



Calvin G. Anderson, Sr.

Sunrise May 22, 1948 Sunset October 9, 2013

Services

Saturday, October 19, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue Orange, New Jersey 07050 **Rev. Dr. Alfred Johnson, Officiating**



Calvin McDavish Anderson, Sr. was born on May 22, 1948 to Augusta and Kaziah Anderson in Comfort Castle, Portland, Jamaica West Indies. He departed this life on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

Calvin was the fourth of six children, who lost his mother by drowning when he was only eight years old. However, Calvin was self-driven, and that self-motivation led him to achieve much more than anyone would have expected of him. After his father remarried and migrated to England, Calvin found employment at Frenchman's Cove Hotel in Portland. Shortly after, he moved to Kingston, became a corrections officer and worked at the General Penitentiary and Gun Court, both penal institutions in Kingston, Jamaica. In 1973, he met and married Claudeth (then Claudette Riley). The union produced two children, a daughter, Carla and a son Calvin, Jr.

Calvin was very active in the trade union movement. He was known as "money" among his coworkers because he was usually successful when he went to negotiate wage increases for the workers. He was also nicknamed "preacher" by some because he appeared so calm and quiet. However, he was a classic example of a "silent river running deep". As quiet as he appeared, it would be a mistake to challenge him on issues dealing with politics, religion or world affairs - he will win.

While Calvin was still an employee at the Gun Court, he was offered the opportunity to do courses at the Trade Union Education Institute at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. He excelled at this and was given a scholarship to travel to Scandinavian Countries to learn about their methods of Worker Participation. On his return to Jamaica, he was transferred to the Ministry of Labor where he became a labor officer. In April 1981, Calvin and his family permanently migrated to the United States.

In the United States, Calvin did many different types of jobs. In 1993, he and his wife Claudeth, an early childhood educator, started their own daycare. This lasted until 2009 when it was closed due to Claudeth's poor health. Calvin never stopped trying - not so much to achieve material success, but to develop himself mentally. In 2007, he graduated from Caldwell College with a degree in Psychology. It was always his intention to go as far as possible in this field.

As a husband and father, he was magnificent. He shared everything with Claudeth. She usually talks about the many vases of flowers he used to bring her even when it was not a special day; of about the way he coaxed her to share some kind of food that she didn't even want; of the way he brought her what he called coffee-a-la-water, (because she took her coffee with neither cream nor sugar) and left it for her whether she was awake or not; of the way he watched over her at nights, making sure she checked her blood sugar and took her medication. As a husband, he was just the best. He could never say no to his children, Carla (whom he called Your Deputy) or Calvin Jr. (whom he called Busy).

Anyone who met Calvin was going to meet one of two personalities. Either one that was going to engage you in a discussion involving religion, politics, or philosophy or you would meet someone who would make you laugh whether you wanted to or not.

Calvin was a magnificent husband and father and will certainly be missed. He is survived by: his wife of forty years, Claudeth; his daughter, Carla Anderson-Arthurs; his son, Calvin Anderson, Jr.; his grandchildren, Hugh Arthurs, Jr., Arinthia Arthurs and Jayden Anderson; his siblings, Winella (Jamaica), Millicent (England), Pharona (England), and brother, Byron (Jamaica); and a host of relatives and friends



Organ Prelude

Processional

Song	"Shall We Gather At The River"
Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 46:1-7 New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:53-58	
Acknowledgements	Lt. Avis Riley
Reflections & Remarks	Mr. Linval James Friends & Family (2 minutes please)
Obituary	Mrs. Carlene Riley-King
Нутп	"How Great Thou Art"
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Alfred Johnson
Recessional	

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery Orange, New Jersey

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Pall Bearers

Calvin Anderson, Jr. Hugh Arthurs, Sr. Alton Jackson Colin Spence, Sr. Ronnie Thomas Michael Williams

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Not - How did he die? But - How did he live? Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?

These are the things that measure the worth Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart? And - How did he play his God-given part?

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer? To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed? But - Had he befriended those really in need?

Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say? But - How many were sorry when he passed away?

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<u>Acknowledgements</u>

The family **Calvin Anderson** wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow. May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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