

Solitude

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside into the shadows where we could confide; away from the hustle, where all the day long I hurried and worried when active and strong. I needed the quiet though at first, I rebelled, but gently, so gently my cross He upheld, and whispered so sweetly of spiritual things. Though weakened in body, my spirit took wings to heights never dreamed of when active and gay, He loved me so gently, He drew me away. I need the quiet, no Prison my bed, but a beautiful valley of blessing instead; a place to grow richer in Jesus to hide. I needed the quiet, so he drew me aside.

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Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of the late **Calvin Franklin Stockdale** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.



Celebrating The Life of



Calvin
FRANKLIN STOCKDALE

Sunrise: July 6, 1953 ~ Sunset: May 2, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021

11:00 AM Memorial Service

Bethel Temple Baptist Church

5024 28th Street • Detroit, Michigan 48210

Pastor Damon M. Moseley, Officiating

Obituary

Calvin Franklin Stockdale was born July 6, 1953, to Bessie Lee Stockdale in Talladega, Alabama. From infancy through adulthood, Calvin was nurtured and reared, as their son, by his uncle and aunt, Deacon William L. and Mrs. Rosa Lue Vearda Welch.

Calvin received his education in Talladega, Alabama, where he graduated from high school. Throughout the years, Calvin held many jobs, including owning his own landscaping service. He retired in 2018 as a driver for Give a Lift Transportation, where many of the clients requested him to be their driver.

After marrying Deborah K. Mathies in 2004, Calvin joined Bethel Temple Baptist Church (BT). He embraced the BT Church family and was honored to be a deacon, choir member, landscaper and handyman. BT is also where he met and became friends with Deacon Winfield Pettaway, whom he considered his brother. Calvin had a passion for learning and hearing God's word especially enjoying the daily Take 7 messages and prayer along with listening to the Deeper Dive Bible Study.

In February 2018, Calvin received a Spirit of Detroit Award from the Detroit City Council. An avid landscaper, Calvin always had a flourishing vegetable garden which he shared with family and friends. He took it upon himself to lookout for the elderly in the neighborhood. He was a man who loved life and had the gift to make others laugh. His favorite saying was, "I may not always be right but, I'm never wrong." A week did not go by that he did not listen to gospel music, his favorites were Willie Banks, The Canton Spirituals and Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's.

Calvin departed this life on Sunday, May 2, 2021. He was preceded in death by his son, Nikia Barclay; siblings, Johnny Goings, Royalette Nelson, Sylvia Dean Richardson and Willie Welch; and uncle and aunt, Deacon William L. and Mrs. Rosa Lue Vearda Welch.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory: his loving wife, Deborah K. Stockdale; loving children, Na'Keisa (Dexter) Thomas, La Toya (Corey) Hunt, Korvorkius (Jervonda) Stockdale, Te Jarris Stockdale, and Dr. Andrea (Dale) Thaxton; grandchildren, DJ and Destiny Thomas, Tyler Curry, Tylea, Ty Asha, and Tylen Hunt, Korvorkius Jr., Korbin and Khaliyah Stockdale, La Kedrick, Ja Kendrick, Ta Kendria and Ki Andria Tuck, Maia, Savannah, Isabella, and Ava Thaxton; mother, Bessie Brown; siblings, Diane Watkins of Baltimore, MD, Rev. Bobby (Maggie) Welch of Talladega, AL, Rev. Mitchell (Mary) Welch of Detroit, MI, Josie Draper, Eula Peters, Rev. Van Tony (Betty) Welch, and Rev. Percy (Dorothy) Welch of Talladega, AL; sisters-in-love, Betty Welch of Detroit, MI and Barbra White of Grand Rapids, MI; childhood friend, Charlie C. Taylor; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

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| Organ Prelude..... | |
| Processional..... | |
| Scripture..... | Rev. Dr. Kenneth Moseley |
| Prayer..... | Pastor Mitchell Welch |
| Song..... | Tamela Leake |
| Acknowledgment of Cards, Condolences and Obituary..... | Janice Magruder |
| Song..... | Tamela Leake |
| Remarks..... | 2 minutes please.....Family and Friends |
| Song..... | Tamela Leake |
| Eulogy..... | Pastor Damon M. Moseley |
| Recessional..... | |
| Organ Postlude..... | |

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

John 14:1-3