



## Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell

December 13, 1942 - May 18, 2021

Walter Franklin Yarrell "Frank", a loving husband, father, grandfather, and uncle departed his life on Tuesday May 18, 2021.

Walter Franklin Yarrell was born December 13, 1942 to Willie James Yarrell and Retha Mae Council Yarrell.

He graduated Bethel High School in 1961. In July 1966, Walter became Greenville's first minority fireman. He served as lieutenant for 7 years. In February 1970, Walter graduated from Pitt Technical Institute. He also attended specialized schools to further his education and skills. In 1979, Walter became the first black captain of the Greenville Fire Department. After serving 53 years, he retired from the City of Greenville.

He spent most of his days after retirement traveling and working at his shop with his friends. He loved to tell his stories and talk about the old times.

Preceded him in death, his wife of 32 years, Fannie Mae Weaver Yarrell, two brothers James L. Yarrell, Eddie G. Yarrell and a sister Melba Yarrell Andrews. Walter is survived by his children, Robbie Yarrell (Jewel), Gwen Yarrell, Jeffery Yarrell (Angie), Sherry Frank, Melvin Whichard (Lillian), Michelle Whichard (Tony), Donta Yarrell (Chianne) all of Greenville NC; siblings, William R. Yarrell of Greenville N.C. Ervin Yarrell (Linda) of Columbia S.C., Willie M. Perry of Queens N.Y., Barbara Barnes, Beverly (Gene) Yarrell, and Shelia Y. Taylor all of Greenville NC; a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *REV.MILTON&DELORSE STATON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*



**REV.MILTON&DELORSE STATON FAMILY** - June 02, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your love one. Memories of Frank and family will be with us forever. We are praying that God will shower His strength upon each of you during this most difficult time.*

*Eddie and Faye Chance*

**Faye** - May 25, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Mr. Yarrell was a good man, humorous and full of wisdom. He and my father, Charles Clemons, attended school together. My condolences to the family. You are in my prayers.*

**Doris Clemons Hill** - May 22, 2021 at 09:09 PM

DH

“ *Doris Clemons Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*



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**Doris Clemons Hill** - May 22, 2021 at 09:04 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their.*



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - May 22, 2021 at 01:24 PM

IE

“ *To the Yarrell Family:  
We are sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.  
Mack Ebron, Jr. & Izora Ebron  
Norwalk, CT*

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**Izora Ebron** - May 21, 2021 at 08:53 PM

MO

“ *Praying for the family*❤️



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**Monica** - May 21, 2021 at 01:06 PM

JB

“ Praying for you and the family that God will comfort you and give you strength .



Julie L Bunn - May 21, 2021 at 12:49 PM

LD

“ Dakotah sorry for the loss of your grandfather Captain Yarrell. He was a wonderful friend when we worked together at the City of Greenville. He was very proud of you and your military career.



Laura L. Dupree - May 21, 2021 at 09:54 AM

JP

“ We are all so very very sorry for your loss of such an dynamic individual. We will miss uncle Frank deeply and are sending our heartfelt condolences, healing, and prayers. We love you all so very much.



Love,  
Joseph "Reggie" Perry and the whole New York Perry Family.

Joseph Perry - May 21, 2021 at 09:24 AM

WP

“ *Sending love and condolences to my nieces and nephews and their families. I know how much he loved you all and I will continue to keep you in my prayers and thoughts.*  
*Love,*  
*Aunt Willie Mae Perry in New York*



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**Willie Mae Perry** - May 21, 2021 at 09:20 AM

WC

“ *Walter And Mildred Council lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*



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**Walter and Mildred Council** - May 21, 2021 at 12:14 AM

JY

“ *James Earl Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*



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**James Earl Yarrell** - May 20, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Mary Ann Darby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*



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**Mary Ann Darby** - May 20, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Nettes Childcare sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*



Nettes Childcare - May 20, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *Janice Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*



Janice Reid - May 20, 2021 at 07:55 AM



“ *the family of Rufus Spain sorry to hear of the lost of your brother prayers go to the family of Hattie and Janice*



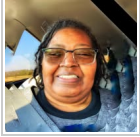
Janice Reid - May 20, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ *Dianna Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell*



Dianna Daniels - May 19, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Sending deepest sympathy.* ”



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**Joyce Daniels** - May 19, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *Iris Celestine sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell* ”



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**Iris Celestine** - May 19, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ *Glenda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell* ”



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**Glenda Jackson** - May 19, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Franklin Yarrell* ”



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - May 19, 2021 at 03:44 PM

BT

“ *Gwen, Robbie, Jeffrey and Dontae, May God's promise to comfort you all during the passing of your father. Frank was a wonderful man in the Hillsdale Community to all the children when their bikes need air or a tire needed to be plugged. Cherish all the special memories, God bless you all*  
*Brenda Pippins-Tyson*



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**Brenda Tyson** - May 19, 2021 at 03:27 PM