



Ernest Sylvester Caldwell

December 21, 1947 - October 18, 2022

Ernest Sylvester Caldwell, 74, of Blacksburg, SC (currently of Middletown, CT) passed away on Tuesday October 18, 2022.

Ernest Sylvester Caldwell (better known as Vest or Ernie) was born on December 21, 1947, in Kings Creek South Carolina to George Aaron Caldwell and Ozora Lockhart Caldwell.

Ernest lived in Blacksburg, SC, after the passing of his mother he was raised by Ms. Annie Burris and Paul Burris. Ernest graduated from Granard High School in 1966. He worked for Broad River Brick Yard in Gaffney, South Carolina before relocating to Connecticut in 1970. Ernest was employed with EIS before starting his career in 1974 at Pratt and Whitney. He worked second shift as a Lead Man for 47 years before retiring in October 2021. Ernest was a member and a Steward of Cross Street A.M.E Zion Church and part of the Men's Ministries for many years where he was very involved.

He lived his life with no restrictions, but was always there to support and provide for his family anyway he could. In his earlier days, he enjoyed riding his motorcycles, playing softball and playing Spades. In his older days, he grew attached to watching the Young and the Restless and Old Western movies. Ernest enjoyed just sitting in his living room listening to music for hours. He was not big on sports but liked the New York Yankees. He was a

great caregiver, as well as a Strong tower in his church family. And cook, Ernest could cook! But would not touch a shrimp, lobster or a clam, NEVER.

Besides his parents, he is preceded with one brother, Charles Lockhart and one sister Rosalee Caldwell Muckle; a host of aunts and uncles; parents-in-law, William and Dorothy Brown, sister-in-law Elaine Brown; raised as siblings, Bille Degree, Harold Degree, Elbert Degree, Fannie Mae Burris Covington, Ralph Burris, Danial Gaffney in the family home.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Louise Caldwell of Seneca South Carolina; five sons, Ernest Vincent Caldwell (Wanda) of Durham, North Carolina, Wesley Bernard Caldwell of Charlotte, North Carolina, Marvin Sylvester Harris (Anitra) of Meriden, Connecticut, Michael Terrell Caldwell (Ericka) of Windsor, CT, Ernie Caldwell of Waterbury, Connecticut; One daughter, Ernestine Loretta Caldwell of Middletown, Connecticut; One brother, George Caldwell, Jr of North Carolina; Two sisters, Pamela Ann Caldwell Littlejohn of Shelby North Carolina, Juanita Caldwell of Maple Hill, North Carolina; four brother-in laws Charles Brown (Denise) of Clemson South Carolina, Kenny Brown of Clemson South Carolina, William Brown of Statesville North Carolina, Robert Brown of Seneca South Carolina; two sisters-in-law, Patricia Cooper (Henry) of Seneca South Carolina, Betty Alexander of Seneca South Carolina; fifteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews and other family members.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Middletwon, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

OCT 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cross Street AME Zion Church
440 West St.
Middletown, CT

Funeral Service

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cross Street AME Zion Church
440 West St.
Middletown, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Ernest Sylvester Caldwell*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Vest Caldwell was like a brother to my Mom! He always came by to see her when he was in town! As a young man, he used to come to her parent's home after church to spend time with her brothers Shed and John! Now he and my uncles are back together again! I pray that you all have many great memories and fun times to remember when the days get ruff. May God continue to bless you abundantly and strengthen today and in the days ahead. Leslie M*

Leslie Miller - October 27, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ *Calvin Brenda Vaughan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Caldwell*



Calvin & Brenda Vaughan - October 26, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Sylvester Caldwell.*



October 26, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest Sylvester Caldwell.*



October 25, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Teross and Renee Young purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernest Sylvester Caldwell.*



Teross and Renee Young - October 25, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *Family: Praying that God will bring you peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:8 - Love Pastor Nathaniel J. Fountain Sr.*

Pastor Nathaniel J. Fountain Sr. - October 24, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Our hearts are in pain. Vest has always been a part of it. Wish we could be there for his final. Red, Bobby, Denise. Our deepest condolence. Loved him and his style.*

Bobby Lockhart - October 24, 2022 at 03:38 PM

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“ *Roosevelt Rankins lit a candle in memory of Ernest Caldwell* ”



Roosevelt & Wannetta Rankins - October 24, 2022 at 02:15 PM