

Obituary

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. Matthew 4: 18-20 KJV

On Saturday, March 2, 2024, God sent HIS Angel to take HIS Child and our loved one to Heaven.

Joseph Caldwell, Sr. was born on March 17, 1936, in Sumter, SC to Abraham and Virginia Caldwell. He was educated in the Sumter County School System in Sumter, SC. He later moved to Winston-Salem, NC, where he met Polly Lorraine Hairston. They married in 1955 and later moved to New York. To this union, six children were born.

He was an employee of RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company and retired after 30 years of dedicated service. He was a faithful and active member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Walkertown, NC. There he served as a Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon. He faithfully attended services and with family, participated in many church activities and ministries.

In his pastime, he enjoyed fishing, cooking, hunting, and playing the guitar. But most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, three brothers: John, Simon, and Robert; and his son, Gary Jerome Caldwell preceded him in death.

Those who cherish his memory are his loving wife of 69 years, Polly Lorraine Hairston Caldwell, of the home; two daughters, Karen (Thomas) Brantley of Atlanta, GA and Shelia (Charles) Parker of Kernersville, NC; three sons, Joseph (Laura) Caldwell, Jr., Bruce (Carolyn) Caldwell and Heath (Tina) Caldwell, all of Kernersville, NC; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; two sisters, Sarah Caldwell Harrison of Philadelphia, PA and Beatrice McKnight of Columbia, SC; one brother, Malachi Caldwell of Columbia, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Order of Service

Presiding	Pastor Grayling Carlton
Musical Prelude	“Safe In His Arms”
Processional	Clergy and Family
Family Visitation	
12:00 PM ~ 1:00 PM	
Selection	“Well Done”
Holy Scriptures	
<i>Old Testament</i>	Pastor Grayling Carlton
<i>New Testament</i>	Reverend Johnnie Taylor
Prayer of Comfort	Mrs. Laura Caldwell
Selection	“Spirit Fall Down”
Church Resolution	Mrs. Vanessa Brooks
Special Tribute	Mrs. Linda Fulp
Family Reflections	(2 Minutes Please)
Family Prayer	■
Eulogy	Reverend Heath Caldwell
Committal	
Benediction	
Recessional	
Interment	Eastlawn Gardens of Memory 530 Dobson Street Kernersville, NC

Our Tribute



The Man is a Success

The man is a success
who has lived well,
laughed often and loved much;
who has gained the respect of
intelligent men and women
and the love of children;
who has filled his niche and
accomplished his task;
who leaves the world better
than he found it,
who has never lacked appreciation
of Earth’s beauty or failed
to express it;
who looked for the best in others,
and gave the best he had.
~ Robert Louis Stevenson