

*In Loving Memory
of
John David Caldwell, Jr.*



Sunrise
December 10, 1959

Sunset
January 25, 2016



Monday, February 1, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
400 Arlington Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey



Obituary

John David Caldwell, Jr. was born, December 10, 1959 to the late John David, Sr and Puella Viola Caldwell. He was the third child and the first born male son, in a family of five siblings Mary, Viola, James, (Joseph) deceased. He was raised up in a Christian home.

He started his Christian life at St. John's AME Church attending Sunday School, singing in the children's choir under the leadership of Rev. John Boxley and then Rev. Lawton James. He attended First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, N.J. under the leadership of Dr. De Forest Soaries.

He attended Jersey City Public Schools 18, and 17. He then graduated from All Saints Parochial School in 1973. John played on the Division of Recreation Bergen Colts Football Team during his grammar school years. One of his coaches was his father. He also played the trumpet during the fifth and six grades. John attended and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Jersey City, New Jersey in 1977. During his High School years he played basketball and was one of the star players. He graduated from William Patterson College in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. While at William Paterson he excelled in basketball. John worked for various catering agencies and country clubs, as a waiter and server at weddings, and other social functions while in College. After graduating from William Paterson College. He attended Pratt Institute in New York City. Majoring in Drafting. John was selected as Chief Cartographer of The Jersey City Planning Office (Urban Research and Design) where he created District maps for the Jersey City Police Department. John worked for the Jersey City Board of Education as a School Teacher. He also worked in New York's finance world for a period as an Investor. John modeled for various agencies. He was once featured, on the cover of "Chocolate Singles Magazine" with his (Fiery Red Porsche) car.

John dabbled in Real Estate for a period in his lifetime. He was the proprietor of JD Caldwell Landscaping until his passing. John was a construction laborer, union representative of Local 3 until his untimely death.

John was a avid athlete threw out his life, In all of his occupations, he always strived for excellence. He was a avid animal lover of dog's from his first dogs, Poochie, Rusty to his last one" Percy". He always took pleasure in taking care of animals, and showering them with unconditional love.

He was an Executive Board Member of the McKenize-Bellamy's Family Reunion Committee. In addition, he was on the committee of this 40th St. Mary High School Reunion.

He leaves to cherish his one and only daughter Crystal Sandra Caldwell and the love of his life Ruth Jackson, sisters Mary and Viola Caldwell, Michelle Frink (Terrance) and brother James Mackinley Caldwell. His nephew Sahar, Great nephew Troy, niece, Tiana Frink, Great niece Ruqaiyyah. He leaves to mourn Aunts, Justeen Stephens, Lillian Dobbs, Alice Gaynell Stephens, Sue Jett Brown, Lynette Yates, Hazel McKenize Willie Mae McKenize, Evelina Powell One Uncle Henry Lee Powell. (Eloise) Great Aunt Louise McKenize and a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Jonathan Dale

Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Pastor Robin L. Hampton

New Testament Minister Carlana Haynes

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Ada Culbreth

Musical Selection..... The Sounds of Faith

Acknowledgements of Condolences, Reading of Obituary

and Special Tributes Reba Jenkins

Reflections/Remarks..... Family/Friends/Clergy

Musical Selection

Eulogy Elder Jeffrey B. Kearney

Senior Pastor of Church of the New Covenant, East Orange, NJ

Final Viewing Cotton-Parker Funeral Home

Benediction/Recessional

INTERMENT

Weehawken Cemetery
North Bergen, New Jersey

*Immediately following the interment family and friends are
invited for a repast at the church.*

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

*If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane.
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to love you
No one can ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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