



*A
Celebration
of Life*



Evelyn Calloway

1941 - 2025

Friday, The 11th Day of July, Two Thousand, Twenty-Five
The Eleventh Hour of the Morning

MT ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Philadelphia, Mississippi

Pastor Eddie Hinton, Presiding

We Reflect ... With Remembrance

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~ II Corinthians 5:6-8

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If this is true, then many of you should have a smile on your face right now. Evelyn knew how to make people feel good when she walked into a room.

Evelyn was born Evelyn Cole on December 9, 1941, but let her children tell it, it was December 10th. That was the day they grew up celebrating her birthday. Evelyn was born and raised here in Philadelphia just up the road. She was the seventh child of Junior Roosevelt "Bud" Cole and Beatrice Cole.

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Evelyn was a stay-at-home mother while juggling part-time work which included pressing clothes for wealthy clients, seamstress, working at Price-Pfister, and later for the Los Angeles Unified School District as a teacher's aide. She returned to college and obtained her degree in Child Development and later worked for Calvary Baptist Church Daycare Center before returning to Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Evelyn enjoyed nature activities and family events. Together with her husband Everett, she ensured that their children experienced these activities as well. They made many wonderful memories enjoying camping trips in the Oregon mountains, summer vacations here in Philadelphia, attending family reunions, and taking many out-of-the-blue road trips. She also enjoyed telling hilarious stories about the silly things she and her sisters did while growing up.

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Sr., sister Verneeda "Bill" Cole and brother LeFleur "Flo" Cole, her 5 children, a total of 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her passing are her parents - JR "Bud" Cole and Beatrice Cole, sisters - Loretha "Rita" Cole Shaw, Clara Cole James, Velma Cole Davis, Ellie Cole Williams, Mildred Cole Bailey, and brothers - DeWitt Cole Shakir and JP Cole, and granddaughter - Nicole Shantee Walker.

Evelyn spent her life caring for her family and supporting friends throughout her lifetime.

The family and friends feel blessed and proud to have had Evelyn as their wife, mother, and grandmother; she will be deeply missed.

I'm Free...

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

~ Order of Service ~

Processional Soft Musical Prelude (*Gail Whitlock, Pianist*)

Scriptures Readings:

Psalms 23:1-6 Old Testament - *Nikkole Johnson (GrandDaughter)*

John 14: 2-4 New Testament - *DeSean Johnson (Grand Son)*

John 3:16 New Testament - *Niyah Turner (Great Granddaughter)*

Prayer of Comfort *DaWon Turner (Son-in-Law)*

Acknowledgements *Jeffrey Smith (Son-in-Law)*

Selection *Edna Steele*

Tribute and Remarks *Rosie Lee Horn (Relative)*
Family and Friends
Resolution

Selection *Gail Whitlock*

Obituary *Everetta Johnson (Daughter)*

Selection *Melissa Harris*

Eulogy *Pastor Eddie Hinton*

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Recessional *Final Viewing*

Internment *Historic Mt. Zion Cemetery, Philadelphia MS*

Repast *Historic Mt. Zion Fellowship Hall, Philadelphia, MS*

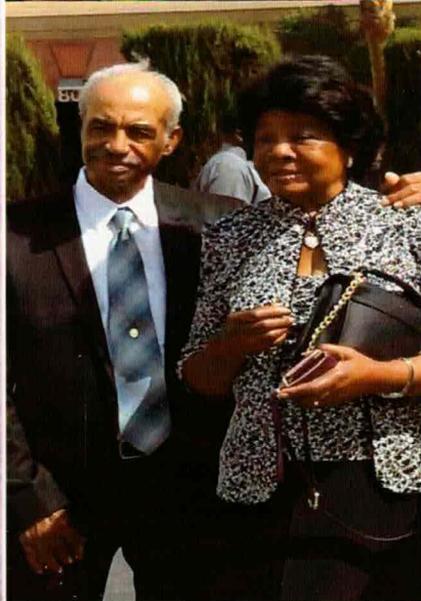
Loved "Grandma's House"

In quiet grace, you lit our days,
With wisdom deep and gentle ways.
A heart so full, a steady guide,
With open arms and love so wide.
Each Saturday, we'd run with cheer,
To Grandma's house so warm, so near.
The weekend's heart, its beating place,
Lit up with love and your embrace.
We'd steal your graham cracker stash,
And sip your juice in one quick dash.
You'd shake your head, pretend to scold,
But we knew your heart was made of gold.
You made me eat three Brussels sprouts
Before dessert could come about.
And once you tricked me, I still recall
Blue cheese, not ranch... the worst of all!
The camping, barbecues, laughter's sound,
Cousins, stories, gathered round.
You taught us strength, but soft and kind,
And left your footprints on our minds.
Though now you're gone, you're still so near
In whispered wind, we feel you here.
Your name lives on in the words of Jenise
I'll miss seeing your face when you heard
"Grandma with the Great" come from her lips.
A title earned, so true, so fair,
For all the love you chose to share.
We'll hold your stories, rich and true,
And live each day remembering you.
The love you planted deep inside,
A legacy that will not hide.

Written by Nikkole Turner (Grand Daughter)

Memories... We Cherish Forever in our Hearts





ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Jerry Johnson III
DeSean Johnson
Perry Walker
Jerry Walker
Everett Calloway III
Major Armstead

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Everett Calloway Sr.
Everett Calloway Jr.
Jerry Johnson IV
Eyan Calloway

FLOWER BEARERS

Friends and Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Evelyn Calloway would like to express out sincere appreciation for the heartfelt expressions of sympathy shown at this time of bereavement. A special thanks to Verneeda "Bill" Cole, LaVada Cole, Bobbie Wilson, Traci Wilson, Mt Zion United Methodist Church and Beck Funeral Home staff.

~ The Family of Evelyn Calloway

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