



Mrs. Bernice Calvin

October 23, 1923 - March 25, 2020

Mrs. Bernice Fields Calvin, the wife of Reverend W.] Calvin, was born on October 23, 1923, to the union of Clydie M. Fields and Will Fields. She was born and raised in Marshall, Texas, and although she spent much of her married life in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she always retained her Texas roots, returning to see family and friends there every summer. Her teaching career allowed her to do so. For 25 years, Mrs. Calvin taught elementary school in (the) Milwaukee Public Schools and enjoyed nurturing and training young students. Her training in education was at Wiley College in Marshall, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Education. She also did graduate work in Denver, Colorado and at Cardinal Stritch in Milwaukee.

In 1952, she married Reverend W.J. Calvin, of Marshall. Their union was blessed with one child: Willette D. Calvin. They relocated to Milwaukee upon Reverend Calvin's call to pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1961. Mrs. Calvin was enthusiastic about her spirituality. As first lady of Mt. Zion, she worked with children and was involved in the church community, speaking for various church programs. She also loved to bake and was known for her pound cakes. Reading was one of her passions and the library was where she liked to spend time with her daughter. In addition, Mrs. Calvin was a member of the PCNC, the Pleasant Company and Needlecraft Club, a club that knitted and donated scarves, mittens, and warm hats to the community in the colder

months. Church was the center of Mrs. Calvin's life. She will be remembered as a beacon of light in the Milwaukee community and a source of joy and comfort to many.

She leaves to mourn one daughter, Willette (Dexter) and a host of beloved family, including brother-in-law, Reverend Emmitt Caviness of Cleveland, Ohio; cousins, Bruce Gipson of Denver, Colorado and Dr. Lewis Rambo of St. Paul, Minnesota; nephew, Jerome Fields of Rockwall, Texas; and many wonderful great nieces, nephews, and cousins

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation Only

APR **10**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Calvin is the one and only lady that I have known. She’s once, twice, three times a lady and I’ll always love her. As First Lady of our church she always presented herself as someone whose personality would brighten up the entire sanctuary.*”



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