

Order Of Service

Processional.....	Family
Selection.....	Tabernacle Choir
Scripture.....	Rev. John Ghosten
Prayer.....	Rev. John Ghosten
Selection.....	Tabernacle Choir
Obituary.....	Frances C. Parks
Resolutions.....	Tabernacle Baptist Church
Reflections from Grandchildren.....	Jer'Mykeal D. McCoy Timothy J. Callaway Michael K. Parks Charissa Robs
Selection.....	Tabernacle Choir
Eulogy.....	Pastor Christopher R. Battle Sr.
Benediction.....	
Recessional.....	

~ Interment ~

Friday, August 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
Sherwood Memorial Garden
Knoxville, TN

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all for your many acts of kindness. Comforting words and prayers during this hour of trial.
May God bless and sustain each and everyone of you.

Celebrating The Life Of

Mr. Charles Callaway



1910-2011

Thursday, August 4, 2011

Wake 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Funeral 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Unity Mortuary
1425 McCalla Avenue ~ Knoxville, TN 37914
Pastor Christopher R. Battle, Sr., Officiating

Charles Calloway (November 14, 1910-July 30, 2011) was born in Loudon, Tennessee to Alfred and Estella Calloway. He lost both parents at a very early age and he and his sister, Hattie Calloway Simms (deceased 1984) were reared by his mother's sister and husband. He attended Knoxville schools where he met and later married Frances Holmes. They were married 34 years at the time of her death (1962) and were the parents to four sons, Charles, Kenneth, Robert and Roscoe (all deceased); three surviving daughters, Frances Callaway Parks (Chicago), Patricia Robinson and Harriet Foster (Knoxville).

Now that our father is no longer with us, we have memories upon memories to contemplate who he was. For starters he weighed his words before speaking. When Daddy spoke we listened. He shared stories with us about what life was like growing up, lessons he'd learned, i.e., "When you see trouble go the other way"; "Be careful how you choose your friends, some can get you in trouble". He also repeated often, how important it was to be reliable and honest. He wasn't arrogant or boastful but he was gentle and strong in a quiet way. He was giving and proud of each one of his children, he loved us for being ourselves, perfect or not. He was very much a gentleman both in his dress and demeanor. Early on, he worked as a shoe shine boy in a tobacco shop on Gay Street and his family made their living as chauffeur, housekeepers and other domestic jobs in the homes of the owners of one of the upscale retailers in Knoxville. Daddy retired from Hamilton National Bank and Baptist Hospital. At the bank, he and another employee were assigned to the vault area, where they found the payroll for all of the branches exposed and didn't take a penny. Before his health began to fail him, we daughters hosted a big birthday celebration for his 90th birthday and 95th. One of the highlights of the occasion was Daddy's articulate talk about his life and the wisdom and changes of the decades. In his quietness he was a thinker and his intelligence was obvious for a man who only completed the ninth grade. He used to love to read the paper and could engage us in a discussion on a variety of topics and he was curious about people and things. We can honestly say we never heard our father use foul language. Truthfully, we didn't know our father very well until after our mother died, then Daddy became the single parent in our household, we could observe him in his fatherly role and as a man. Fortunately we were able to take care of the house and cook, because our father could barely boil water. He wasn't a father that knew how to care for babies. He'd pat them on the head gingerly but never looked quite comfortable holding them. But the grand babies came, some he helped raise and now our tiny family has grown tremendously.

The progeny of this father of seven children, Charles, Kenneth, Robert and Roscoe (all deceased); surviving daughters, Frances Callaway Parks (Chicago), Patricia Robinson and Harriet Foster (Knoxville). Seven grandchildren: Michael K. Parks (LaWanda) Byram, MS; Charissa Robs (Nashville), Allan Parks (Chicago), Timothy Calloway (Nashville), Tammy Callaway Nelson Atlanta), Monique Davis, Anthony Robinson (deceased). Great-Grandchildren: Jer'Mykeal McCoy, Markus and Markeith Fontenot, Ezekiel Parks, Brandon and Acira Callaway. Great-Great Grandchildren: Delandria (Shannon) Baker, Trania Dean, Daionte (Monique) Mack, Tequisha Mack. Nieces: Jamesetta Shipe (Texas) Cynthia (Duane) Bryd, Columbus, OH. He was one of Tabernacle Baptist Church's oldest members. Very devoted friend, Lena Delaney (Georgia).

Daddy We Love & Appreciate You.

