

*In Loving
Memory
of
Calvin
Bass*

Sunrise:
February 28, 1925
Sunset:
February 5, 2020



Service
Friday, February 14, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Calvin Charles Bass, was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey on February 28, 1925. He was the son of Charles Bass and Lillian Bass, the eldest of five siblings. The family, along with his younger brother Oscar, relocated to New York City, when his father attained a position with the Pullman Porter.

Calvin joined the military after high school. He served in the 92 Infantry Division. This division was known as the Buffalo Soldiers, stationed Italy. He worked many years as Head of Security for a high end security firm. He retired from this firm as Head of Security.

Calvin was a loving father, uncle, cousin and friend to everyone. He loved his personal/faithful commitment to the Riverside Church and its community. He devotedly served as an usher for many years. There, he established and maintained loving/devoted relationships with a countless number of parishioners and other devotees. This also includes Reverend Coffin, Reverend Forbes, Reverend Northern, and other various clergy, to name a few.

Calvin spent his free time volunteering at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, playing bridge, and watching various sports games on TV. During the summer months he loved visiting Martha's Vineyard, in Massachusetts. He especially loved getting up early and walking along the beach's shore. There he would meet, greet and engage in conversations with other early risers. Once there, he was famously known to be wearing his Forever 21 and/or President Barack Obama T-shirts. These t-shirts caused compliments, applause and more conversations.

Calvin loved sports, especially tennis, skiing in Aspen, Colorado, football and golf. He also enjoyed movies, documentaries, reading Black History Literature and keeping up the political climate. Calvin was always there to help relatives and friends with advisement and/or what was needed to resolve. He also loved to travel and sharing his experiences/encounters.

Calvin succumbed to his various health ailments at The Riverside Rehabilitation Center on February 5, 2020.

Calvin is survived by: his son, Peter; his sister, Ruby; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Bass, Lillian Bass and three brothers.

Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Sentences/Invocation

Reverend Harper

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6, 25-27

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Reverend Harper

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Tributes/Remarks

Homily

Prayer (In unison)

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Obituary

Hymn

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Eulogy

Ms. Jean Phillips

Benediction

Reverend Harper

Postlude

Interment

*Calvin will be laid to rest with his parents at the
Rosedale Cemetery, in Linden, New Jersey.*

REPAST:

*The Riverside Church in Room 10T (Tower) from 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm.
You may enter at 91 Claremont Avenue between 120th and 122nd Streets.*

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.
-author unknown*

Acknowledgement

The Family would like to extend their Deepest Gratitude to all for the kind, supporting and thoughtful words. A special thanks to Ms. Lucy Brooks, Nephew Kevin, Ms. Nicole Saladana, Reverend Debra Northern, and Reverend Geraldine Howard for their loving care/support during his final days. Also, the Family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude towards Riverside Church and Unity Funeral Chapels for being very accommodating and understanding during this difficult time. Our Cup Runneth Over!

*Memorial donations may be made to Riverside Church
490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.*



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