

# God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this Earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you and Lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew that you were in pain. He knew that you would never Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough, And the hills were hard to climb, So, He closed your weary eyelids, And whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family of Calvin Evans wishes to express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for your many acts of love and kindness during this time of our great loss. Your concern has been a source of strength, and we are very grateful for the comfort you have extended to our family.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the following:

Deborah Grant & Felicia Green of G&G Catering

Low Country Cancer Care

VA Primary Home Care

Gentiva Hospice Care

May God bless each of you.

### REPAST

Repast immediately following services W.W. LAW COMMUNITY CENTER

909 East Bolton Street, Savannah, GA

### INTERMENT

Monday, August 5, 2024 | Time: 9:00am BEAUFORT NATIONAL

CEMETERY
1601 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC



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Sunrise: February 11, 1953 Sunset: July 18, 2024

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

Service: 11:00am

ADAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

510 Stephenson Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31405

Officiant: Minister Gloria Newsome Eulogist: Pastor Dennis L. Aiken

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

# Order of Vervice

The Organ Prelude

Processional Family

The Prayer of Comfort
Minister Anthony Gordon

The Song of Comfort
Word First Choir

#### Scripture

Old Testament – Pastor Adrian Hospedale New Testament – Minister Ailerua Crawford

The Prayer of Consolation
Minister Anthony Gordon

The Song of Consolation Word First Choir

The Reflections (2 minutes reflection limit)

Reading of the Obituary

Lavone Lee

The Song of Assurance
Minister Beverly Aikens

The Eulogy
Pastor Dennis L. Aiken

Reading of Poem
"God's Garden" – Audrey Evans

#### Committal

Beaufort National Cemetery Monday, August 5, 2024 at 9:00am

Benediction
Pastor Dennis L. Aiken

# THE LIFE OF Calvin Eugene Evans

Early on that Thursday morning, God called his precious child home. God reminds us in Revelations 21:4 (NIV), He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Calvin Eugene Evans came into this world on February 11, 1953. He was born to the late Wiley Evans-McNeil and Walter Evans at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. He was the apple of his mother's eye, and everyone knew it. Her love caused the sun to rise and set upon his head each day. Calvin was born in Brooklyn, but he lived in Amityville, Long Island during his younger years. Although he was an only child, Calvin was always surrounded by his parents, a host of aunts, uncles and cousins who loved him very much. He particularly grew a strong bond with his Aunt Audrey. They were so close; he became more of an older brother to her children. Life was good for Calvin, he pretty much had everything he wanted and needed at a young age. Sadly, life took a turn for Calvin when his father fell ill and later died in 1966. A few years later, his mother decided they were moving back to Brooklyn.

While keeping his mother on her toes, Calvin embraced Brooklyn and all that it had to offer. The good, the bad and the ugly. His mother must have solicited the help from her brothers to talk to Calvin, because he soon later enlisted into the Air Force at the age of 18. His time in the miliary unfortunately, was short lived. His mother fell ill and since he was her only child and she was a widow, Calvin was Honorably discharged from the Air Force.

Nonetheless, Calvin kept it in stride and ventured off to his next best love, animals. He would work and train guard dogs for local businesses. He would also work as a stable hand at various racetracks in Long Island and New Jersey. With most of his workdays beginning before the crack of dawn, work oftentimes came home with him which didn't always go over well with his family. Calvin didn't think it would be problem to bring a German Shephard or a Doberman pinscher home so he can sleep between shifts. Yes, there were kids in the house. Or bring a duffle bag filled with smelly dirty horse bandages to wash in his mother's washing machine so he can catch a nap during his four-hour break. His mother would pitch holy fits. While he was a man who would always work to earn a living, he also enjoyed life. If the streets could talk, they would. He would hang out with his friends and cousins traveling from the heart of Brooklyn to the corners of West Philly and back. Sometimes, he would drive right into Long Island via the Southern State Pkwy because there was something going on and he had to be a part of it. Or just merely hang out in Brooklyn. Whatever and wherever it may have been, if family and friends were there, so was Calvin.

Calvin was a smooth, clean-cut, well-dressed man. He stood approximately 5 feet, 2 inches tall, but his presence exuded a statuesque flare when he walked into the room. Warmhearted, loving, thoughtful and brotherly best describes his mannerism. If he had it to give, it was yours. You couldn't help but feel the goodness of his heart when you were around him. Calvine was a man who never gave up despite his own shortcomings. Since becoming a family man at a young age, he didn't always get it right. As he matured in life, he began to understand what it meant to be there for his family. Since moving to Savanah, GA he met a beautiful woman by the name of Ruth Mitchell. He was determined to get her attention and he didn't care who knew it. One day he decided that he was going to show up at her church. He boldly sat beside her, placed his arms around the back of her seat just to show her and others he was here. That Calvin knew he was something else. They were together for 9 years and later married to seal their love. Their relationship consisted of laughter, jokes, food, and love. He allowed himself to become vulnerable and shared all he had with Ruth. He loved her and learned how to express this to her while he was able. By the grace of God, he got it right.

Calvin was blessed with an opportunity to see and speak with each one of his children before he peacefully closed his eyes on that Thursday morning. Calvin is survived by his wife, Ruth Evans. His children; LaTonya Evans (Rahsaan Johnson), Lavone Lee, W. Garnetta Evans, Ingrid Dawson (Eric Dawson), Linnell Evans (Hope Evans), Audrey Evans, Denzel Evans; and his bonus children, Sherea Williams (AJ Williams) and Ashley Shifflett (Alan Shifflett). His grandchildren; Dominique (Adres); Kristina (Sherman), Kya, DaVaughn, Tehya, Davante, Altyreek, Ismaaeel, Amir, Samirah, Ky'Moni, Khalil, Aria, and Ares; and his bonus grandchildren; Alana, Alan Amari, Semaj, Jaiden, Leandrea, and Lakheer. His great grandchildren, Karter, and Dior; and his bonus great grandchild; London. Along with a host of aunts, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.