



Robert Calvin Meekins

June 6, 1927 - February 15, 2017

The Life of Robert Calvin Meekins

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servants. PSALM 116:15

Robert Calvin Meekins, who most knew as Calvin, was born on June 6, 1927 in Lanexa, VA located in New Kent County. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert H. and Carrie

L. Meekins. Calvin received Christ at an early age at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Lanexa, where he was a faithful member of the Church School, sang in the choir, and served as a member of the Trustee Board. After moving to Richmond, he joined Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church where he was a faithful member and tireless worker until his illness. Calvin was a member of the Men's Club, Sunday School Ministry, the Male Chorus, the Mass Choir and the Sanctuary Choir.

Educated at New Kent Elementary School and G. W. Watkins High School in New Kent, Calvin earned his GED later in life and continued his education at Rappahannock Community College. This set a wonderful example for his children that learning is a life-long endeavor. Calvin was honorably discharged from the United States Army in December 1946 after serving as a Military Policeman in Pensacola, FL at the end of World War II.

Calvin was employed by the Department of the Navy (Cheatham Annex) for nearly 30 years where he worked as a truck driver until his retirement. He enjoyed driving and continued to do so after retiring - whether he was driving a taxi, transporting crew members of the railroad between railyards or delivering parts for AutoZone.

The continuous thread throughout Calvin's life was singing! In addition to the many choirs he served and got his start, he loved gospel quartets. He began singing in gospel quartets with the Melody Four and the Gospel Tones of Williamsburg. The highlight of his singing career was with the world famous Harmonizing Four of Richmond where he was the tenor and lead vocalist for the group until they retired in 1997. Calvin was the last surviving member of the group and he used his voice to bless many along the eastern seaboard from as far north as New York to as far south as Georgia. He would often tell friends, I still sing solos. A familiar refrain of the Harmonizing Four was, the songs may end, but the memories linger on.

...And so shall the memory of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. May you continue to sing many more solos now that you are in God's heavenly choir!

Calvin is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 52 years, Mrs. Maggie T. Meekins; daughter, Barbara D. Piggott (Edward) of Williamsburg; sons, Jeffrey L. Meekins and Anthony D. Meekins of Charlotte, NC; three grandchildren: Chanelle Robinson of Fort Mill, SC, Michael Holmes of New York, NY, and Assata Muhammad of Charlotte, NC; a great granddaughter, Aleyiah Robinson of Fort Mill, SC; a great-great granddaughter, Aubree Rose Sims; two sisters-in-law, Ruth T. Gilliam (Lewis) of Stony Creek and Deacon Earline T. Johnson (Rev. George) of Jarratt. Calvin also leaves behind a whole host of cousins, other relatives, and friends as well as a beloved early childhood schoolmate and lifelong friend, Deacon John Brooks.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

viewing

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

FEB **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2705 Hartman Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Calvin Meekins*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Growing up, Mr. Meekins was a towering figure to me. He seemed to be a giant with a resonating voice and the bearing of a general. He will always be that man to me. Rest in Peace ,Mr. Meekins*

Shawn Harris - February 20, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ *Michelle Jackson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Calvin Meekins.*



Michelle Jackson - February 18, 2017 at 06:15 PM



“ *My!y grand mother and Mr. Calvins mother were good friends. Lorraine Brooks jeter. I l've in Georgia now.*

Lorraine JETER - February 18, 2017 at 08:55 AM

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“ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18 God is our ever present help in time of trouble. May He continue to bring comfort and peace of mind to you in the passing of your loved one. in our prayers we lift you up.
Rev. George and Earline Johnson Family



Rev.George & Earline Johnson - February 17, 2017 at 07:12 PM

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“ From the Global Supply Chain Team at Hill-Rom purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Calvin Meekins.



From the Global Supply Chain Team at Hill-Rom - February 17, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - February 16, 2017 at 03:52 PM