



Rosie Ford Caldwell

November 16, 1951 - February 11, 2025

Rosie Ford Caldwell, 73, of Chattanooga, returned to the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, after living and transcending into Heavenly Peace in the place she made home. She graced the world with her presence on November 16, 1951, born to the late Christine Davis and Henry Ford in Ashville, Alabama where she was the oldest of five children. She was a proud graduate of Asheville High School, Class of 1968.

After 40 years of employment with Provident/Unum, and Cigna, Rosie retired. She made a host of lifelong friends during her life, who remained faithful up until her last hour.

Rosie attended the Church of the First Born under the leadership of Pastor Alfred Johnson, where she served the Lord faithfully and diligently. Christ enriched her life to the fullest and He took her home to be with him for eternity.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Christine and Henry Ford; spouse, David "Skip" Caldwell Sr.; son, David Caldwell II; three brothers, Thomas Ford, Henry Lewis Ford, and Robert Earl Ford; sister, Flora Jane Ford.

She leaves to cherish her memories, loving son, Brian (Adria) Caldwell of Chattanooga; grandchildren, Jeremiah of Rhode Island, Jace, Jordan and Krysllyn Caldwell, all of Georgia; aunt, Jimmie Young of Ashville, AL; and a

host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Rosie will lie-in-state on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 9 a.m. at The Church of the First Born. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor Alfred Johnson as the Eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 10:30 PM (ET)

Church of the First Born
3418 St Elmo Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37409
(423) 756-0704

Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ You will be missed Rosie. Much 💕 from The Sligh, Kelly and Gilbert Families



Kathy Sligh - February 23, 2025 at 05:37 PM

CF

“ Comm. Greg And Pat Beck And Famiy sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosie Ford Caldwell



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck and famiy - February 22, 2025 at 01:42 PM

BA

“ Sending our deepest condolences and prayers to you Shakey in the lost of your mom,
Brent Adams and Family

Brent &Erika Adams - February 22, 2025 at 01:20 AM



“ Rosie was an amazing person. She will truly be missed. Rest now beautiful 🙏🥹



Kim Adair - February 21, 2025 at 10:22 PM

TE

“ *Sis Rosie will be missed. She always had a smile on her face. Enjoyed the times spent with her on Women Retreats. Such a sweet soul.*
Temeka Byrd

Temeka - February 21, 2025 at 08:30 AM

SJ

“ *So sorry for you all loss, Sis Rosie one of a kind. She always had a smile on her face no matter what she might have been going through. She did not meet a stranger. She will really be missed. I love you Sister Rosie. Praying for the family as well as her Church family, Church of the First Born.* 🙏

Sharon Jones - February 20, 2025 at 06:06 PM

JJ

“ *Jackie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rosie Ford Caldwell*



Jackie Johnson - February 20, 2025 at 05:12 PM

CB

“ *One of the best people I have ever known. I will miss you, ROSE.*



carolyn bailey - February 20, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rosie Ford Caldwell.*



February 20, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ *Shara Wells and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Rosie Ford Caldwell.*



Shara Wells and family - February 20, 2025 at 08:05 AM



“ *Shara Wells and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosie Ford Caldwell.*

Shara Wells and family - February 20, 2025 at 08:05 AM

SW

“ To my Bonus Mom,
I will miss you dearly! We had plans to go and sit on the beach sipping virgin pina colads this summer. I will never forget you and all the conversations we have shared. Your big heart that had room for everyone, smile, your devotion to God. You are the one and only Big mama to my kids and RoRo to my baby. I wish I could be there with the family but I know without a doubt in my mind you are at peace and in heaven. You told me when your time came you was ready because you believed in God promise. I am not ready to let you go . but God's will be done . Love always Shara'Bell.

Shara Wells - February 20, 2025 at 07:39 AM

SC

“ Shakey, we all love you, and sending our deepest condolences and prayers to you at this time Auntie, Faye, Tonio, Sierra, and "STEP"



Stephanie Caldwell-Childs - February 19, 2025 at 08:27 PM

FS

“ From Cheryl Smith and Sasha Sardin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rosie Ford Caldwell.



From Cheryl Smith and Sasha Sardin - February 19, 2025 at 04:59 PM

ST

“ Sending prayers and love to my classmate in the loss of his mother.



Sherhonda Taylor - February 19, 2025 at 04:04 PM

AC

“ Adrienne Cross lit a candle in memory of Rosie Ford Caldwell



Adrienne Cross - February 19, 2025 at 02:36 PM

UH

“ Usher's, kitchen,food source, hospitalit purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rosie Ford Caldwell.



Usher's, kitchen,food source, hospitalit - February 18, 2025 at 02:35 PM

RT

“ Relief Empower Strengthen to Triumph purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rosie Ford Caldwell.



Relief Empower Strengthen to Triumph - February 18, 2025 at 01:12 PM

DW

“ *My family loved Rosie and her children Bo and Shakey that's the names we called them Rosie was a good friend of my brother Charles but my whole family loved Rosie May Rosie Rest In Heaven we will always love you Rosie Gregory and Diana c Williams!!* ❤️❤️

Diana C Williams - February 17, 2025 at 11:50 PM

KS

“ *Sending our Condolences in the Home Going of a Wonderful Woman of God. It was a privilege to call you friend you will be missed Rosie. John and Kathy Cooper-Sligh.*



Kathy Sligh - February 17, 2025 at 07:43 PM

KG

My sister in the Lord, friend, and pal. She was a very kind, giving, loving fun person. I often reminisce on things we use to do, gather at Rosie's house on Sunday evening. The kids (COTFB) loved Sis. Rosie. I'm grateful I had the opportunity to see and talk to her the Sunday before. She was my Avon person, too. Love and miss my dear sister Rosie. Shakey, Shara I'm praying for you all and thinking of you too. Sis. Katherine Garth

Katherine Garth - February 20, 2025 at 10:10 AM

CH

Shakey , my heart goes out to you and your family. The Hatten family send our condolences and prayers during your time of bereavement.

Connie Hatten - February 20, 2025 at 10:55 AM

DH

Rosies was truly a sweet rose.....RIP my friend

Darlene Houston - March 03, 2025 at 11:24 AM