



## Calvin Varnum

June 8, 1951 - May 21, 2023

Mr. Calvin Varnum was born June 8, 1951 in Commerce, Georgia to the late G.W. and Mary Lizzie Rivers Varnum. He departed this life on May 21, 2023.

Calvin was educated at J.L. Williams and Bryan High School. However, at the age of 16, Calvin's life was changed with the death of his mother. Calvin's big heart and unselfish love decided to leave school and start working at Harmony Mill Grove in Commerce in order to raise his younger brother Marshall who was only 11 years old at that time.

As Calvin got older you could always see him walking in the Commerce community. He always said he loved to walk for exercise and to keep his blood pressure good. Rain or shine, you could find Calvin at Huck's, or at Hardees, or even at the CVS getting his blood pressure checked. Calvin loved Commerce and always smiled and waved to people passing through town.

Calvin was preceded in death by his mother and father Mary Lizzie and G.W. Varnum; his brothers Charles, Pete and Washington; his sisters Sarah Nell, JoAnne, Margaret and Mary Frances.

He leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Margaretia Henderson, Commerce, Georgia; brother, Marshall (Cherie) Varnum, Jefferson, Georgia; half brother and half sisters, Keith, Stephanie, Sherry, Jan; two grandchildren,

four great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and relatives.

# Cemetery Details

## Jackson Memorial Garden

6825 Jefferson Road  
Commerce , GA 30529

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Civic Center  
65 kissam Street  
Jefferson. , GA 30549

## Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Civic Center  
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Jefferson. , GA 30549

# Tribute Wall



“ Calvin Varnum

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Douglas Stephens lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Douglas Stephens - June 23, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ Wow, what an impact one person made on so many people. Mr. Calvin seems to me as if he were a true Angel. How could anyone hurt such a sweet soul? Maybe we all should try to be more like Mr. Calvin and maybe this world would be a kinder place. RIP young man you now have your wings... Fly high ☐



Kim - June 01, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ Pamela Glasper lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Pamela Glasper - June 01, 2023 at 09:43 AM

PG

“ *This world needs more angels like Mr. Varnum. We will see him again if we don't lose hope. Keep praying everyone, do something unselfish today, and remember to pay it forward. May God bless Mr. Varnum's family, friends and his community. ~Pamela Denise Glasper*

Pamela Glasper - June 01, 2023 at 09:40 AM

NR

“ *My condolences to the family of "Mr. Calvin."*



Nita Robinson - May 31, 2023 at 06:00 PM

EB

“ *My condolences to the varnum family and I will keep you in my prayers*



Elmira Beasley - May 31, 2023 at 05:47 PM

BK

“ *My husband and I met Calvin several years and thought he was a real nice man. he come in the Hardee and come by and talk to us. He would wave at us when we see him on the side of the road. I know he be surely missed. Bill and Kathy cox*



Bill and kathy - May 31, 2023 at 02:14 PM

CH

“ Christine lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Christine - May 31, 2023 at 09:32 AM

CH

Mr. Varnum's tragic death just breaks my heart. I did not know hime, but I grieve for him just the same. My most sincere sympathies to the family and Commerce community. 🙏🙏

Christine - May 31, 2023 at 09:35 AM

LR

“ Loretta Rucker lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Loretta Rucker - May 31, 2023 at 09:11 AM

Mary Moore

“ Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Mary Moore - May 29, 2023 at 08:25 PM

VA

“ He was always smiling and waving at my daughter. Commerce will miss him very much!



vanessa - May 28, 2023 at 01:23 PM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole entire Varnum family.

Monica Sanders - May 27, 2023 at 04:16 PM

GH

“ Gilbert Harrell lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Gilbert Harrell - May 26, 2023 at 03:59 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Judy - May 26, 2023 at 11:38 AM

BY

“ To Vince, Maurice, Star, Dominic and the entire Varnum Family, We are extremely sorry to learn of the loss of your Uncle. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all as you go through this very difficult time. May GOD give you strength and comfort thru this journey. Isaac(Skip) and Brenda Yelder, Athens, Ga

Brenda Yelder - May 26, 2023 at 11:21 AM

K.

“ K.G. lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



K.G. - May 26, 2023 at 09:07 AM

RP

“ I travel several times a week from Jefferson to Carnesville, for work. Ive been waving back to Calvin Varnum for years now. Always looking for him, I'd sometimes try to wave at him, before he had the chance to wave at me. For me, and I'm sure for many others like me, waving at "that smiling man holding a stick" was what you knew you'd be doing at some point along Homer Road. You found yourself looking forward to it. I know I did. His presence along that stretch of Commerce gave to so many people a genuine gift of humanity with a simple smile and a wave. Reading about his death broke my heart. My deepest condolences to his family and to those who knew him.

Ron Peavey - May 26, 2023 at 01:58 AM

CE

“ I didn't have the plaid knowing you Mr. Varnum but it breaks my heart what happened to you. A senseless act of evil. You were so loved by so many people, I just don't understand why people are so mean and heartless. I can tell by that precious smile you had, that you were a true sweetheart. But I know that you are in Heaven and walking and waving on the streets of gold now. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family and friends, to Anyone that knew you. Just from reading about you for the last few days and looking at that precious smile, I think All of our hearts got to know you. Let that sweet smile keep shining and let those beautiful wings keep waving ❤️🌹💙🥹.



Charlotte Epps - May 26, 2023 at 12:10 AM

CE

*I'm sorry , typo, I meant " pleasure" not plaid.*

Charlotte Epps - May 26, 2023 at 12:15 AM

AM

“ Athenia Rucker - Myrick lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



athenia rucker - myrick - May 25, 2023 at 10:32 PM

CM

“ Christine Martin lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Christine Martin - May 25, 2023 at 05:09 PM

DE

“ *Debbie lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



Debbie - May 25, 2023 at 04:35 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Walker lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



Brenda Walker - May 25, 2023 at 04:19 PM

GH

“ *Mr Calvin was an awesome Inspiration to everyone he spoke too. There's no doubt where he is today. REST IN PEACE Mr Calvin*

George Holleger - May 25, 2023 at 08:45 AM

WC

“ *Wanda McKie Compton lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



Wanda McKie Compton - May 25, 2023 at 08:41 AM

DE

“ I didn't know you as much as others but the smiles you gave every single day and seeing you wave at me after a long day at work always warmed my heart up more than you can imagine

Destiny - May 25, 2023 at 07:56 AM

LW

“ Lisa Ward lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Lisa Ward - May 25, 2023 at 07:52 AM

AW

“ Such a beautiful soul

Amy White - May 25, 2023 at 07:05 AM

CL

“ I just seen you the day before this tragedy happened you were just a waving at me and smiling, I waved back at you! R.I.P Calvin, you are missed by so many. Until we meet again here is 🙌🙌🙌 for you ❤️❤️



Crystal Little - May 25, 2023 at 06:58 AM

LD

“ *Linda W Davis lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



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**Linda W Davis** - May 25, 2023 at 06:56 AM

LW

“ *Laura Walker lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



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**Laura Walker** - May 25, 2023 at 12:48 AM

TR

“ *Tiffany Roberts lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



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**Tiffany Roberts** - May 24, 2023 at 09:49 PM

KM

“ *The last 2 times I saw Mr Calvin were so memorable. We had dinner at Hucks and he was also there. As I was leaving he stopped me to tell me he was going to be 73 on his birthday, June 8! He smiled and you could tell he was so proud. Just about two weeks ago I saw him outside of Hardee's and as I left the drive thru I yelled out Good Morning and waved. He waved and gave the biggest smile and belly laugh! Sure will miss seeing him in Commerce!*

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**Kimberly Myers** - May 24, 2023 at 09:21 PM

MG

“ I would be driving by and I would see him waving and smiling, once I thought he was praising the Lord, he made me smile. Heaven has gained a precious heart.

Mary G. - May 24, 2023 at 09:14 PM

KH

“ Kenneth Howard lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Kenneth Howard - May 24, 2023 at 09:01 PM

LM

“ Mr. Calvin was always standing by the road waving at each and every one of us..When we passed by ,He always had a big smile on his face and made our day when we saw him..RIP Mr. Calvin



Linda Maready - May 24, 2023 at 08:28 PM

AT

“ I would see Mr calvin daily on way to the methadone clinic. I would take the back grounds near the duck pond, and there he would be smiling and waiving, somedays I woke up moody, and seeing him always smiling made me smile. The streets of commerce will definitely miss you friend.. R I.P.

Amy taylor - May 24, 2023 at 05:57 PM

JU

“ I loved seeing Mr. Calvin mostly at Huck’s and when he would wave to everyone. When I would see him at Huck’s I would ask him if he wanted something to eat and he would want fries and onion rings. I’ll miss this precious man and will never forget his love and kindness for others. I’m sure he’s standing at the Pearly Gates waving to everyone as they enter Heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. 🥺💔

Judy Upton - May 24, 2023 at 05:43 PM

DM

“ Prayers for the family 🙏



Divine Healing Recovery Ministry - May 24, 2023 at 05:39 PM

HC

“ Heather Carroll lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Heather Carroll - May 24, 2023 at 05:10 PM

CO

“ Connie lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Connie - May 24, 2023 at 04:26 PM

DA

“ I will miss your smile and waves as I drove into town. Didn't matter what kind of day I was having. You always brought a smile to my face. Have fun hanging with Jesus. I'll see you in heaven one day.

Danetta - May 24, 2023 at 03:46 PM

EB

“ Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Varnum



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - May 24, 2023 at 03:13 PM

CP

“ Prayers lifted for everyone....family and friends! God rest his precious soul!!

Cyndi Parr - May 24, 2023 at 03:06 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Varnum



Star Johnson - May 24, 2023 at 02:38 PM

DM

“ Dawn Miranda lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Dawn Miranda - May 24, 2023 at 02:38 PM

HA

“ Mr. Calvin you will be greatly missed. I look for you on the corner waving every time I have to go to Commerce I pray for your family to find peace in what happened to you I'm so sorry that that man didn't respect your lap no more than he did my heart goes out to you and your family rest in peace Calvin. We miss you already.



Helen Ashmore - May 24, 2023 at 02:30 PM

SJ

“ Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Varnum



Star Johnson - May 24, 2023 at 02:29 PM

KR

“ Mr. Calvin will be greatly missed by the city of Commerce. I had just seen him in Huck's a few weeks ago. I am praying for the family to find peace going through this difficult time.



Kim Robinson - May 24, 2023 at 01:55 PM

SD

“ Commerce will never be same. MR.Calvin  
you will be missed dearly



summer dupray - May 24, 2023 at 01:45 PM

VH

“ Vicki And Bobby Hart lit a candle in memory  
of Calvin Varnum



Vicki and Bobby Hart - May 24, 2023 at 01:44 PM

TT

“ Tabitha Turpin lit a candle in memory of  
Calvin Varnum



Tabitha Turpin - May 24, 2023 at 01:34 PM

DM

“ Dianne Matthews lit a candle in memory of  
Calvin Varnum



Dianne Matthews - May 24, 2023 at 12:15 PM

KC

“ I will miss you Mr Calvin. The streets of Commerce will seem a little less friendly without your smile your wave 🙌 It always made me feel happier to see you waving & smiling. You lifted me up when I was sad. IW all need to try harder to show kindness friendship love to all we meet each day. Rest in peace 🙏🙏🙏



Karen Cochrane - May 24, 2023 at 12:07 PM

TE

“ Mr Calvin will be truly missed. He was the light ofvthr community. Brought love,happiness and smiles to everyone in came in contact with.  
You are now an ANGEL from above shining down and waving to is all  
We pray the CORRECT justice will be served in your honor. As this community comes together to celebrate you. REST IN PARADISE MY BUDDY..MY ANGEL

Terri Edwards - May 24, 2023 at 12:03 PM

TJ

“ Toni Johnson lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum




Toni Johnson - May 24, 2023 at 12:00 PM

WB

“ This was a great man and he will be missed by never forgotten RIP sir

William Boggus - May 24, 2023 at 11:57 AM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who knew him*  
  
*We will miss seeing Calvin waving at cars passing when he was walking on the street.*

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**Sam & Lunita Mayfield** - May 24, 2023 at 11:52 AM

AP

“ *I've known Mr. Calvin my whole life, he always waved and smiled at everyone he saw. But my most precious memory is when I was eating at Commerce drug and he sat next to us and he told me his birthday was coming up and he was so proud to be turning 71, he shook my hand and gave me the biggest hug and said you have a good day now! Mr. Calvin you will be truly missed and you are so loved! Rest in heaven sweet sweet man!*

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**Amber Pilcher** - May 24, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JH

“ *Knew him all my life always a clean person and willing to talk to anyone*



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**Joycelyn Howard** - May 24, 2023 at 11:11 AM

HJ

“ *Hattie & Willie Moon Jr. lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



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**Hattie & Willie Moon jr.** - May 24, 2023 at 11:10 AM

HA

*we send our Prayers to the Family !!*

Hattie - May 24, 2023 at 11:12 AM

PS

“ I am from Florida and visit my family in Commerce frequently. I always saw him walking downtown but my fond memory was at Hucks eating with the grands . Healways had a smile , talked up a storm and was so kind. He will be deeply missed by the Commerce community

RIP 🙏

Patti Sharp - May 24, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ There has been so many days when i was sad, troubled or in pain & as soon as I saw Mr. Calvin with that big smile & his hand above his head waving to all of us that drove by & immediately I felt so much better. I will truly miss you, Mr. Calvin & I know you are still smiling & waving at us from Heaven ❤️

Shera Tyner - May 24, 2023 at 09:10 AM

TA

“ I'll miss your weekly visits to Walgreens and our conversations. RIP “soul brotha”



Tara - May 24, 2023 at 08:43 AM

DM

“ *Divine Healing Recovery Ministry lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



Divine Healing Recovery Ministry - May 24, 2023 at 08:33 AM

TE

“ *Teri lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



Teri - May 24, 2023 at 08:30 AM

TE

*Rest in sweet heaven Mr. Calvin.  
You had/have the the most wholesome,honest true to yourself smile!!  
Thank you!!*

Teri - May 24, 2023 at 08:31 AM

BF

“ *Rip Mr Calvin I'm gonna miss you standing own side of the road waving we love you gone but not forgotten*

Brandy fincannon - May 24, 2023 at 08:29 AM

BF

“ *Brandy Fincannon lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



Brandy fincannon - May 24, 2023 at 08:27 AM

JS

“ You will be missed Mr. Calvin every time I would go by on my motorcycle he would turn around wave with a big smile I would wave back he made my day.if more people did a act of kindness every day like a simple wave like MR. Calvin it would be a great world.RIP My Brother Calvin.

John Stickney - May 24, 2023 at 07:31 AM

MO

“ Mr.Calvin would always stop and chat with me when I'd step outside of work in downtown. No matter how stressed I was after those conversations with him its like it all melted away. His smile and just love of life itself was contagious. My dad knew of him, I knew him and my children knew Mr.Calvin. That's 3 generations that will miss seeing that contagious joyfulness and smile. RIP Mr. Calvin you touched this town in more ways than you knew.



Melissa Okelley - May 24, 2023 at 07:25 AM

AO

“ Mr. Calvin was one of the sweetest souls this world had left he will be dearly missed I remember sitting him down in subway and making his food for him and him just talking about any and everything but it was never negative he always made sure to tell you have a blessed day and he'd see you again then he'd throw his cane up in the air and wave and start walking again he'd never harm a fly if anything he brought positivity to commerce and made everyones day better just by that smile and wave RIP me Calvin

Adrian okelley - May 24, 2023 at 06:40 AM

SC

“ I worked with Calvin in the summer of 1971@ J D Jewell and even though I haven't seen him since I still remember him.He will be missed by many.

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**Scottie Chambers** - May 24, 2023 at 06:38 AM

SS

“ RIP



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**Sherry Varnum Slack** - May 24, 2023 at 06:15 AM

SS

“ Sherry Varnum Slack lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



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**Sherry Varnum Slack** - May 24, 2023 at 06:13 AM

DW

“ RIP MR.CALVIN YOU WILL BE Missed



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**Danielle Walker** - May 24, 2023 at 05:47 AM

LS

“ Meet Mr. Calvin at the Hardee's the Saturday morning before his death. Didn't take but a few minutes to learn he had a heart of gold and was very special to all the people in Commerce. RIP Mr. Calvin the people of Commerce are really going to miss you. Watch over the city that lived you so much.

Letitia Smith - May 24, 2023 at 04:57 AM

AR

“ Mr. Calvin was one of the sweetest person he was a blessing to alot of people and brought joy, laughter, and smiles to everyone daily. I had just met Mr Calvin and wished there was more days ahead to spend chatting with this nice man but God had better plans with him.. He will be truly missed from everyone. Until we meet again Fly High Mr. Calvin



Amanda Roberts - May 24, 2023 at 03:26 AM

BT

“ Brandon And Kimberly Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Varnum



Brandon and Kimberly Thomas - May 23, 2023 at 11:15 PM

BT

“ Brandon And Kimberly Thomas lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Brandon and Kimberly Thomas - May 23, 2023 at 11:13 PM

JS

“ *Mr Calvin was one of the sweetest persons I have ever met he would always wave at you as you come through Commerce I had the pleasure of talking to him one day it was his birthday he was so happy as I come through drive-thru he said how you doing ma'am I said I'm doing just fine so how you doing he said today is my birthday I said well happy birthday I reached in my wallet I gave him \$25 for his birthday and I told him i hope you have a blessed day, and he said the same thing back to me and I drove away*

Julie sellers - May 23, 2023 at 11:09 PM

PS

“ *Patricia Seagraves sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Varnum*



Patricia Seagraves - May 23, 2023 at 10:40 PM

JB

“ *I worked at Hardee's for 14 years and there wasn't a day Mr Calvin would come in and sit and talk to us. I no longer live in Jackson County but when I came back he was always on the corner waving. He will be missed.*



Jenny Buice - May 23, 2023 at 10:27 PM

TA

“ I knew Calvin personally from when I lived on the same street as him as I got older I would see him every now and then and couldn't believe that he remembered my name but he did, this past year is the longest I've ever seen him and had conversations with him while I worked at Hardee's. Every morning he would come in tell me what he ate for breakfast, how much of his medication he had taken and tell me about his date with his girlfriend 😭 Calvin was a respectable person and he didn't deserve to lose his life like this, the last time I talked to him he asked me did I know why he never joined the service I said why not he replied I'm a lover not a fighter and we just laughed and then we did a little dance together and he said I'm a soul man and told me to have a nice day 🙌 that's what I remember and always will remember may he R.I.P. 🙏💙🌹💔

Tiffany Almond - May 23, 2023 at 09:41 PM

SH

“ Shana Hoopaugh lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Shana Hoopaugh - May 23, 2023 at 09:40 PM

JP

“ I never got to meet Mr Calvin, but I saw him anytime I was in Commerce, and I just loved seeing his sweet smiling face. What an absolutely precious soul he was. I hope he knew how important he was and will ALWAYS be to the people of Commerce. He touched many lives with his contagious smile.

Jill Palenzuela - May 23, 2023 at 09:24 PM

LB

“ I talked to Mr Calvin a few times me and my husband bought him lunch from time to time



Lorie brock - May 23, 2023 at 09:14 PM

AS

“ Mr. Calvin was the sweetest man I ever met rain or shine he will wave and speak he is now an angel waving to all of commerce ga from above Mr. Calvin you will be missed dearly



Audrey Strickland - May 23, 2023 at 09:12 PM

LA

“ The man with a kind heart. always smiling and waved at every one each day. Miss you Calvin.

Lincoln Andrews - May 23, 2023 at 09:07 PM

JA

“ I only talked to mr.calvin once but I would always beep my horn when he waved always put a smile on my face. Keep waving from those pearly gates 🙌



Joyce A - May 23, 2023 at 09:03 PM

SR

“ *Shanna Rucker lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



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**Shanna Rucker** - May 23, 2023 at 09:02 PM

BU

“ *Brittany Underwood lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



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**Brittany Underwood** - May 23, 2023 at 08:58 PM

SM

“ *Sandra Mercer lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



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**Sandra Mercer** - May 23, 2023 at 08:56 PM

SA

“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum*



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**Sandra** - May 23, 2023 at 08:55 PM

WD

“ Woodbine memories for a lifetime! I'll miss seeing you daily at Walgreens and the contagious wave you gave me daily! Rest in Peace Mr. Calvin

Washaka Davis - May 23, 2023 at 08:40 PM

TR

“ My kids and I would grab breakfast or lunch and if Mr Calvin was somewhere within sight we would get an extra and stop and say hello and offer him a bite to eat. My children learned a lesson or a few about life just from the simple waves, contagious smiles, and humble mannerisms. Mr Calvin you will be forever missed and we will always have a bite for you too 🥺👼🥰❤️

Trish - May 23, 2023 at 08:40 PM

FK

RIP Mr Calvin. You are missed❤️

Freida Knick - May 23, 2023 at 09:02 PM

BA

I did not know Mr. Calvin but sending prayers to his friends and family. May Lord comfort them through this stressful time GOD BLESS.

Barbara - May 23, 2023 at 09:17 PM

JS

Mr. Calvin you will be missed every time I would ride by on my motorcycle he would turn around and wave with a big smile I would wave back he made my day every time if more people showed a act of kindness like he did every day it would be a great world. RIP my brother Calvin.

John Stickney - May 24, 2023 at 07:24 AM

PN

“ Even death could not put out a light as bright as Calvin ❤️ His town, our town will never forget his light ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

Penny S Nunn - May 23, 2023 at 08:38 PM

DS

“ Dottie Smith lit a candle in memory of Calvin Varnum



Dottie Smith - May 23, 2023 at 08:38 PM

SB

“ He was always so Happy an loved to laugh an wave an just love to talk every chance I got I would stop by an see him where ever he was just to talk to him. I remember him telling me every wave he got back made his day even better. He just love making everyone day better he loved everyone. He never judge anyone. He is definitely missed not just by some but by the entire commerce community. He was loved by all of us. R.I.P Mr Calvin your gone but will never be forgotten.

Sara Blakely - May 23, 2023 at 08:36 PM

SM

“ He was always happy and he always waving at us made my day and my daughters. He will be missed

Stephanie McGinnis - May 23, 2023 at 08:27 PM

JA

“ Eating lunch at Hucks he was always there or came in. He came in and told us It’s my birthday. He was such a sweet man and inspiration. Prayers for his family. He will be missed by us all. R.I.P. Calvin

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**Jan-Decker** - May 23, 2023 at 08:25 PM

GH

“ I walked downtown Commerce several times a week over the last 6 years and Mr. Calvin always greeted my kids and I with a huge smile and “Good Morning!” Greeting. Saturday, we were coming home from Ingles and he was right at the intersection of Elm Street and Homer road waiting at everyone. My daughter and I had our windows down and wished him a good afternoon and hello. It was a rare occurrence to drive through downtown Commerce and not see Mr. Calvin in passing. His presence is and will be sorely missed ❤️

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**Gabrielle H.** - May 23, 2023 at 08:23 PM

LO

“ Mr Calvin you always put a smile on my face every time I saw you. You touched so many people with just a smile and wave you will be missed

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**Lisa Ogletree** - May 23, 2023 at 08:17 PM

MS

“ Mr Calvin my day at work just wasn’t the same all day i waited to look up and you start smiling and say guess what.. For 20 years we have laughed and cut up at Cvs..

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**Michelle Streetman** - May 23, 2023 at 08:10 PM

SH

“ Always kind and sharing a wave! Made me smile every time. He will be missed ❤️

Shuree - May 23, 2023 at 08:07 PM

JG

“ Mr. Calvin you were the sweetest, politely person you could ever meet. You were the kind of person that brightened everyone's day and with you're smile and waving. If everyone could be like you this world would be better. We loved to hear the stories you would tell. I could just sit with you all day just talking to you. You never met a strange people you met was like family to you and that's exactly the way everyone thought of you. I'm sure cause that's how you made me feel. You were an angel of God he sent you to touch lives and make people's day and you did just that. You were loved by so many and you will be forever missed but you will never be forgotten. There is so much sadness and broken hearts in such a small town because you touched each and everyone of our lives in a special way we loved you and you may not have known that personally but we all loved you. You was definitely heaven sent. May you rest in peace sweet angel and continue to touch hearts and lives from heaven above. Forever your friend Jamey Garvin

Jamey Garvin - May 23, 2023 at 07:45 PM

KK

“ I used to bump into Mr. Calvin a lot at Hardee's when I used to work at the hospital. He always was happy and was glad to chat for a few. Such a beautiful soul! Rest in peace! ❤️

Kirk Kenney - May 23, 2023 at 07:38 PM

AN

“ I never got to meet you but I loved seeing you wave at everyone when we would be in commerce.

Ann - May 23, 2023 at 07:34 PM

KC

“ Mr Calvin I always waved back at you and smiled when I came to Commerce. Looked forward to seeing you each time. Sorry you had to leave this world like this. Go rest high on that mountain.

Kathy and Kenneth Cowart - May 23, 2023 at 07:32 PM

SB

“ I didn't know you personally and you probably had no idea that everytime I saw you you made me smile. I looked forward to seeing you on my way to work, to seeing you wave with that big smile on your face. Thank you for being my sunshine on not so good mornings. I wish I had stopped to tell you.

Stefanie Ball - May 23, 2023 at 07:14 PM

BU

“ You were such a ray of sunshine. I'll miss seeing you driving down Homer Rd. Commerce definitely won't be the same without you.

Brittany Underwood - May 23, 2023 at 07:10 PM

ST

“ He was always smiling and loved everyone. When I managed Subway in downtown commerce we always had conversations. A great loss to the community. I will miss him. RIP Calvin. You will not be forgotten.

Stacy - May 23, 2023 at 07:04 PM

DG

“ Woodbine...Hucks ...The alley...  
Hardee's...Corner Station...  
Walgreens...Cvs... Homer Rd... Commerce...  
And my heart will NEVER be the same. To  
know you was to love you. Many days and  
times it was you who would brighten my day. I will always remember  
my friend who's birthday is June 6... You're definitely heavy on my  
heart. May you rest in peace in paradise I love you



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Daisy Hall and Charlie Joe Gillespie - May 23, 2023 at 06:54 PM

GF

“ What an amazing individual our community lost. Commerce Ga just  
won't be the same and I won't travel that road for a long time. I just  
saw him before I was hospitalized. He walked with his cane; smiled,  
and opened the door for me. Some people can't be replaced. He will  
not be forgotten for his passion love smile Wave . Rest in peace Mr  
Calvin

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Greg and heidi Fields - May 23, 2023 at 05:41 PM

GM

Mr. Calvin was happy person. Mom and I went to Hucks two weeks  
ago. He held the door for my feeble mom and I said Thank You and he  
said yes Mam. I love to see him waving it blessed our hearts. I can just  
see him waving going thru those Pearly Gates. We are praying for you  
at this time. He will be missed Gwyn Bond from Commerce

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gwynbond mcgee - May 23, 2023 at 07:13 PM

BL

Mr Calvin is in heaven waving at us and will be feet missed here it  
won't be the same around here RIP

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Brenda Ioden - May 24, 2023 at 01:58 AM