



Ruthie Calvin

January 13, 1941 - June 12, 2021

Ruthie Mae Calvin was born January 13, 1941 in Webb, Mississippi, the first of six children born to Milton Turner Sr. and Joeanner Byrd. She attended Higgins High School in Clarksdale, Mississippi and was united in holy matrimony to Alfred Calvin Jr. on December 21, 1957, and their daughter Joyce was born.

She was baptized, and was a member of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a mother of the church and on the mothers' board. Ruthie had the designation of Eastern Star, which she obtained while in Clarksdale. She held the position of mental health technician supervisor, and for 54 years worked at the former Kankakee State Hospital, and later as a caregiver for the Jack Charlton family.

As a resident of Kankakee for 56 years, Ruthie spent her time crocheting, cooking, listening to music, and as an avid fan of the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Bears. She loved her family dearly and enjoyed helping others.

Mrs. Calvin leaves to cherish her memory, her dear daughter, Joyce Calvin-Harmon of Kankakee, IL; sons, Alford and Rosella Calvin-Thomas of Kankakee, IL, Stanley Sr. and Miriam Jones of Philadelphia, Mississippi and Albert Larry Sr. of Chelan, Washington; her siblings, Milton (Vanessa) Turner Jr. of Kankakee, IL, LeRoy (Gloria) Turner Sr. of Greenwood, Mississippi,

John (Flora) Gordon of West Memphis, Arkansas, Isaac (Sherry) Welch of Tunica, Mississippi, Leon Wilson of Lula, Mississippi, Delores (Wiley Sr.) Watts of Lawton, Oklahoma, Mildred (Greg) Buchannan of Tutwiler, Mississippi, Linda (Lonnie) Johnson of Columbus, Mississippi, and Doretha Turner of Clarksdale, Mississippi; a sister-in-law, Estella Calvin of Kankakee and good friends, Minnie Springer, Bettie White and Vivian Washington, all of Kankakee, IL; four grandchildren, Marshonn (Tamela) Calvin Sr., Makeyla Calvin, Metrice Calvin and Mickalaia Calvin-King; seven great-grandchildren as well as a host of extended family and friends.

Ruthie was preceded in death by her husband Alfred Calvin Jr.; her parents, Milton Turner Sr. and Joeanner Byrd; a brother, Percy Turner; a sister, Mary Lee Montgomery and her son-in-law, Eddie Harmon Jr.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church
717 N. Wildwood
Kankakee, IL

Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *My condolences to the family. Joyce your Mom was a very good neighbor. She would always keep a eye on me for Grandma Burrell.*



Mary Gant - July 01, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Our prayers to the entire family...Leo and Kim McCarty of Surprise AZ*

Kimberly McCarty - June 30, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Kimberly McCarty lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin*



Kimberly McCarty - June 30, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruthie Calvin.*



June 29, 2021 at 04:19 PM

FK

“ *Fay Kirby-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin*



Fay Kirby-Coleman - June 29, 2021 at 01:38 PM

MC

“ *Mickey & Kala Calvin lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin*



Mickey & Kala Calvin - June 29, 2021 at 01:35 PM

MZ

“ *Alfred, Rosella, and family,
Sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*



MaDonna Zasada - June 28, 2021 at 10:25 PM

CB

“ *Joyce, so sorry for your loss. Your mom always had a smile and kind word. Prayers to you and your family.*

Cathy J Betourne - June 28, 2021 at 10:16 PM

LB

“ *MY SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY! GOD BLESS! LARRY BEHL*

larry behl - June 28, 2021 at 11:19 AM

LC

“ *Lavalle & Keylla Calvin lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin*



Lavalle & Keylla Calvin - June 27, 2021 at 10:29 PM

RF

“ *Ron & Linda Coffie. Praying For The Fam lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin*



Ron & Linda Coffie. Praying for the fam - June 27, 2021 at 09:08 AM

LC

“ *Lavalle & Keylla Calvin lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin*



Lavalle & Keylla Calvin - June 27, 2021 at 12:22 AM

TT

“ *THE ROSE FAMILY (Memphis, TN) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruthie Calvin.*



THE ROSE FAMILY (Memphis, TN) - June 26, 2021 at 06:21 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin



JOANN FORD-BOX - June 26, 2021 at 07:59 AM

PJ

“ Patricia Jamison lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin



Patricia Jamison - June 25, 2021 at 04:43 PM

TM

“ Terry & Irene Martin lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin



Terry & Irene Martin - June 25, 2021 at 12:23 PM

CK

“ Cornelius & Keita Key lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin



Cornelius & Keita Key - June 25, 2021 at 09:52 AM

CK

“ *Cornelius & Keita Key lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Calvin*



Cornelius & Keita Key - June 25, 2021 at 03:17 AM