



Pallbearers

Nephews

Honorary Pallbearers

Tyrone Jeffrey
Steve Jeffrey
Lance Gilliam
Samuel M. Stevenson

Terrence Bufford Sr.
Bruce Stevenson
James M. Stevenson
Otis Williams

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Honorary Flower Bearers

Phyllis Basham
Alice Stockton
Renaë Dudley
Margaret E. Norris

Debra Diggs
Lynda Wyatt
Rhonda Roberts
Charlotte Taylor

Margaret Williams

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
12813 N.E. 50th Street
Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

Repast

Church of the Living God, Temple #86
720 South Hazel
Guthrie, OK 73044

Acknowledgement

We, the family wish to express sincere appreciation for your kindness and caring support during our time of sorrow. Please continue to lift us in prayer. Thank you and may God Bless you.

A special thanks to the staff of Veteran's Administration, Temple, Texas for the great support and care given to our loved one, Calvin Burkhalter.

SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
TEMPLE AND SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.
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"We Care"

Celebrating The Life Of
(Ret.) Staff Sergeant Calvin Burkhalter

SUNRISE
February 15, 1934

SUNSET
September 3, 2019

SERVICES
Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel
2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Reverend George L. Wortham - Officiating

The Seasons of Life for Calvin Burkhalter

*"To everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Retired Staff Sergeant Calvin Burkhalter was born February 15, 1934, the second of four children to Anna Modia Wortham Burkhalter and Butchron Guthrie Burkhalter in Seminole County.

Calvin loved the Lord; and while growing up in the Arbeka community, he attended Arbeka C.M.E. Church services with his family.

Calvin attended Arbeka Elementary School and in 1953, he graduated from high school in Wewoka, Oklahoma. After graduating from high school, Calvin enlisted in the United States Army, retiring after 20 years of active service with an honorable discharge as a Staff Sergeant. While serving his country, he received numerous awards.

Calvin met the love of his life, Charlene P. Stevenson. They both married on July 18, 1981, and honored their vows until the end of his life. They were best friends, soulmates and loved one another unconditionally.

Calvin began his career with the United State Postal Service in 1976, and retired with 24 years of service in 2000.

Calvin's past time was enjoyed listening to his music (blues), playing Pinnacle with his buddies at the VFW, Killeen, Texas and meeting his family members at Winstar. He enjoyed his retirement to the fullest. He definitely enjoyed his family reunions!

Calvin transitioned from mortality to immortality, from labor to reward on September 3, 2019 at 9:55 a.m., surrounded by his wife, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Anna Modia and Butchron Guthrie Burkhalter; two sisters, Thelma Brown and Florine Knox.

In addition to his lovely wife Charlene of Killeen, Texas; Calvin leaves to mourn two sisters, Pauline Parker, Midwest City, Oklahoma and Roberta Cain, Arbeka, Oklahoma; one stepson, Jimmy Irving (Diane), Edmond, Oklahoma; his father-in-law, Samuel Stevenson Jr., Guthrie, Oklahoma; his three sisters-in-law, Arlene Stevenson, Guthrie, Oklahoma, Diana Stevenson, Richmond, Texas, Leslie Stevenson, Edmond, Oklahoma; three brothers-in-law, Bruce Stevenson, Guthrie, Oklahoma, James Stevenson, Stockton, California and Samuel M. Stevenson, Richmond, Texas; favorite nephews, Tyrone Jeffrey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Terrence Bufford Sr., Cypress, Texas; favorite niece, Linda Wyatt, Watonga, Oklahoma. He also leaves a host of other relatives and friends.



To My Wife of 38 Years

Charlene, my place was ready in heaven;
I know I had to leave behind all that I dearly loved.
As I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eyes.
I thought of all the loved we shared,
the good and the bad and the yesterdays.

I knew how much you loved me, as much as I loved you;
I wish so much you would not cry the way you did today;
the emptiness and wonderful memories will take the place of me.

When tomorrow starts without me,
do not think that we are far apart,
every time you think of me,
I will be right there in your "Heart".

Love Your Husband Calvin



To My Husband of 38 Years

Calvin, I know you went to meet Jesus; you are now have gone home to live with Him.

The day you left me, you felt no great pain and the tears that I shed were of love, not in vain. You will always be in my heart and there is no one that can take your place on this earth. But whatever the times, we loved each other through thick and thin.

I will always love you and miss you! Sleep softly my love until we are reunited in Heaven!

Your Loving Wife Charlene

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament Pastor James Grayson
Israel Church
Spencer, OK

New Testament Elder Jerry Bowie
Church of the Living God #86
Guthrie, OK

Prayer Elder Jerry Bowie

Selection Mitchell Pierce
Parrish Pierce
Victor Hopkins

Resolutions/Acknowledgements

Reflections Alice Stockton
Arlene Stevenson

Selection Mithcell Pierce
Parrish Pierce
Victor Hopkins

Words of Comfort Reverend George L. Wortham (Cousin)

Video Tribute Temple & Sons Funeral Directors

Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family