

# In Loving Memory

## Acknowledgement

The family of Calvin Trotter wishes to express our sincere thanks for the support, prayers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

-The Family

## FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

12:30 Family

1:00 p.m. Memorial Service

Coles Funeral Home

16100 Schaefer Hwy

Detroit, MI 48235



*Calvin Trotter Sr.*

Sunrise (December 24, 1941) Sunset (October 19, 2021)

## Order of Service

Processional..... In My Time (Teddy Pendergrass)

Prelude..... In My Time (continued)

Obituary.....Andre Trotter/  
Dee Farmer

Prayer.....Moment of Silence

Eulogy..... Scott Trotter

Acknowledgements & Condolences.....Family

Song..... Your My Latest, My  
Greatest Inspiration (Teddy Pendergrass)

Family Remarks.....Billy Morgan

Recessional.....Take Me To The King  
(Tamala Mann)





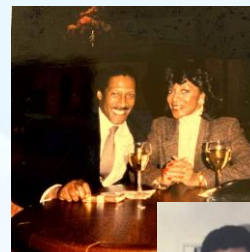
## Obituary -

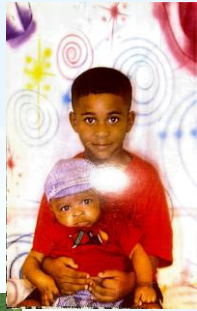
**Calvin Trotter** was born to Charlie and Mae Alice Trotter on December 24th, 1941; in Chattanooga, TN. Calvin was one of four children ( Twin Brother Alvin, Brother Romeo, Sister Charlie Mae) born from his parent's marriage union. Calvin attended Northern High School located in the city of Detroit ( Clairmont and Woodward District). During those years students living in the Ferndale Community were bused back and forth to school. As a young man Calvin and his brother / best friend Romeo were employed as bus boys and servers on The Dawson Cruise Line; For which the ship is still on display at Belle Isle. Thankful to their mother Mae Alice encouraging them to continue to work there, it kept them out of trouble and safe from the streets. Also, during his employment on The Dawson, he met and married Mary Ellen Clark. Four great children were born from this union; Calvin, Scott, Andre and Jill. After being a bachelor for many years Calvin cross paths with a high school classmate, Elaine Neal. This relationship sparked and unified through their marriage in 1986 and brought a wonderful extended family which included two beautiful children from Elaine; An adult daughter Wanda (Williams) Oldham. As well as a young son Billy Ronald Morgan II, whom Calvin raised to adulthood. Calvin retired early from CMI manufacturing then located in Southfield, MI and transitioned to a successful entrepreneur; as he remained until his sunset. For all who knew Calvin, he was a good pool player; which his brother Romeo and himself often told many great/entertaining stories about their days in the pool halls. Calvin loved horses & was an avid racetrack participant for many years. Calvin often stated his sister Charlie Mae introduced his cousin Bobby and himself to the racetrack when they were young. He frequented the Hazel Park Racetrack, Kentucky Deby & Northville Racetrack where he also had his own reserved table. Whom his longtime head hostess Denise, would make sure no one sat at that table unless invited. He shared this table with family and longtime friends over the years. In fact, Calvin & Elaine's very first date was at the Windsor Canadian racetrack along with a wonderful dinner. Elaine has the enduring memory of that date: They were very well dressed and escorted to the table by the maître d. Elaine was so impressed, this made her recall as a young girl how for years her father would shop for his entire wardrobe for the weekend and head to the Kentucky Derby. After 2 years of marriage to Calvin, she encouraged him to do the same since he had such a love for the racetrack runners, and trotters. Therefore, for several years he drove his Mercedes Benz with his beloved brother Romeo, cousin Bobby & friend Greg to the event. These trips were filled with fun and great memories to share. They continued attending the Kentucky Derby each year until health issues took precedent. Even during his illness, his son Scott still faithfully took him to one of his favorite racetracks, Northville Downs. The patrons, staff, jockeys and owners all enjoyed his charismatic, magnetic, straight forward, and fun personality. Calvin will continue to be known for his advice, big sense humor and the wonderful stories he often told of life.



## Obituary – Cont'd

Calvin expressed his love and being proud of all his children & grandchildren. His children were the light of his life, "His Trotter Dogs!" he would proudly call them. Calvin also bragged often of how well his lovely wife Elaine took care of him; and the fun, wonderful trips, experiences and love they have had over their 35 years of matrimony. One of Calvin's many accomplishments was being first in his family to have a home built from the ground up in Plymouth in 2000. Calvin gave some of the most fun and memorable Superbowl & Blue Light in the Basement Parties in the 80's thru 2019 at his Oak Park and Plymouth home. And those were some REAL PARTIES to go down in history! Calvin leaves so many wonderful memories for all he knew and loved. His presence is greatly missed. We continue to say with love, You are gone but never forgotten. Until we meet again in Soul Heaven. Calvin is survived by his wife of 35 years, Elaine Neal Trotter, son Calvin, son Scott, son Andre (wife Tonya), daughter Jill (husband McCarroll), daughter Wanda (Williams) Oldham who predeceased him in death and would have been 62 years old in December; son Billy Ronald Morgan II, his awesome grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.







# Happy Tenth Wedding Anniversary

## HOW WE MET/NOT-SO-BAD BOY

How did your true romance start? Share your story in *How We Met*, c/o Your Turn, Detroit Free Press, 321 W. Lafayette, Detroit 48226.

BY ELAINE TROTTER

**O**n a late summer afternoon in 1985, as was my normal routine, I spent my lunch hour grocery shopping at Farmer Jack's in the Green-Eight shopping center nearby my job at Eastman Kodak Co. in Oak Park. While rushing around the store, I passed a man near the deli whom I instantly glanced at, then continued on. At the end of the aisle he tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Elaine, No?" I was in total shock for no one had called me my maiden name in many, many years.

It turned out, we attended Northern High School together and hadn't seen each other in 27 years. Right away he wanted to know if I was married. He told me he had a crush on me in high school and that he had no intention of letting me get away this time.

I was in the process of getting a divorce, so his timing could not have been better. As I drove back to work with a smile on my face I could recall but two things about this man. The first was that I considered him to be what I considered a "bad boy" because he smoked cigarettes and used bad language. The second was that he had so many girlfriends.

Although we were raised in the same neighborhood environment, we led totally different lives. I was raised by my grandmother, who was a strict no-nonsense disciplinarian. He, on the other hand, played cards, went to clubs, and liked to party all weekend. He was everything I considered a gentleman not to be.

What a wonderful person he turned out to be 27 years later. Calvin and I dated for one year and were married in our living room on Nov. 15, 1986. We plan to renew our vows after 10 years of marriage, again in our living room, on Thanksgiving Day this year.

Between us we have six grown children and two grandchildren. Our children are Calvin Jr., Scott, Andre and Jill Trotter, Wanda Oldham and Billy Morgan II.



Calvin and Elaine Trotter

We have the normal marital ups and downs as everyone does, but we call it a peanut butter and jelly marriage because we work so well together. There are times when people mistake us for brother and sister. We are often told how much we look alike. That gives us a warm and fuzzy feeling for I have always thought people would be married to each other for ages before they take on each other's characteristics.

Some days we wake up smiling and laughing. I tell my husband that I still can't believe I married Old Bad Calvin Trotter who had turned out to be such a wonderful father and husband.

July 18, 1996

November 15, 1986



November 15, 1996

Elaine and Calvin

