

Obituary

Calvin James Mott, Sr.

was born on February 6, 1952 in Americus, Georgia, to Reverend Berta M. Mott and the late Calvin Augusta Mott. At the age of 9 months, he relocated with his parents to Newark, New Jersey. At an early age, he joined the Smyrna Baptist Church in Newark, where he served faithfully until young adulthood. He was an adherence member of Union Baptist Church in Kenilworth, New Jersey. Calvin was a graduate of Newark Public Schools, where he subsequently worked as a teacher and assistant principal for nearly 25 years.

Calvin earned multiple degrees, including a Masters in Education Degree in Administration and Supervision from Saint Peter's College, a Masters in Business Administration Degree in Marketing and Operations Management from Rutgers University Graduate School of Management, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Ramapo College, and an Associate in Arts Degree in Psychology from Essex County College.

Calvin volunteered for numerous community service projects and initiatives, including Habitat for Humanity in Newark, and the New Jersey Orators in Somerset, NJ, where he volunteered as a speech coach. He also volunteered as a mentor with the Sigma Beta Club of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in Orange, and Big Brother, Big Sister of Essex County in Newark. He was a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Organization of African American Administrators, the New Jersey Principals' Institute, the National Association of Black School Educators, the Urban League, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Additionally, he was a past president and member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Chi Sigma Chapter, where he also served as educational chair.

Before his untimely death, Calvin served with unwavering devotion as Vice Principal of John F. Kennedy School, which he considered one of the greatest highlights of his career. The students, staff and parents at John F. Kennedy School had the highest regard for Calvin. He set the tone for excellence by being one of the school's biggest advocates and not letting a day go by without motivating students and acknowledging their hard work. He was a consistently positive and dynamic colleague who brought so much happiness to so many people. He was highly regarded by his colleagues, as well as those in senior administrative positions throughout the district for his productivity and professionalism. Calvin was a gifted, proactive troubleshooter, and his depth of knowledge, experience and abilities proved invaluable as Vice Principal in multiple schools within the Newark Public Schools System. Calvin was a passionate, resourceful and devoted educator who was respected and admired by countless colleagues. He was deeply committed to the students, parents, faculty and staff members he served. He was a reliable, trustworthy and compassionate colleague, and he will be profoundly missed.

Above all, Calvin considered his family his greatest achievement. Calvin was a devoted husband and father. More than anything, he loved spending time with his family.

Calvin is survived by his beloved wife, Kim, daughters, Monika "Roxie", Kaleemah, Shardé, and Sumayah, son, Calvin James II, granddaughters, Idrionna, Jaza, Raiyn, and London, mother, Reverend Berta M. Mott, brothers, Gregory and Shauncey, sisters, Bernita, Judy and brother-in-law, Michael, nieces and nephews, Jamila, Jazmin, Kenya, Malik, Roy and Zhané, and a host of colleagues and friends.



Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL
Clergy
With Scripture Sentences

HYMN
Choir

SCRIPTURE
Norah J. Campbell-Royal
Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION
Rev. Samuel M. Wright
Union Chapel Church
Union, NJ

SOLO
Tracey Watkins

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Leslie Raye-Hankerson
Cards, Telegrams, and other Expressions

REFLECTIONS
Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes

CASA
Dr. Leonard Pugliese, President

OAAA
Ms. Deborah Terrell, President

John F. Kennedy High School
(Dr. Glenda Johnson Green, Principal)
Mrs. Anzella K. Neims

HYMN
Choir

OBITUARY (Silent Reading)
Leslie Raye-Hankerson

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EULOGY
The Rev. John H. Smith, Sr.
Union Baptist Church
Kenilworth, NJ

THE WORD
The Rev. Bernard Wilkes
Metropolitan Baptist Church

BENEDICTION
The Rev. Bernard Wilkes
Metropolitan Baptist Church

RECESSIONAL

Interment
Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, NJ

Repast
John F. Kennedy School
311 South 10th Street
Newark, NJ