

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!

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In Loving Memory of Belvia Jean Gaither Caldwell

Sunrise: December 29, 1934

Sunset: September 7, 2021



**Service:
Thursday, September 23, 2021 - 11:00 am**

**Clear View Baptist Church
314 Hobson Street • Newark, New Jersey
Reverend Samuel Johnson, Officiating**



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Musical Prelude.....Joshua Nelson

Processional.....Family/Clergy

Musical Selection.....Joshua Nelson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Scripture - Proverbs 31:10 -31

New Testament Scripture - 1 Corinthians 13:10-13

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection.....Joshua Nelson

Obituary/Acknowledgements, Resolutions and

Cards.....Nyia Calloway

Inspirational Remarks (*Limit to 2 minutes)

Family/Friends

EulogyReverend Walter Johnson, Jr.

Fresh Word Kingdom Assembly, Voorhees, NJ

Recessional.....Family/Clergy

Repast

immediately following

interment at the family residence

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Hollywood Cemetery

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Mrs. Belvia Jean Gaither Caldwell, best known to her family as “Moon” and to her friends as “Jean,” was born December 29, 1934, in Forsyth County, North Carolina to the late John Hawk Gaither and Gladys Clement Gaither. She departed this life on September 7, 2021, after an extended illness in the home. She attended the public schools in Winston-Salem, NC, graduating from Atkins High School. She also attended Winston-Salem Teachers College.

Her earlier years were spent working in daycare and then, as a homemaker for her family. After raising her three young children, she joined the secretarial staff of Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ. She later provided private daycare in her home for family, friends and neighbors.

During her lifetime, she was active in local community, civic and church activities. She served with the Willing Workers of Clearview Baptist Church. She also served as the Vice President of the Lower Williamson Avenue Block Association. In the year 2000, she won the Martin Luther King Award from the Hillside Township for her work with voter registration and campaign volunteering which included operating a “breakfast nook” for volunteers. She was well known for her love of children, for her

infectious smile, for her stunning fashions and for welcoming all into her home for a delicious meal.

She was predeceased by her husband, Mr. Pervies Caldwell, Sr. and a daughter, Tina Renée Caldwell, as well as five sisters, Theodosia Gray Phelps, Minnie Florence Payne, Viola Marcellette Campbell, Dekota Cleotis Gilliam and Gwendolyn Ardyne Lytle.

She leaves to mourn her memory a daughter, Ms. Kerhan Ardyne Caldwell, and a son, Mr. Pervies “Petey” Caldwell, Jr. of the home; four granddaughters, Tierra Caldwell Dinkins (Ibn) of State College, PA, Brittany Caldwell (Darren Bell) of Durham, NC, Vivian Bates (Keith) of Washington Township, NJ, and Joslyn Rivera of Newark, NJ; great grandsons, Eks Sevyn Dinkins, Brandon Williams, Terrence Norton and Quamel Hatcher; great granddaughters, Joi Journee Bell, Tamia Foster, Samirah Bethea, and Brel’yn Paige; one brother-in-law, Norman Caldwell and two sisters-in-law, Hattie Caldwell and Clara Caldwell of Winston-Salem, NC; God children Cha-neta Latimore, Shirley Smith, Tiana Mac, and Selena Whyte; and a host of other devoted nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and close family friends.

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