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EDDIE CALICO, SR.

WAYNE THIBODEAUX  
DANTRELL WOOTEN  
TRACY HARNAGE

HERMANN HOPSON JR.  
DAMON GUILLORY

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

WILLIAM CALICO, SR.  
JERALD THIBODEAUX  
RAYMOND FULLER

ROBERT CALICO, SR.  
RAYMOND FULLER  
HERMANN HOPSON, SR.

ALLEN CALICO  
KERI DAVIS  
WILLIAM CALICO, JR.

## *Flower Bearers*

THERESA CALICO  
BRIDGET HARNAGE  
ROSLYND HOPSON

SANDRA CALICO  
CHRISTI CALICO  
HILARY GUILLORY

DEANN HARNAGE  
NIESHA FRAZIER  
WHITNEY CALICO

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Mary L. Jones wants to thank each of you for your calls, texts, prayers, food, flowers, and visits. Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much for whatever part you have done to comfort us. A special THANK YOU to Areatha Carlwell for six wonderful years of caring for Mary (Our Mimi). You are truly a special person to our family for all the love you showed Mimi, Thank you. Thank you, Regina Coleman, for caring for Mary on the weekends. Thank you to Chambers Hospice for the care you gave to Mary.

We truly appreciate everything that was done for Mary.

**THE CALICO/JONES FAMILY**

## *Interment*

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IN LOVING

# Memory

APRIL 26, 1941 - APRIL 15, 2026



# Mary L. Calico JONES

Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 12:00 Noon

**RESTORATION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

317 Methvin Street | Longview, TX 75601  
Pastor Harvel Davis

*Your light will continue to shine in all of us.*

# Milestones of Mary Leora Calico Jones

Mary Leora Calico Jones of Longview, Texas was born to the parents of A. W. and Armie Dean Calico in Smith County. She departed this earthly life to join the Lord on April 15, 2026 at her home.

Mary began her education at Jackson School for two years and then to Post Oak School for her elementary years. She went to West Point for her Jr High years. She then graduated from North Chapel. She was named Ms. North Chapel her senior year. She excelled to being one point short of the salutatorian of her class. Mary attended Texas College and transferred to Bishop College in Dallas, TX. Mary joined the AKA Sorority at Bishop College. She was a lifetime member. She graduated from Bishop in 1964. Mary taught elementary education for 34 years in Dallas, California and Longview. She received her Masters Degree in Counseling in 1973.

Mary met the Love of her life L A Jones at Texas College. They united in marriage in 1963. He was in the military, so they traveled to many different states and countries. In 1969 their son Eugene Allen Jones was born.

Mary loved church she worked in many areas of the church, Usher board, Sunday school, Pastors aide and anywhere she was need.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents A.W. & Armie Dean Calico, husband L A Jones, brother James Calico, bonus sister Mary Lee Ates, son Eugene Allen Jones, sister-in-law Alma Calico, five nephews Jared Thibodeaux, Rayland Fuller, Tory Fuller, Robert Gabriel, and James Christopher Calico.

She leaves behind a legacy of love - son Treyvone James DeMonte Walters of Houston, TX, three brothers William Calico, Sr. of Kilgore, TX, Robert Calico of Kilgore, TX and Allen Calico of Longview, TX. Four sisters Alice Thibodeaux (Jerald) Garland, TX, Sherrion Fuller (Raymond) Longview, TX, Rosemary Calico-Hopson (Hermann) Baytown, TX, and LaJoyce Davis (Keri) Longview, TX. One bonus sister Paula Cruickshank of Baytown, TX, one aunt Eddie Page (James), and one sister-in-law Sandy Calico of Longview TX. A very special Care Giver Areatha Carldwell of Longview, TX and her loving housekeeper of twenty-two years Christina Rico of Longview, TX. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



# My Mimi!

You held me when I was just 4 weeks old and began a love that's bigger than most hearts can hold. You always caught me when I fell. Who could ever have a hero more wonderful than you. For everything we shared, the dreams, the laughter, and the tears, I love you with a Special Love that these few words can never tell.

You showed me from the beginning, there would never be anyone like you, my MiMi. Every day when I got out of school, I would ask you to stop by Chick fil a or McDonald's. That was our daily routine. You made me know just how special I was to you. You made my life bright and warm.

MiMi, your love is something that no one can explain. It is made of a deep devotion. It is endless and unselfish and enduring. Nothing and no one can destroy it or take that love away. When I did something that I wasn't supposed to do, no matter what it was, you, my Mimi would keep me from getting in trouble with my mom. You were my fortress. You would stand in front of me and wouldn't let mom pop me or spank me.

You encouraged me in everything I tried. We laughed together and you told me my curiosity opens doors to amazing adventures. You told me to have the courage to try new things. Every time we would go somewhere, you Mimi would let me drive. I got to pull the car in and out of the garage. Sometimes you would let me drive around the neighborhood in your lap. You gave me this crazy love for cars.

Everything I asked you for Mimi, you would make sure I got it with no hesitation. Without you, my MiMi, I wouldn't be the young man I am today. I've grown up with your values, and I'm very glad I did. I know you are in heaven guiding my way. Tell PaPa hello and give him my love. I don't have you here my Mimi, anymore to get what I want when I want it, but you always told me, I am full of potential waiting to be unlocked. You said, my spirit is contagious; keep smiling big and spreading joy. You said, Trey, you are loved for exactly who you are. So, here's to you, my dear MiMi, from your forever grateful kid, Treyvone James DeMonte Calico Walters.



# Order of Home Going Service

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”  
Revelation 21:4

**Conductor of Service - Dr. Rev. Larry Washington**

- Processional.....Soft Music**
- Solo.....”Too Close to Heaven”- B.J. Dillard**
- Scripture Reading:**
- Old Testament.....Pulpit**
- New Testament.....Pulpit**
- Prayer.....Elder Bobby Pea**
- Bibleway Fellowship**
- Solo.....”I’m Free”- B.J. Dillard**
- Resolution.....Restoration M.B. Church**
- Expressions.....Two Minutes - Limit Two People**
- Special Tribute.....Tha Truth MC**
- Acknowledgement.....Roslynd Hopson**
- Words of Comfort.....Rev. Harvel Davis**
- Presentation.....Cunningham Directors**
- Parting View & Crowning.....Cunningham Directors**
- Recessional.....Soft Music**

# To Our Precious Sister

**Mary, Pat, Mary Leora, Mrs. Jones, MiMi;** our big sister, our leader, our example, our trailblazer, the love of our lives, God saw how tired you were when man could not find a cure. So, He wrapped his arms around you and held you tight because we did not want to let go. He whispered "Come to me" and we pretended we did not hear. So, He shouted, "It is time" because you did not deserve what you were going through. He took you, the best, and there was nothing we could do. He gave you rest from the loneliness and troubles of this world. When we saw you sleeping, so peaceful and free from life's trials and tribulations, we could not wish you back to suffer that again. So, we simply say, rest well Big Sister. Save a place for us, for we know you're in heaven celebrating with the family there that we so dearly love, telling us it is going to be OK as we each wait for that grand family reunion.

**William-** Well girl, you always had to do everything before me. I sit here laughing at how many whipping you got us or how many fights I had after you'd open your big mouth. The biscuits and gravy may have been poor but our love and comradery were great. Remember that time you were fussing on the bus, so we got off, played for a long time as we walked home, while mom and dad were looking for us. Ooooo, you got us in trouble, again. Then, I remember the sacrifices I made for you- working so you could go to college, driving you back and forth to college knowing I had to turn right around and get to work. And these last years, just sitting looking at each other, not saying a word. That's love.

**Alice-** I bet you're up in heaven telling everybody about the time I got you a beating because you were supposed to be watching me. You know you were outside playing! I love how you always talked about my children- you wanted Jackie's beautiful hair, telling Wayne to take care of those girls, remembering Jared's big eyes and curly hair. I'll really miss you calling me, talking for hours on the phone.

**Sherry-** Nobody can tell me that I wasn't your favorite! You gave me Eugene as my Godson, but we would fight so much because he wouldn't listen to me. He'd say "Mom, Aunt Sherry is being mean to me" and you'd break up the argument. Well, I won't be carrying you on any trips anymore like I used to, to take you down to see Rosemary's plays. We had so much fun. Mary, you were my idol. I always wanted to be just like you. You moved me to Longview and now you've gone off and left me.

**Robert-** I'm sitting here laughing at the fact that years ago, I refused to go to your wedding because that L A Jones was stealing my big sister, a marriage that is 62 years old. A man of few words, all I have to say is thank you for the times you helped me and my kids out. And I'm going to miss fussing with you cause the two of us could really fuss. Rest in peace big sister.

# Forever in Our Hearts

**Sandy (James)-** It was such a delight for James to walk down the hill everyday to sit in his favorite spot on the sofa in the playroom and watch TV, and then I would drive down. Lol. You were such a wonderful educator and gave great wisdom to the kids. Oh, and the family gatherings were great; me always bringing the fruit salad. You loved fruit. To have one more game, even though you always beat me, so who am I going to watch Wheel of Fortune with every evening now?

**Rosemary-** My claim to fame is that you named me! As I sit here, tears flowing, I know how much you loved me. How you loved to come to see my work-my plays. How I influenced Eugene to be in his school musicals. How I never let you forget that you gave me away and took me out of the will when Eugene was born. How you always worried about me way down in Baytown. How you simply wanted the best for me and Hermann and especially our kids. Everyone deserves a loving big sister like you.

**LaJoyce-** It was so much fun going on family trips with you. None of us will ever forget all of the decorations you put out for every single holiday and how over the top your Christmas decorations were. These last years of your life have been such a major part of my life. Running The Jones Family Trust, coming by to see you everyday, taking you shopping and watching you at the grocery store buying at least two carts running over the top. The time of your life was spoiling Trey to this very day.

**Allen-** To have a big sister 27 years older than me is a feat! Every time I think about the fact that you came from California for my graduation, I can only smile a big smile. And then, when I was trucking and Maple sent D'Karious to me, you told me to come pick out a house so we could have a home base. Not just anyone would open up their heart and wallet like that. You make this entire family grateful.

**We the children of A.W. and Armie Dean Calico thank God for blessing us with you, Mary L.**

