



Callie Lawrence-Sessions

July 12, 1955 - June 5, 2025

Callie Mae Lawrence-Sessions, beloved mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend was born on July 12, 1955 in Kankakee, IL to Rosie Lee and James Lawrence. She was the baby girl of the family.

Callie attended West Acres Grade School and Elmwood Elementary School in Chebanse, Illinois and graduated from Central High School in Clifton, Illinois in 1974. She later attended Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Illinois and received a certificate in child development. On March 18, 1984, Callie joined Greater New Hope Baptist Church under the new pastorate of Rev. Howard L. Wills, Sr., and was baptized on April 1, 1984.

Callie's various jobs included working at the St. Martin Deporres Childcare Center in Kankakee, the Fesco Div Kankakee Plant for 2 years, Gould Battery for 24 years, and CSL Behring for 18 years, where she worked until her death.

She loved shopping. Her favorite time of the year to shop would be "Black Friday" at Walmart and Menards. She would love to text and say, "I'm here!" Her other favorite stores were Marshalls and Ross where she shopped on a daily basis. Callie also enjoyed cooking, traveling, and talking to people. She had an engaging personality, and she never met a stranger. When it came to cooking, Callie was the Queen! She cooked for the family and friends for every holiday or special occasion. She will be most remembered for making

the best green beans and sweet potato pies you ever tasted.

Callie leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life: one son, Anthony (Gail) Lawrence of Kankakee, IL; two daughters: Samantha (Steven) Barbieri of Kankakee, IL, and Shaquita Sessions of Lewisville, TX; her former husband, Maurice Sessions of Atlanta, GA; six sisters: Catherine (John) Thompson; Martha (Clint) Lawrence; Mary Lawrence and Lula B. Hinds, all of Kankakee, IL; Lena Hinds of Chebanse, IL; and Sarah Ann Minor of Hampton, VA; nine brothers: Willie (Maxine) Lawrence; Robert (Jeannie) Lawrence; Kevin (Diane) Lawrence; Timmy Lawrence and David Lawrence, all of Chebanse, IL; Jerry (Yolanda) Lawrence and Jessie (Adrienne) Hinds, both of Bradley, IL; Bobby Hinds of Minnesota; and Kenneth (Naomi) Jones of Atlanta, GA; three aunts: Carrie Baptist and Eliza Hines, both of Kankakee, IL and Annie Kyles of Starkville, MS; 7 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, her goddaughters: Yolanda Parker, Katina Hankins, Andrea Shoupe Schoonover; her godson, Jose Gonzalez; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; special cousins: Ruby Sessions and Willa Mae Fields; and special friends of many years: Clara Hennessey, Renda Bradley, and Tasha Lewis.

Callie traded her earthly vessel for a heavenly body on Thursday, June 5, 2025. Those once awaiting her arrival, but who have now welcomed her home to Heaven, are her parents, grandparents, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, and other aunts and uncles.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

JUN **14**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater New Hope Baptist Church
1591 E Cedar St
Kankakee, IL 60901-2632
(815) 935-8188

Service

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ I went to school with Callie, she was always a lot of fun and a good friend. Prayers to her family. R.I.P. my friend



Rita Crane Hilligoss - July 15, 2025 at 09:13 AM

DM

“ I didn't know Callie very well or very long but she was always so kind to me. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Deb Meents - July 14, 2025 at 10:59 PM

RS

“ From grade school in Chebanse, to working together at CSL, Callie was always that sweetheart with an attitude. Callie would keep you laughing and on your toes at the same time. My sincere condolences.

Rick Scott - June 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Gary Plumley lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions



Gary Plumley - June 17, 2025 at 12:52 AM

EB

“ *Callie will be missed she was a Beautiful person always had a smile or always laughing RIH Beautiful you will be sadly missed*



Equella Buckhanon - June 14, 2025 at 03:00 PM

JS

“ *Judy Steele lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions*



Judy Steele - June 14, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JJ

“ *My condolences to the Lawrence Sessions family. Callie was a true friend that treated me like a son. I worked with her for many years out Gouldes Battery. She will be missed. Rest in power Queen... Joseph Virgen jr.*

joseph virgen jr. - June 14, 2025 at 10:20 AM

YS

“ *Oh, what a joy to see Callie out and about in various stores...she always had kind words to share! She will be missed!*

Yvonne Shivers - June 13, 2025 at 05:11 PM

PT

“ *It was a blessing to know and work with you!* ”



Phyllis Tatum - June 13, 2025 at 05:08 PM

PT

“ *Phyllis Tatum lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions* ”



Phyllis Tatum - June 13, 2025 at 05:07 PM

DA

“ *Debbie Autman lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions* ”



Debbie Autman - June 12, 2025 at 08:39 PM

MM

“ *Michael & Rita Morris lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions* ”



Michael & Rita Morris - June 12, 2025 at 01:18 PM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to Callie’s entire family. May she rest easy in the arms of the Father’s 🌸🙏🙏



Ethel Lee - June 12, 2025 at 10:40 AM

DJ

“ Donna Jackson lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions



Donna Jackson - June 12, 2025 at 12:50 AM

VF

“ Vickie Farrell lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions



Vickie Farrell - June 11, 2025 at 11:01 PM

CF

“ My sincere condolences and prayers to the family of Callie Mae. Rest in Peace, cousin 🙏



Cheryl Tall-Hawkins & family - June 11, 2025 at 10:36 PM

IO

“ Ike Odeneal lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions



Ike Odeneal - June 11, 2025 at 10:35 PM

TC

“ Sending my condolences & prayers to Ms. Callie Children & entire family. She will be missed. Loving & love to talk & make you laugh



Teresa Carroll - June 11, 2025 at 10:15 PM

JO

“ joannford-box lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions



joannford-box - June 11, 2025 at 04:24 PM

CM

“ MARTIN FAMILY SENDING PRAYES AND PEACE TO LAWERNCE FAMILY MY JESUS CHRIST GRACE AND MERCY BE UPON THIS FAMILY



CYNTHIA martin - June 11, 2025 at 01:23 PM

PJ

“ *My condolences to the Lawrence/Sessions family. Rest in peace Callie Mae.*



Patricia Jamison - June 11, 2025 at 12:36 PM

JS

“ *Judy Steele lit a candle in memory of Callie Lawrence-Sessions*



Judy Steele - June 11, 2025 at 09:25 AM

CW

“ *My Condolences to the family. Sending Prayers.*



Cheryl Wilson - June 11, 2025 at 09:25 AM

TR

“ *I met Callie at the Kankakee Area Career Center school year '73-74'. To know her was to love her, she was such a kind person. She would make you laugh just when she open her mouth. Thanks Callie for all those good pound cakes you sent home with my daughter Candice your co-worker. Take your rest my friend...*



Terry RobicheauxLloyd - June 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM

MW

“ *My cuz Callie was the best u Fought a Good fight RIP u completed your Course*

Michele Whitlow - June 11, 2025 at 08:51 AM