



## Melanie Shari Walker

July 3, 1985 - November 4, 2021

Melanie Shari Walker was born July 3, 1985 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to her loving parents, Virginia Perry and the late Michael M. Walker, Sr. From the moment Melanie opened her eyes, she was ready to take on the world with her energetic spirit. Melanie confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Olive Baptist Church where Gaylord Thompson was the pastor.

Melanie was vivacious, intelligent, joyful, ambitious, beautiful and extremely talented. Melanie attended Hamilton Elementary School and Riverside. While at Harrisburg High School, she excelled academically being on the honor roll every marking period as well as participating in various high school activities. Melanie applied for many colleges and was accepted to several; but her main goal was to attend Howard University, and she did. She entered Howard University in the fall of 2003; it was there where she really stepped into her greatness as an aspiring entrepreneur. She created her illustrious jewelry brand, "Maylani Jewels," that was showcased in stores in Harrisburg, PA, Washington, DC, in trunk shows in New York, NY, and even created a special line for the 365 Girl Foundation for girls between Chicago, IL, and Los Angeles, CA, in later years. She helped put together events on Howard's campus, participating in several fashion showcases while on campus.

In the fall of 2005, Melanie found her way to the International Fraternity of

Delta Sigma Pi, Iota Rho Chapter, one of the largest coeducational professional business fraternities in the country. She was initiated alongside 12 others that formed the “B.O.U.R.N.E. Supremacy” and was given the very fitting name, “Flawless Gem.” Melanie believed in the power of business, specifically entrepreneurship and was an avid leader within the Institute for Entrepreneurship, Leadership & Innovation that focused on supporting and empowering future entrepreneurs. She made life-long bonds at Howard University and ultimately planted her roots in Washington, DC, after graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration in the spring of 2007.

Midway through 2020, Melanie noticed an issue with opening her right eye. She sought medical attention and by October she was diagnosed with an extreme form of neuroendocrine cancer. She courageously fought through her diagnosis and despite very challenging times with treatment she approached her journey with faith and optimism. She did not allow her circumstances to determine the vigor she had for life. She recognized quickly the importance of every minute and decided to have a celebration for her 36th birthday. In true Melanie fashion, she created a beautiful eyepatch with pearls and bling to accent her fabulous birthday dress.

Melanie continued to fuel her passion and began working on her consulting business in the summer of this year. She birthed Walker Consulting to assist new businesses with enhancing their business plans, websites and operations. She eagerly established her LLC and began working with clients because helping and supporting was at the heart of who she was.

In October of this year, Melanie had a procedure to remove a large portion of the brain tumor, with the hopes of transitioning to radiation treatment. After experiencing unexpected complications from the surgery, Melanie departed this life for eternal peace on November 4, 2021. She was ambitious, fun-

loving, an all-around beautiful person. Melanie embraced every inch of life and would do anything for family and friends. Her journey reflects a life well lived and loved.

Preceding her in death are her father, Michael M. Walker, Sr.; her grandfather, Robert Stewart; her grandmothers, Eugenia Patricia Watson and Mary (Mae) Pearl Mosley; and her great-grandfather, Preston Jackson.

Melanie leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Virginia Perry (Jackson); four siblings, Natasha, Michael, Jr., Marterra, and Sterling; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; her brothers in the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Iota Rho Chapter (Howard University); and a host of loved ones and friends.

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Melanie Shari Walker



Wallace Funeral Directors - November 17, 2021 at 07:16 PM



Rest in Peace Mel. 🙏💜

Lakeisha Brooks - November 18, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JC

“ RIP Mel! You will be missed Friend.

josette chase - November 18, 2021 at 02:31 PM

TT

“ I send prayers and my condolences to the family. Melanie was a sweet heart and had a beautiful smile that would brighten anyone’s day. Mel was a fighter til the end, as her family said even with being diagnosed she still kept pushing, and never giving up. When you was in town sometimes she would stop at our church Mount Zion Church of God in Christ; last time she came she was with her dad rest his soul. Melanie was family, and loved by many. My last time seeing her was at the Market with her mom and we talked laugh and I told her I loved her and she told me also. She ask about my mom Rosie I said she’s here and pointed to her she went over and hug and talked to my mom etc never imagined that would be the last time we would see Mel physically. Even though she isn’t here physically, her spirit and all the good memories we have with her will remain. God has you now and no more pain. Love the Holton family

Tamara Holton Trollinger - November 17, 2021 at 08:21 PM

AR

“ Melanie will truly truly be missed. Always laughing and making me laugh sometimes until we cried. One of the BEST friends you could ever have or dream of having. It feels like its been 100 years since high school but the memories that we shared will never be forgotten. I ask that God keeps the family in this time of need. Alicia "Smith" Ragland.

Alicia Ragland - November 17, 2021 at 04:00 PM

BJ

“ I met Melanie when she was in High School. She came to work with me at my beauty Shop in Mid-town Hbg. I could see her entrepreneur spirit from the start. I was always so proud of her drive for success. In loving memories Barbara and Kendra ❤️

Barbara Jackson - November 17, 2021 at 11:27 AM

PA

“ Wishing you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Patricia Allan



Patricia Allan - November 17, 2021 at 08:49 AM

AB

“ Amy Brandt lit a candle in memory of Melanie Shari Walker



Amy Brandt - November 16, 2021 at 03:08 PM

RP

“ Robyn Parker sent a virtual gift in memory of Melanie Shari Walker



Robyn Parker - November 16, 2021 at 02:46 PM

RP

“ Robyn Parker lit a candle in memory of Melanie Shari Walker



Robyn Parker - November 16, 2021 at 02:45 PM

