



Franklin D Calhoun

July 18, 1940 - January 6, 2025

Franklin D. Calhoun, 84, of Benton Township died Monday, January 6, 2025, at the Corewell Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph.

A time of family and friends' reflections and memories will be held at Noon of Tuesday, January 14, at the Fairplain Chapel. The visitation will be from 11 A.M. until Noon on Tuesday at the Fairplain Chapel. . Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation in his memory. Please share memories or messages at www.florin.net.

On July 18, 1940, Franklin Delno Calhoun, known by his friends and family as "Big Time Cal", graced this earth, born to the loving union of Anderson and Essie Calhoun in Brighton, TN. The family later moved to St. Louis, MO, where he attended grade school. They eventually settled in Covert, MI where he attended the Covert area schools.

He was a gifted athlete who excelled in basketball, ping-pong, and other sports. During his school years, he was offered a college basketball scholarship but chose to enter the workforce instead. His love for sports remained a constant throughout his life, and he could often be found cheering on the next basketball or football game or enjoying a good boxing match.

Franklin was a kind- hearted man who brought joy to others through his sense of humor, warm personality, and love for spending time with family and friends. Whether he was fishing, shooting pool, playing cards, or watching a game, he found happiness in life's simple pleasures. Known as the family's chef, he took pride in cooking meals with love, always making sure everyone was well fed. Above all, he prioritized his family, showing his devotion as a husband, father, and loyal friend.

He was a kind man who always "had your back". If something needed to be fixed, he preferred to handle it himself rather than ask for help. He stood by those he cared for through thick and thin, offering words of wisdom and encouragement when they were needed most.

Professionally, he worked at Auto Specialties and later at Acosta, a job he truly enjoyed. He also pursued self-employment, finding pride and fulfillment.

Franklin leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and unwavering loyalty that will forever live the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Lois Glaspy-Calhoun, and his son, Zavair (Sabrina) Glaspy, of Battle Creek, MI.

He is also survived by his former wife and friend, Gloria Calhoun, and his daughters, DeLinda Butler of Benton Harbor, Darnette Pay; Junanne Noble, and Felice Isom, all of Indianapolis, IN.

Additional daughters include: Almeda Rush, Amanda Rush, LeKeyanna Williams, and Tammy Fuse, all of Benton Harbor, Yolonda "Lis" Bogan of Kansas City, MO, and Alicia "Lisa" Jones of Grand Rapids.

His sons include; Vern McKenzie and Terrence (Kimberly) McKenzie, both of Grand Rapids, Jonathan (Chrystal) Guyton of Louisville, Ky., Darren (Trisha) Taylor of CA, Timothy Fuse of Benton Harbor, and Raymond "Earl" Ben of IL.

He also leaves behind his brothers and sisters-in-law: James (Catherine) Bell and Brian (Pamela) Williams, ; Helen, Jean, and Sandra Calhoun, as well as June Hill, Audrey Walker, and Janice Hamilton.

Franklin also was blessed with 35 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren, 2 grand pups, and a host of beloved nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Anderson and Essie Calhoun; his brothers, John Anderson Calhoun and William Earl Calhoun, and his daughters, Kattura Ogburn and Joni Rudley, his nephew William Earl Calhoun, Jr. and niece Leslie Calhoun.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Time of Reflections and Memories

JAN 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FI

“ Love you Dad❤️



Felice Isom - January 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM

DB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Delinda Butler - January 14, 2025 at 08:31 AM

DI

“ Love you always Shoop ☐ that was always our special name we shared between each other. Thanks for being a loving grandad.



Daja Isom - January 13, 2025 at 10:57 PM

DB

“ Tribute from mother I'm repeating what my grandmother said when I lost my uncle John. My Grandmother Essie Calhoun this is a tribute to my loving son. Our family chain has been broken and nothing will ever be the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again. I love you, Mother and yes, grandma that link. is not complete I know you have your sons, my granddaddy and my cousin with you until I see you all again. I love you Daddy. You will totally be missed. My heart is broken but I know you are OK. Your loving daughter Delinda.❤️❤️❤️

Delinda Butler - January 13, 2025 at 09:43 PM

CB

Frank you will be Missed been part of my life many years such a Awesone man great spirt never changing you & my Step Dad Johnny Ervin share so many memories take your rest we will see u again ❤️🙏

Carolynn Burton - January 13, 2025 at 11:04 PM

JF

“ With heartfelt sympathy to the Calhoun family during this transitional time. You have our love and prayers during this difficult time. God bless the Calhoun family.



Josephine Doss-Smith & Family - January 13, 2025 at 05:39 PM



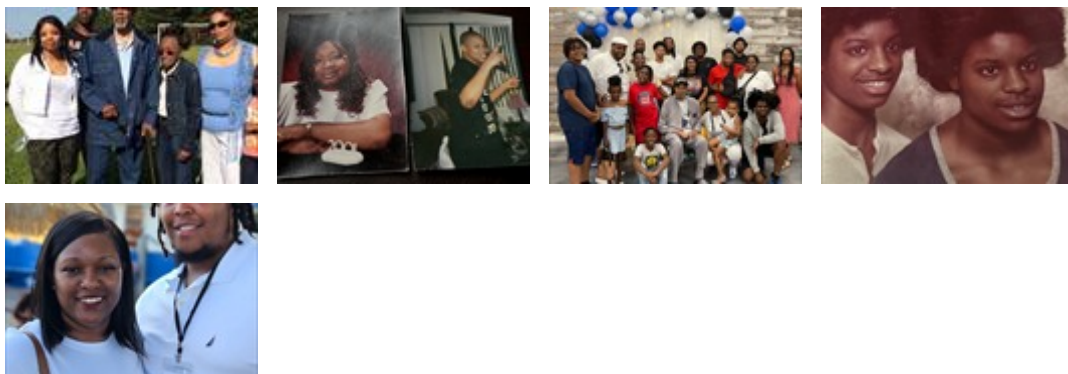
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Florin Funeral Services - January 13, 2025 at 04:59 PM



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LW

“ Our sincere prayers and condolences to Lois and the family, Calhoun was a great friend, fishing buddy and pool table duck killer. He will be greatly missed
Lamar & Connie Walls

Lamar & Connie Walls - January 11, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ My rememberable moments was pool lessons at smokies. Dad knew the game and was the greatest teacher. Rest in peace 🙏 pops we love you and you will never be forgotten. Love you son Vern.



Vern Mckenzie - January 11, 2025 at 04:58 AM

LB

My prayers are with my friend Felicia Isom n my sister Lois.

Lisa bobo - January 11, 2025 at 04:55 PM