



James "Dr. Daddio" Walker

April 24, 1939 - January 26, 2026

Grand Celebration of Life Events for James "Dr. Daddio" Walker

Viewing/Wake:

Friday, February 6, 2026

Time: Viewing (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM)

Wake Service: (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Location: Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC

6700 Smith Rd.

Denver, CO 80207

Grand Celebration of Life

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Time: Viewing (10:00 AM)

Celebration: (11:00 AM)

Location: Macedonia Baptist Church

3240 Adams St.

Denver, CO 80205

Farewell Parade:

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Time: Following Grand Celebration of Life

Parade Route:

- North on Adams St. / Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

- Left on Bruce Randolph Ave
- Left on Downing St
- Right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd (which becomes Champa St.)
- Left on 26th Ave
- Ceremonial Stop – KDKO Radio
- Left on Welton St

Split procession:

- The carriage will turn left on Downing
- Procession vehicles will turn right
- Right on Park Ave

House Party (Repast):

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Time: Following Parade

Location: Cleo Parker Robinson Dance

119 Park Ave W

Denver, CO 80205

Please visit www.drdaddio.com for additional information regarding Dr. Daddio's Grand Celebration of Life, including his obituary, media tributes, photo gallery, and ways to share his impact directly with his family.

Grand Celebration of Life livestream link - <https://youtube.com/@macedoniabaptistchurchdenver?si=X74VKKJeZXySp7XT>

Previous Events

Viewing (Friday)

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC
6700 Smith Rd
Denver, CO 80207
(303) 963-5779

Wake (Friday)

FEB 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

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Viewing

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (MT)

Macedonia Baptist Church
3240 Adams ST
Denver, CO 80205

Grand Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ My condolences to the family. His contributions will be greatly missed and remembered.

Lynn Francis

Lynn Francis - March 23 at 02:36 PM

CT

“ I've known Dr dadio all my life listening to kdco in the 60s until the end and going to Pat's record store in the Dalia shopping center he will be truly missed a leader in the black community an beyond Chauncey Thompson 🙏❤️🌹

Chauncey Thompson - February 11 at 06:04 PM

DJ

“ Sending our love, ❤️ and Condolences, Prayers, 🙏, to our cousins! Earth has no sorrow heaven cannot heal. Rest In Peace Uncle Buster ❤️.

From: Denise, Dot, Louis , & Warren Jamison

From: Giles family

Denise Jamison - February 07 at 02:59 PM

KF

“ Kelvin and Tanya Newton & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker.



Kelvin and Tanya Newton & Family - February 06 at 05:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker.



February 06 at 03:18 PM

BA

“ Brother Barry Armstead lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker



Brother Barry Armstead - February 06 at 03:14 AM

BA

“ A library has been burnt to the ground
-Rest-N-Power beloved.

Butch Anderson



Butch Anderson - February 05 at 11:40 PM

JJ

“ Jehn-ai Jackson lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker



Jehn-ai Jackson - February 05 at 10:22 PM

AC

We extend our prayers and condolences to the "Buster" Walker family
Casceal Critton Ratcliff-Moore, Bobby Critton & Altheas Regina Critton

Altheas Critton - February 07 at 09:10 PM

RA

“ Roosevelt Wilson Family & Lee A. Wilson purchased the Simply
Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Dr. Daddio"
Walker.



Roosevelt Wilson Family & Lee A. Wilson - February 05 at 04:52 PM

LJ

“ Lady Jawana lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker



Lady Jawana - February 04 at 10:46 PM

DS

“ Della K Swanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker.

Della K Swanson - February 04 at 09:25 PM

LF

“ Lynnell, Lavonne and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker.



Lynnell, Lavonne and Family - February 04 at 12:58 AM

SB

“ Shirley Blanton lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker



Shirley Blanton - February 04 at 12:37 AM

TW

“ I Remember Dr Daddio and Pat,our family has known them for many years my uncle Lee Wilson grew up with Dr Daddio in Gibsland Louisiana and went to Colman School.. our family Called him " Buster"..Dr.Daddio was a great and knowledgeable man,who United our community In Love,Spirit and Faith.thru music With KDKO Radio, community events and his generosity..Denver has lost a voice and a legend,Our Family has lost a long time cherished family friend..To Yolanda and The Walker Family I send My Prayers And Condolences To you And May God Bless You All,and May God give you Peace, Comfort And Strength 🙏🙏
.. From Terry M.Wilson (Roosevelt and Lela Mae Wilson's Son) in Denver Colo. ...And on Behalf of Lee A. Wilson And Family Monroe Louisiana, And Mary Pearson And Family Gibsland Louisiana

Terry M. Wilson - February 03 at 09:33 PM

SJ

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE WALKER FAMILY,DR DADDIO WAS WELL KNOWN N EAST DENVER COMMUNITY BEING ON KDKO RADIO,WE ALSO WENT 2 CONCERTS HE BROUGHT 2 COMMUNITY.HE WAS A COOL GUY R.I.P.



SHARON JACKSON - February 03 at 03:52 PM



“ Pamela Carter lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker



Pamela Carter - February 03 at 04:51 AM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker.



February 02 at 06:22 PM

CB

“ From one DJ to another, may Daddio Rest In Peace.



clarence e banks - February 02 at 01:52 PM

GP

Rip u will be missed thanks for all you've done for the community

George price - February 02 at 07:01 PM

WM

“ I remember growing up and listening to KDKO blues and Saturday gospel music Sunday morning and music for lovers Sunday evening. I'm glad I experienced great music. Yolanda I'm praying for you and your family.

Winston "Dino" Keyes Mayo
Shorter community AME Church

Winston "Dino" Keyes Mayo - January 31 at 03:23 PM

CR

“ Christi Romero lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker



Christi Romero - January 30 at 01:06 PM

DC

“ In my teen years, Dr. Daddio kept everybody out of trouble by blasting our latest soul music for us as we gathered around the city Park lake. Everyone turned their radio up in their car and just enjoyed the good times. We dance we sang we talked about life's JOY. DR. DADDIO RIP



Darlene O Calhoun - January 29 at 08:44 PM

YB

My deepest condolences to the Family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

Yvette Baker - January 29 at 11:13 PM

MA

“ Mathis lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker



Mathis - January 29 at 08:25 PM



“ *Linda Leali lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker*



Linda Leali - January 29 at 07:40 PM



Sincere condolences and prayers of comfort are extended to the family of this community giant from Charles and Linda Bates Leali.

Linda Leali - January 29 at 07:42 PM

JJ

Jojojoseph@gmail.com

joanne joseph - February 02 at 03:06 PM

DW

“ *Debra A Walker lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker*



Debra A Walker - January 29 at 03:21 PM

DW

I was saddened to hear of Dr. Daddio's passing. As a Denver native, I have so many fond memories of listening to 1510 KDKO. Wishing the entire family strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Debra Walker

Debra A Walker - January 29 at 03:22 PM

MH

“ *Melanie Hinton lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker*



Melanie Hinton - January 29 at 02:41 PM

L&

“ *The Harvey family*



Lanett Harvey &Family - January 29 at 01:54 PM

CR

“ *Christi Romero lit a candle in memory of James "Dr. Daddio" Walker*



Christi Romero - January 29 at 01:49 PM

HW

“ *DR DADDIO CAME HERE IN 68 AND KDKO WAS THE FIRST BLACK RADIO IN COLORADO HE WAS A PIONEER OF RADIO EVERYONE LOVED AND RESPECTED HIM WHEN HE TALKED YOU LISTEND VERY PROFESSIONAL AND INTELLIGENT I LOVED AND RESPECTED THIS MAN WE WAS VERY VERY CLOSE MY HEART IS TORN IN HALF HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED GOD BLESS HIM AND HIS FAMILY REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND AND GOOD BY HEAVEN HAS A GREAT MAN*

HAROLD WILSON - January 28 at 02:26 PM