



## Calvin Cunningham

December 4, 1936 - July 19, 2024

Mr. Calvin Cunningham was born on December 4, 1936 in Talladega, Alabama to the William Cunningham and Nona Williamson Cunningham.

He accepted Christ at a young age while attending Rocky Mount Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Cunningham received his formal education in the Talladega County School System where he was a 1956 graduate of Talladega County Training School. Upon completing his education, Mr. Cunningham enlisted in the US Army proudly serving his country for several years before he was honorably discharged. Once returning to civilian life, Mr. Cunningham joined the workforce and became a hard-working man, working as a manager for Coca Cola Bottling Company for 40 years before retiring. Everyone knew him as "Coke Man" because of his dedication to the company and his Talladega community. He was later employed as a stocker with Piggly Wiggly for 20 years before permanently retiring to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Mrs. Tommie McKenzie Cunningham and together they shared the blessing of six loving children. Mr. Cunningham loved to work; but he enjoyed and loved his family unconditionally.

On Friday, July 19, 2024, while in the comfort of his home surrounded by his beloved family, Mr. Calvin Cunningham's 87-year earthly journey was traded for eternal rest when he answered the call of his Master saying, "Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant". Upon entering those pearly gates, Mr. Cunningham was greeted by his wife Mrs. Tommie Cunningham, parents, William and Nona Cunningham, three brothers, Howard Cunningham, Clifford Cunningham, and Larry Cunningham, two sisters, Yvonne Holden and Marion Cunningham, and his grandson, Byron Hammonds.

Mr. Cunningham leaves to cherish his loving memories, three sons, Jerome (Martina) Hammonds, Antonio (Marsha) Hammonds, and Calvin Hammonds; three daughters, Sheila Cunningham, Michelle Hammonds, and Myra Hammonds; special granddaughter he raised as his own daughter, Kimico Hammonds; special great-granddaughter, Kassidy

Hammonds; special grandson, Dontorius Hammonds; brother, James Cunningham; brother-in-law, Clarence McKenzie; sister-in-law, Jo Ann Curry; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **26.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel

217 Coosa St. East

Talladega, AL 35160

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *The Mckenzie/Walker family sending their prayer to the family during their time of bereavement. ❤️*

Sandra walker - July 27, 2024 at 05:01 AM

KA

“ *Kendra A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Cunningham.*

Kendra A. - July 26, 2024 at 11:15 AM

TB

“ *Tereda Bell lit a candle in memory of Calvin Cunningham*



Tereda Bell - July 25, 2024 at 09:06 PM

GR

“ *May your memories of Calvin bring you comfort and peace. He was a kind and friendly man. We hold many fond memories of him as the Coca Cola Man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Gloria Ratchford Cole and Elva Lois Ratchford*



Gloria Cole/Elva Ratchford - July 25, 2024 at 08:21 PM

AN

*May your precious memories be remembered of your dad. I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Cunningham while visiting Sheila and Michelle as classmates. He was such a very nice and friendly person. My prayers to the family.*

Angela - July 26, 2024 at 01:12 PM

AH

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Cunningham family  
Alonzo and Shernevelyne Draper Hill*



Alonzo & Shernevelyne Hill - July 24, 2024 at 09:06 PM

PE

“ *Most sincere and deepest sympathy. Mr. Cunningham was a source of inspiration and encouragement to my son Tim as he embarked upon his career with Coke. We pray for strength and comfort for the Cunningham Hammond Family. Barbara D. Embry & the Embry Family* 🌹

Pastor Barbara Embry - July 24, 2024 at 11:51 AM

PB

“ *My sincere condolences to the Cunningham and Hammonds families may God give you the strength to endure this loss of your dear love one, and May he comfort you at times it may seem to hard to bare.... Mr. Calvin was a sweet loving man and he will truly be missed, but his Legacy and memories will forever be embedded within the mind and hearts of his loved ones and friends he meet while traveling the path which our LORD and savior lead us through.... R.I.P. Mr. Cunningham is brill we all meet again.*



Pamela Bradford - July 23, 2024 at 03:49 PM

Y)

“ *Yulanda Wilson (DeeDee ) lit a candle in memory of Calvin Cunningham*



Yulanda Wilson (DeeDee ) - July 22, 2024 at 02:36 PM

CR

“ *Sincere condolences to the Cunningham family.*



Carolyn E Rowls - July 22, 2024 at 12:39 AM

VC

“ *Rest in Heaven Uncle Calvin* 💙



Valerie Cunningham - July 21, 2024 at 03:14 PM

EM

“ Elaine McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Calvin Cunningham



Elaine McKenzie - July 21, 2024 at 09:51 AM

AC

“ Annette Chatman lit a candle in memory of Calvin Cunningham



Annette Chatman - July 20, 2024 at 11:35 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear this, I remember him in our teenage years on the coco-cola truck. With deepest sympathy and prayer to the family. He was such a lovely person my Dad/Mom was really fond of him.



Minister Zee Moore - July 19, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Calvin Cunningham



Gwennette Duncan - July 19, 2024 at 06:53 PM

LP

“ Lori Pope lit a candle in memory of Calvin Cunningham



lori pope - July 19, 2024 at 02:55 PM

JH

“ Jackie Williams Hall lit a candle in memory of Calvin Cunningham



Jackie Williams Hall - July 19, 2024 at 02:07 PM

JH

My sincere prayers and Condolences to the family!!! 🙏💔😞🌹

Jackie Williams Hall - July 19, 2024 at 02:08 PM