

*IN LOVING MEMORY OF*  
**CALVIN L. DONALDSON**

*SUNRISE*  
*SEPTEMBER 3, 1941*

*SUNSET*  
*DECEMBER 29, 2019*



*Service*

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. Dr. Mary E. Jackson, Officiating*

*Mr. Emory Lee, Organist*

# OBITUARY

Calvin L. Donaldson was born September 3, 1941, in Orange, NJ, to the late Theodore and Emma Donaldson. After a long cruel illness he was released from his suffering on December 29, 2019.

Calvin grew up in Newark, NJ. He was educated in Newark's school system and graduated from Central High School in 1959. After completing his education, he was enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 during the Vietnam conflict. Upon completion, he received an honorable discharge. In 1967, he gained employment with the United States Postal Service. He received many awards for being a dedicated, outstanding employee. He retired from the post office in 2002.

In 1968, he met Fannie L. Jackson and on December 27, 1976 they were united in holy matrimony. They resided in Plainfield, NJ for 36 years where they raised their children. Anyone who knew Calvin knows he loved being active. His favorite pastime was exercising, going to the movies and amusement parks, bowling, sports and spending time with family.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Emma Donaldson, his sisters, Mary Donaldson and Madelyn D. Reid and brother, Leonard R. Donaldson. He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted and loving wife, Fannie L. Donaldson; four children, sons, Calvin, Brian, Kayani and daughter, Rashida; his special niece, Jeanette; foster sister, Ezella Harris-Moses (Marvin); sisters-in-law, Bernice Donaldson and Ola Jackson; brothers-in-law, Anderson Jackson (Mary) and Archie Jackson (Susan); nephews, Mark Donaldson and Gary Collins (Michelle); granddaughters, Denise, Quiera and Naveah; grandsons, Christian and Sean; great-grandson, Al-Samaar Kasaad and grandniece, Sherkeria; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## *I'M FREE*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

*(Two minutes each please)*

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Hillside Cemetery  
1401 Woodland Ave.  
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

*Repast Location:*

*Spain Inn*

*1707 W. 7th Street • Piscataway, NJ 08854*



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family of **Calvin L. Donaldson** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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