# Mom...

If I could have only one more day, only one more...

I would pick up the phone and tell you I love you.

I would thank you for loving me unconditionally...

And I would thank you for helping me to be me.

If I could have only one more day

I pray heaven is everything you dreamt it to be.

I pray you're safe and free of pain,
and have met up with your loved ones.

And I pray you have heard every word I have said.

To our Darling Mom, We will love you forever,

#### Acknowledgments

We are sincerely grateful for your many acts of condolences and kindness expressed to us during this time of sorrow and grief. The prayers, telephone calls, visitations, laughter, and conversations have brought much joy and happiness to our hearts and helped to ease the burden. We are most appreciative to Mother Midway AME and Greater Grant Memorial AME Churches, Jacksonville, Florida; Greater Bethel AME Church, Panama City, Florida, the Panhandle surrounding communities, the Pensacola Panama City District, Elder Philip Russ IV, Presiding Elder, James & Deborah Davis, and Bishop Adam J. and Mrs. Connie Richardson for your support and continuous prayers. May God always be with each of you.

~The Calvin Family/Charletta Robinson

#### Interment

Jacksonville National Cemetery

Arrangements in Care of:



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# Honoring Her "HUife Well-Lived"



Mrs. Leevater Banks Calvin

April 4, 1934 — December 26, 2017

Our Mom was the greatest gift to us—patient and kind, and she loved her children, grands, and all she knew unconditionally...

May she rest in peace with the Lord for eternity.

~Service~

11:00 AM, Thursday, January 4, 2018

Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel

4315 N Main Street Jacksonville, Florida 32206

The Reverend Tan Moss, Officiating
Pastor, Greater Grant Memorial AME Church, Jacksonville

### The Obituary



Mrs. Leevater Banks Calvin was born on April 4, 1934 in Lyons, Georgia to the late Mr. and Mrs. Shelly and Louisiana Banks. She came to Jacksonville at an early age and attended the local schools. She was a member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) all while maintaining her home

and raising her seven children. Mrs. Calvin had the capability to fulfill many roles in life; counselor, teacher, seamstress, baker, chief, inventor, gardener, bookkeeper, financial advisor, spiritual, health and problem solver.

Education was a primary factor for her children. She always stressed the importance of obtaining a good education. That's why she did all she could to provide for her children everything that they needed; not necessarily what they wanted, but always what was needed, to succeed in life. She would often go without having what she needed to ensure that her children had whatever supplies was needed for their schooling. She met her loving husband of 64 years in Jacksonville. During their marriage, they always remembered their anniversary, each other's birthday, and special occasions.

They enjoyed their lives together listening to the sounds of jazz and recreational activities with their children. Playing softball, kickball, backyard fish fry and bar-b-cue, drive-in movie on the back of the pickup truck, going to the beach, and of course going to Sunday church were all family activities.

She was affectionally known by many as *Mother Calvin* or *Mom Calvin* because of her caring, loving, nurturing, no-nonsense demeanor...what she said is what she meant! Nevertheless, she had a God-fearing heart, a faithful member of Mother Midway AME Church where she served as a Stewardesses and on the Hospitality Committee. Prior to joining Mother Midway, she was an active member of Allen Chapel AME Church, her childhood church, where she served in many roles. She knew the Lord, prayed, read the Word

## **Special Acknowledgements**

We must value life and treasure each breath we take. We must value each person and how he or she touches our lives everyday." Shadonna Richards, A Gift of Hope

Hope is what was given to us during the time of caring for our beloved mother. Hope helped us to believe in one another and gave us a positive outlook to appreciate the joy, laughter, and value the time God gave us to spend with our mother. Our mom was indeed a gift of hope—and we graciously acknowledge the following persons and organizations for their expertise in caring, and helping to train us in the proper techniques of administering loving care and cautious watchfulness to our mom.

St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside
1 Shircliff Way, Jacksonville, FL 32204

**Dr. Reginald Sykes** 3160 Edgewood Ave. West, Jacksonville, FL 32209

> Dr. Zehn Hou Dr. Matthew Luke Dr. Paul Ben Ossi

Community Hospice of Northeast Florida
Nassau West Team
Kim Kossakowski, ARNP
Jenifer "Jen" Lasker, RN
Kelly Racine, MSW
Chaplain Grant Wheeler
Belinda, CNA
Nurses, on-call 24/7 Patient Priority

#### **Greetings from Beloved Husband, Charlie Calvin Sr**

## **During Mother's Hospitalized 2005**



I know this isn't the easiest time in the world for you and that the challenges you face would test the strongest faith—and yet I see the spirit of God shining through you as each day you just keep putting one foot in front of the other—

You are an inspiration and a blessing to everyone who knows you. But I am aware that hanging on and hanging in and being in and being

brave are not as easy as you make it look, (but God and Me and all of US Love You) and that's why you're constantly in my prayers...

I ask God to comfort you, give you strength, and to bring you better days. Its what you deserve, because you are truly one of His beloved children.

I Love You,
From Me to You
Mr. Charlie Calvin Sr
May 4, 1928 – March 27, 2016 – They are together forever!

daily, and inspired others to read God's Word. Many wonderful times were spent with daily conversations from her favorite niece Joyce Elaine King, Yvonne Calvin, dear friend, Queenell Henderson, God-daughter, Leroy Banks, brother, and Mary Bruce, sister. In spite of working since her childhood, she had a wonderful sense of humor with a genuine meaning of life's lessons.

Mom Calvin leaves to cherish her loving memories her loving children, Rev. Charletta C. Robinson, 1SG Ret. Barbara F. Simpson, Charlie Calvin, Jr. (Willetta), Robert A. "Tony" Calvin, SFC Ret. Donna R. Broomfield, John C. "Chris" Calvin, Lottie M "Lee" Washington (LT Ret. Joel); Charles Steven (Robin); and Willie Walter Young; grandchildren, Antiwone Calvin, Stephanie Calvin, Ashley Broomfield, Glenn Calvin, Joel Washington II, Kendrick Calvin, Theresea Turner, Justyn Calvin-Bennett, Kevin Simpson, Jordan Washington, Lauren Washington, Jordache Hunter; several "Chopper" Sheffield, greatgrandchildren; one sister, four brothers, host of nephews, nieces, cousins; family devoted friend, Presiding Elder F. D. Richardson, Jr., Spiritual advisor, Rev. Tan Moss, God-sister, Mrs. Carolyn J. Blackshear; Prayer Warriors, Sister Joyce West and Brother Earl Lowman.



# ~Order of Service~

The Reverend Tan Moss, Pastor Greater Grant Memorial AME Church, Jacksonville, Florida

# **Musical Prelude:** The Family Gather: **The Selection:** ...... Mother Midway AME Church Choir **The Prayer:** ...... The Reverend Marva Mitchell Pastor, New Bethel AME Church, Callahan, FL **The Scripture:** ...... Presiding Elder F. D. Richardson, Jr. Retired, East Conference, 11th Episcopal District AME Church **The Selection:**The Choir The Resolutions and Acknowledgements ...... Sis. Karen Richardson Greater Grant Memorial AME Church, Jacksonville, FL **Expression of Love to Mom:** ...... Charlie Calvin, Jr (Son) Favorite Songs: Sis. Deborah Limbric Rasheed St. Paul AME Church, Jacksonville, FL Your Life Was a Blessing: ...... Rev. Charletta C. Robinson (Daughter) Pastor, Greater Bethel AME Church, Panama City, FL The Selection: Choir The Eulogy: ..... The Reverend Louis Kirkland Pastor, Mother Midway AME Church, Jacksonville, FL

Slide Presentation
Mom—Your Memories Are Treasures Beyond Measure

**Repast**T.S. Warden Event Room

# Make "Time for Fun"





