

When Great Trees Fall

When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.
When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.
When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.
Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance, fall away.
We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of
dark, cold
caves.
And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always irregularly.
Spaces fill with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be.
Be and be better.
For they existed.

Maya Angelou



Pallbearers

Vernon G. Pringle

LeRoy W. Emerson

Honorary Pallbearers

Vernon Griffin Pringle

Leroy Emerson

Parnell McCray

Ernest Walker

Joe Smith

Flower Bearers

Joan Harris Graves

Dana Lewis

Yvonne Starkey-Posey

Joanna Paek

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep
appreciation the many expressions of love,
concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them
during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Calvin Lee Peeples

Repast

Immediately Following Internment
Greater Liberty Baptist Church
6209 Desmond St, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Calvin Lee Peeples

SUNRISE
June 12, 1943

SUNSET
June 19, 2026

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
Visitation 10:00 am until 11:00 am
Funeral Service 11:00 am

at the
GREATER LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
6209 Desmond Street
Madisonville, Ohio 45227

Obituary

Calvin Lee Peeples was born Saturday, June 12, 1943, in Monticello, Arkansas, the eldest son of Ransom and Ethel Mae (Flemister) Peeples. One week after the celebration of his 83rd birthday, on Friday, June 19, 2026, Calvin transitioned from this physical world and ascended to his forever home.

As a boy growing up in Monticello, Calvin became a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where he turned his life over to Christ at an early age. He was a boy scout and later attended Drew High School. It was while he was in high school where a friend told him there was someone he thought he should meet...that someone was Jane.

After graduating high school, Calvin and Jane went on to attend the University of Arkansas AM&N, now UAPB. Calvin majored in Biology, served as a class officer, the President of his chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated (member since 1962) and President of the Pan-Hellenic Council, a member of the Science Club and the Editor of the Lion, his college yearbook.

After graduating college, Calvin married Jane on June 6, 1965. He was recruited by Procter & Gamble, where he worked for 30 years. When they first moved to Cincinnati, their first apartment was in the King Towers in Madisonville. Calvin and Jane would later move to Silverton in 1969 where they grew their family and turned their house into a home. Calvin became a member of Greater Liberty Baptist Church on June 29, 1969, under the pastorate of the late Jerome M Lewis, Sr. He was a member of the Capital Campaign Committee as its recording secretary and a member of one of its initiatives, the Trash to Treasures drive. Calvin was also a member of the Cincinnati/Dayton UAPB alumni chapter. where he served as treasurer.

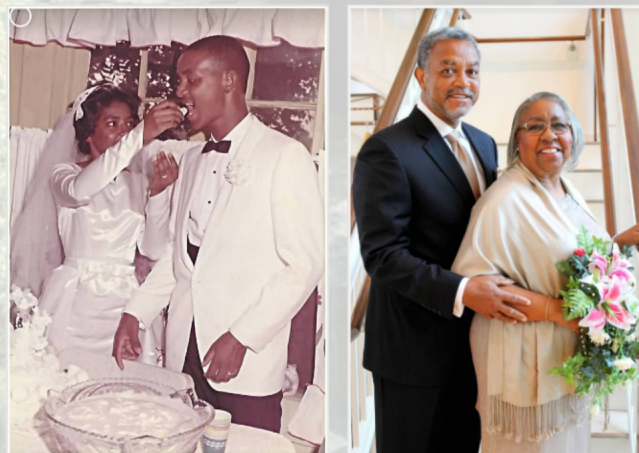
Whether you knew him as Calvin, Cal or C.P., you knew a man who was an avid golfer, known to do the New York Times crossword puzzle- in ink, enjoyed photography, travel, Craftsman style design and the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, and family ancestry. He would jump into the air and click his heels together just to amuse his girls while they were growing up. He was a man with a magnificent whistle- the lightness and tone was like a songbird. Calvin was not only formally educated, but he was a man who actively practiced common sense. He was witty and could be heard saying such things as "Perfection stifles", "This too shall pass" and repeated the words his father said as he became a man of a certain age... "Once a man, twice a child".



Calvin was preceded in death by his parents Ransom and Ethel Mae (Flemister) Peeples, three half- siblings- Aaron Peeples, Homer Peeples and Elois (Peeples) Colton, his in-laws- Samuel Mack and Mae Ellen (Walker) Graham, his four brothers-in-law- Herman (Eliza) Graham, Samuel Jr (Marie) Graham, Adam Graham, and Felix (Eutivi) Graham, his three sisters-in-law- Virginia (Freddie) Miller, Alma (Clarence) Butler, and Kathryn (George) Young.

Calvin is survived by his beautiful wife, Jane Alden (Graham) Peeples, two daughters- Andrea Cheryl Peeples (Vernon G. Pringle) and Alison Elaine Peeples, grandson Vernon Griffin Pringle, brother Charles Edward Peeples (Vicki Eggleston), three sisters- Verlenda Jean (Peeples) Harris, Zenobia Mae Ridgell, and Vera Tean (Peeples) Parks (Willie Parks), sister-in-law Ruby Jewel (Graham) Emerson (Leroy Emerson) and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, and an endless number of friends who felt and moved just like family.

Calvin's legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched. We ask that you continue to honor this great man, that you pay forward the blessings you received from knowing and interacting with him. Do not let his gift end, carry it with you in all ways.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Parting View	Immediate Family
Scripture Reading	Old Testament/New Testament
Prayer	
Musical Selection	
Acknowledgements	
Resolutions	
Remarks	Family & Friends (Please Limit Remarks to Two Minutes)
Eulogy	Pastor Herbert E. Mabry
Benediction	
Recessional	



Final Resting Place
Spring Grove Cemetery

4521 Spring Grove Avenue - Cincinnati, Ohio 45232