker, Tammy Walker, and Tracey Walker. He is the proud uncle of nine nieces and nephews and four great nieces and nephews.

After high school graduation, he worked with the family business, Coker's Roofing. In 1979 "BA" decided he wanted something different for his life, so he joined the U.S. Navy. Benjamin loved his job. As the years passed he found himself working various jobs after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy due to injuries. He became an electrician for 15 years, worked for the United States Postal Service, and the Chesapeake Public School System where he retired. He loves playing chess, leisure fishing from the pier and catering to his wife. He loves his family and he fully believes in the following saying, "Always Love and Trust God and Keep Him first in your life." We honor you.







## Pinkie Walker Hill

Last but not least another baby disrupted Thanksgiving dinner in 1949, Phillip Nathaniel Walker was born, married to Gloria Walker.

Before Pinkie Alfreda Walker Hill was united in holy matrimony to Larry Richard Hill on August 19, 1961; Alfred Nolan Walker was born January 27, 1959. They were blessed with two more beautiful children: Larry Washington Hill and Yvonne Alisa Hill. She has five grandchildren; Kenny Kenyon Felts (deceased), Paula S. Parker, Cassie Banks, Brittney A. Hill and Jada McLaughlin and two handsome great grandsons; Gionne and Tayon Gibson. Pinkie has a host of devoted nieces, great-nieces, nephews, great-nephews and cousins.

Rev. Pinkie W. Hill is an associate minister of Gravel Run Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Larry D. Brown. Pinkie Hill was licensed and ordained to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. She is a graduate of Virginia State University with a B.S. degree in education and a graduate of Richmond Virginia Seminary, with a Master of Divinity. She serves as a teacher for the Eastside Sunday School Union and Gravel Run Sunday School Ministry. She is a volunteer Chaplain at John Randolph Medical Center and Southside Regional Medical Center. She enjoys working with the Mary Carter Beacon House once a month. Pinkie enjoys teaching Bible study weekly at the Gill Haven, adult students in preparation for GED testing in Dinwiddie at the Petersburg City Jail. Rev Hill is a mother three children, grandmother of four and a great-grandmother of three. For all of your love, hard work and endeavors we honor you.





### izzie May Washington Wilson



Mrs. Wilson was born October 11, 1922. She is the grand-daughter of Henrietta Wynn and the daughter of Alice Wynn Day and Robert Day. She is the sister of the late David, John, and Virginia Day. Over eighty years she has been a great inspiration to her family. She had nine children from her first union to Mr. Lee Washington. She loves each of them dearly. Her children are Juanita Washington, Cathleen Washington, Linda (Andre) Pope, Robert Washington (deceased), David (Mary) Washington, Eugene Washington (deceased), Bernard (Gloria) Washington, Gilbert (Gene) Washington and Leroy (Dawn) Washington. She also showers her love to the host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

As the years past on she remarried the love of her life, Mr. Bryant Wilson. To hear her mention his very name, makes her light up with joy even though he has gone on to glory. She is a member of Gravel Run Baptist Church which is the home church of many of the Wynn family members. Mrs. Lizzie, as many call her, retired from Central State Hospital where she worked for over 30 years. She expresses how she enjoys life after retirement. Crocheting is something that Lizzie loves. She has crocheted over 150 pieces. She enjoys cooking especially baking. Mrs. Lizzie is best known for her sense of humor. She is able to make you laugh with her stories and recollections about life and what it can offer you. Mrs. Lizzie continues to share her wisdom with the younger generation. Her most powerful statement is, "Young people need to stay in school and learn some sense about life, because there won't be jobs out there for the foolish folk or the foolishness." We honor you







## Nay Harper Pinkie Walker Hill



Lillie May is the daughter of Fanny Walker and Mr. Peter Jones. She was born in the county of Dinwiddie Virginia, October 24, 1926. Cousin Lillie was married to the love of her life, Mr. Author James Harper (Plunky) for over 50 years. Through their union they had three beautiful children that have the same loving and caring spirit that she possess. Shirley Harper Branch, Richard Harper, and Ollie H. Brook who has taken flight to be with her heavenly father. Lillie May is a very caring and giving person and has held the reigning title for over eighty years as mama, mother, and ma. She has eight grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and four great, great grand children.

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Lillie May's favorite pass time is maintaining her home, cooking for thr family, and shopping. She makes time to watch her favorite television programs, Wheel of Fortune and Dr. Oz. She is passionate about her love for Christ and the family. The Living Legacy shall live on! We honor you!



Living my life like it is golden began February 26, 1940. Pinkie was welcomed into this life by the late Willie Wynn and Myra Elois Tucker Walker. She was told that her father remarked, "how skinny and pink you are". He also said, "You look like a baby possum". They decided to name their first baby girl "Pinkie" for her grandmother, Pinkie Butcher Tucker who was deceased at the time. The baby girl's full name is Pinkie Alfreda Walker. This baby girl had an older brother born July 19, 1935 name Lee Ernest Walker (deceased) who was married to Janie Walker.

Pinkie was born during a blizzard! It was hard for the midwife to get to the home, however, she was born quite healthy, just tiny and pink. The remedy during those days, were cod liver oil to give the baby weight. Pinkie was well loved and enjoyed by her parents and big brother, Ernest. Pinkie and her brother grew up together very close. She followed him every where he went.

Five years later, early on Christmas day 1944, an addition to the family arrived. The next child born was Constance Geraldine Walker Coker on Christmas Day, 1944. Santa had to make room for baby girl Constance. Connie married Ernest Coker (deceased). Along came another addition to the Walker's posse; born on February 25, 1948, Sharon (Lizzie Ten) Elizabeth Walker Peterson, married to Emmett Peterson.



### Effie Lee Walker



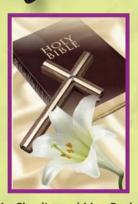
Effie Lee Walker was born on January 12, 1935 in Dinwiddie, Virginia. She is one of eleven children born to Flossie Consuela Vanderbilt Walker and Robert Andrew Walker. She was named after her grandmother who was a full blooded Cherokee Indian. She attended Popular Spring Elementary School. She went on to attend Dinwiddie High School. Effie met her future husband, Pastor Willie James Ballard, at the age of fifteen. They were married three years later on September 13, 1953 at the Bethesda Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Petersburg, Virginia. Effie and Willie moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania a few years later in 1957.

They dwelled in Philadelphia for thirty one years. She bore eighteen children and raised fifteen to adulthood. Effie is loved by all who meet her. She is also an adored mother of the church, wife and homemaker. Effie, never one to be idle, baked home made deserts to sell and babysat the neighborhood's children. In 1998 the family purchased a second home in Pennsgrove, New Jersey. They lived there for the next sixteen years. Effie and her husband made the difficult decision to move back to Philadelphia to be closer to her children and grandchildren following his illness in 2006. Currently, she still resides in Philadelphia where she continues to be a loving mother, wife, friend, counselor and precious child of God to her fifty one grandchildren, thirty eight great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. We do honor you, Effie Lee Walker.





### Willie Meaner Branch



Mrs. Branch is the daughter of Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Rodell Wynn and the granddaughter of Major Wynn. She is the only surviving sibling. Willie Meaner is the sister of the late Floyd Wynn, who was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Wynn, who took flight to glory this past year. Mrs. Branch married Mr. Frank Branch. Through their union they had two wonderful children, Vernon and Patricia. She has one grandson, Romeo Branch and a great-grandson. Willie Meaner accepted Christ at an early age. She is a faithful member of Gravel Run Baptist Church, Dinwiddie Virginia where you will find her any given Sunday with a sharp hat upon her crown of glory. She is a great care giver to her family. She believes that family is very important. Gardening, cooking, and talking to people are just a few things that she enjoys doing. She has a way of telling it like it is. When she speaks, we listen, because she speaks the truth. No one could ask for a more genuine person than Mrs. Willie Meaner Branch. We love you and honor you for all that you do!







Mrs. Myrick Graves is the daughter of Kenneth Myrick and Henrietta Wynn Myrick. She was born October 12, 1927. Mr. John Graves has been delighted to know that his soul mate, "B" as he calls her was born, who he is still in love with. They have one son, Walter Aaron Graves who is married to Mrs. Shelia Graves, Mrs. B is the proud grandmother of Bryan Graves. Mrs. B has one surviving sibling, Mr. Kenneth L. Myrick. Mrs. Beatrice has been a pillar in

She served as an educator for over thirty-one years with the Petersburg Public Schools System. Mrs. B's years of retirement have been joyous. Mrs. Myrick enjoys traveling to her favorite destinations which includes New York, California, and Florida. As a Christian she believes in serving the Lord faithfully. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Harrison Street, Petersburg VA, where she is an active member. Mrs. B has served as a choir member, Sunday School Teacher, Superintendant of the Sunday school, and presided over District A3 Baptist General Convention. Currently she is a member of the Senior Missionary Circle. Mrs. Beatrice Myrick Graves continues to live a full life serving God and loving her family and friends. For this we honor you!



### Beatrice Myrick Graves Charles Inwood Walker



Charles was born July 12, 1939 in Dinwiddie County to the late Eddie and Alease Beasley Walker. He is the only survivor of his siblings, Edward Walker and Delia Walker Clanton. Charles attended Dinwiddie County Public Schools. He was employed with Southside Virginia Training Center in Petersburg VA for many years where he retired from in 1991. On May 11, 1965 Charles married the apple of his eye, Mrs. Nanny Maze Walker. They have been married happily for 44 years. They have two children, Jacqueline Walker and Kenneth Hall. He is the proud grandfather of Thornton, Darién, and Jayla Hall. At an early age, he joined Gravel Run Baptist Church. He is a member of the New First Baptist Church of Petersburg, Virginia for twenty-six years. Charles is an active and hardworking soldier for the Lord. He is currently the president of the Male Chorus, Trusty Board and the Male Ushers Board. Charles Walker you are honored for your commitment to your family, friends, and community!

