

*Homegoing Celebration
for
Thomas Porter Caldwell*



Sunrise January 23,1949

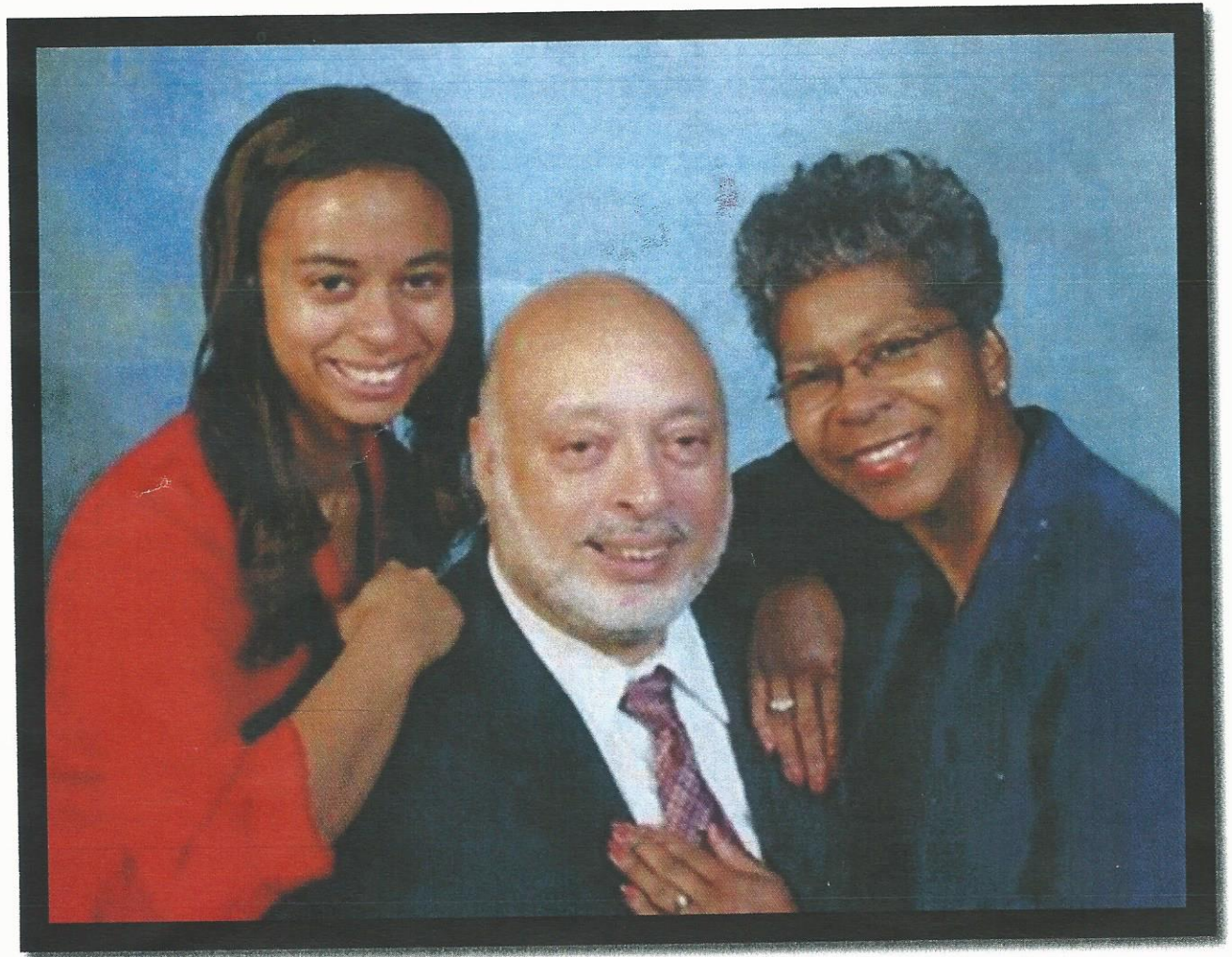
Sunset March 30,2015

Tuesday April 7, 2015 -11:00 AM

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Charlotte, NC

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch, Officiating



Order of Service

Tuesday April 7, 2015

11:00 AM

Prelude

Processional

Call To Worship.....Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch

Hymn of Comfort: # 25 "How Great Thou Art" Ebenezer Choir

Scripture

Old Testament: Job 19:25--27Minister

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians. 4:13-18Minister

Hymn: "Come Ye Disconsolate" Ebenezer Choir

**Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Sean Weaver
True Destiny Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Charlotte, NC**

Acknowledgements/Resolutions

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Knights of Pythians

Shaw University

Second Ward High School National Alumni Association

Selection Ebenezer Choir

Obituary (Silent Reading)

Remarks

Most Worshipful Ricardo McNeil Grand Master, NJ, PHA

Most Worshipful Milton Fitch Jr. Grand Master NC PHA

Archie Dawson.....Friend

Carolyn C. Gibson.....Family

Selection: "He Touched Me" Ebenezer Choir

Eulogy Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch

Selection: "God Has Smiled On Me" Ebenezer Choir

Recessional

Entombment

York Memorial

Obituary

“May the work I’ve Done Speak for Me”

Thomas Porter Caldwell was born in Charlotte, North Carolina to Mattie and the late Melvin Caldwell, and he was number three of eight children. He received his elementary education at First Ward School and later received his secondary education at Second Ward High School where his leadership qualities were revealed to the world. At Second Ward, he served as President of the Student Council and later served as State President of the North Carolina Association of Student Councils. He participated in various activities such as: Football, Basketball, Track, Drama, Choir, Orchestra, National Conference of Christians and Jews; and he was a proud member of the Esquire Social Club.

After graduation, he entered Shaw University where he continued his interest in the performing arts. While at Shaw he was elected Vice President of the National Association of Speech and Dramatics Arts, the highest position a student could obtain. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science in 1972. He continued his educational experience at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey and Fairleigh Dickerson University in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

At an early age, Thomas joined Ebenezer Baptist Church where he participated in the Youth Choir, Boy Scouts and the Junior Missionary Department. When he moved to New Jersey, he affiliated himself with the Gethsemane Baptist Church of Newark, NJ. Upon his retirement, he reunited with Ebenezer where he served as a Trustee, Missionary, member of the Finance Committee and the Christian Education Department. Thomas knew the importance of Christian values and education. On Father’s Day, he would rally his sisters and brother to donate to the Scholarship Fund in memory of their father.

Thomas was employed by the New Jersey Department of Labor for 35 years. He retired as Assistant Director of the Division of Programs and Services. He was a member of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security where he served on the International Board of Directors and led a Labor exchange to the Republic of China and Japan.

Thomas was an avid golfer and traveled to Myrtle Beach with his Jersey friends to play golf annually.

In his community, Thomas served on the Steele Creek Landing Home Owners Association as Secretary Treasurer and formerly served as Secretary of Precinct #229, Democratic Party.

Thomas was a member of the following organizations:

NAACP- Life Member

**Second Ward High School National Alumni Association
George E. Cannon Lodge #858 LB.P.O.E. Vauxhall, New Jersey
Knights of Pythias, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal
Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias of North Carolina
Shaw University National Alumni Association**

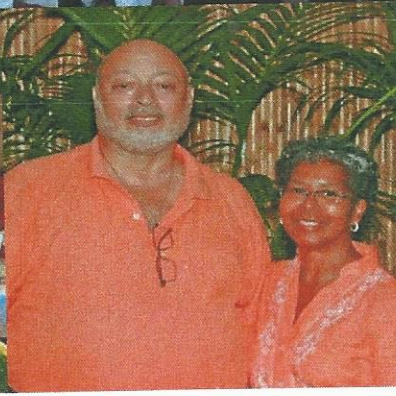
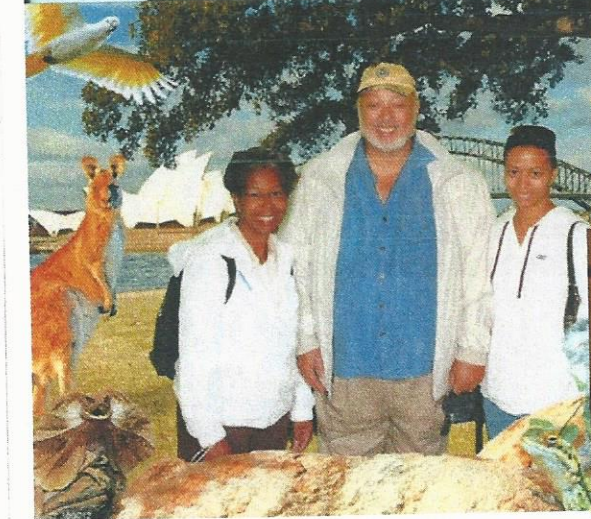
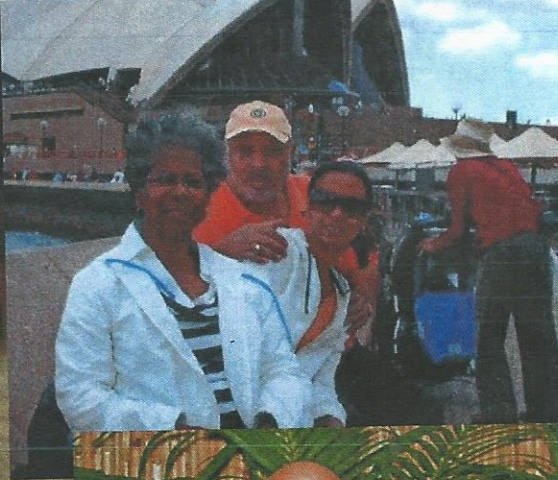
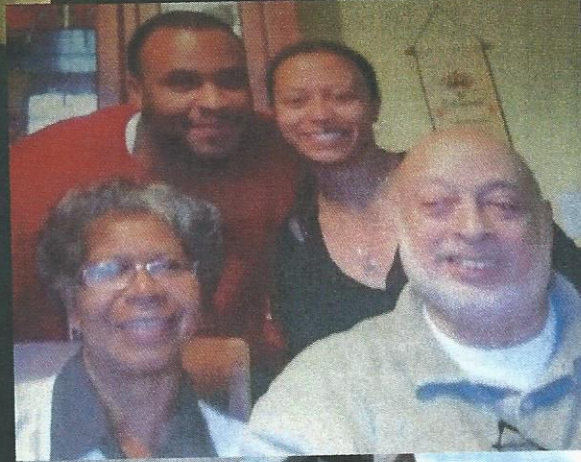
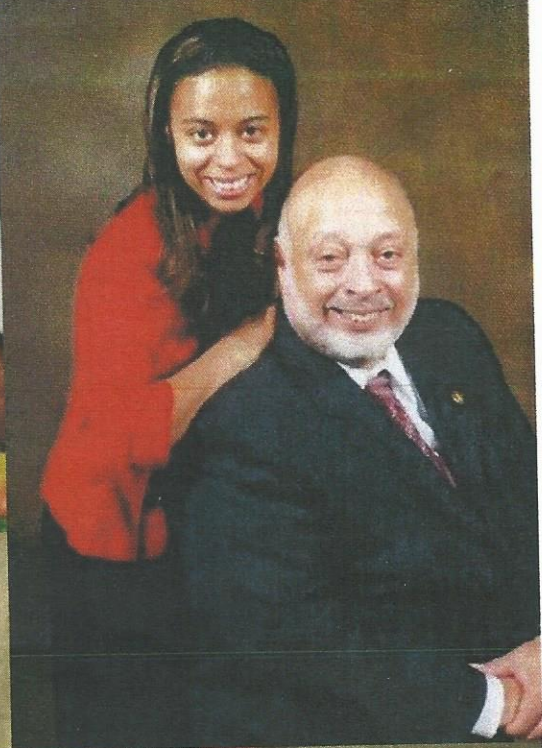
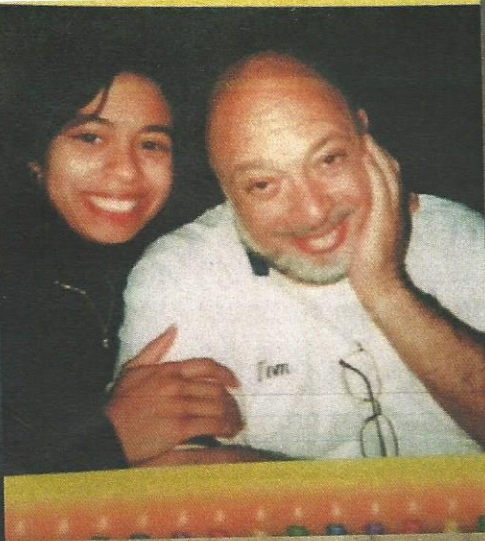
Masonic Affiliations

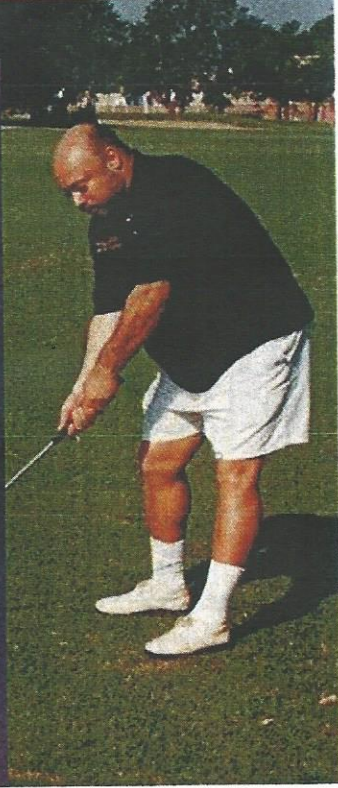
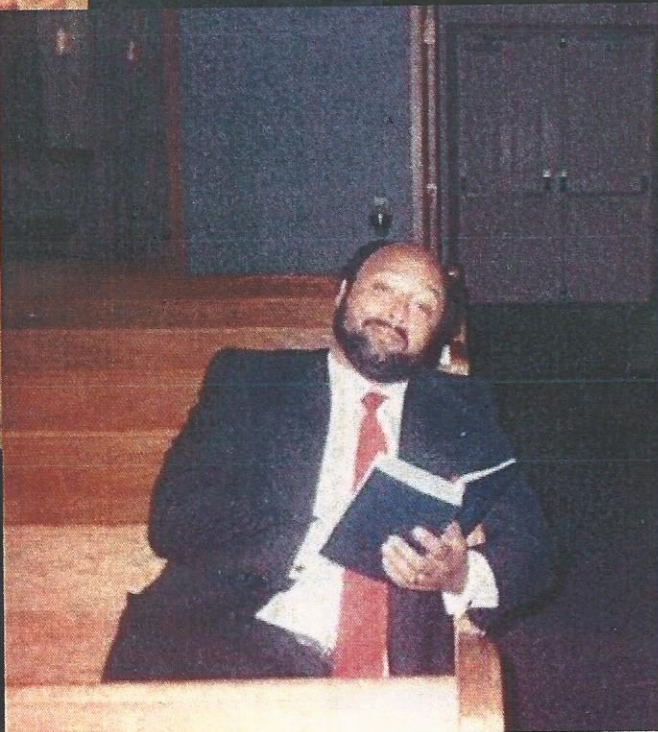
**Past Worshipful Master Bethel Lodge #10 of Orange, New Jersey
Rising Sun Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons, Newark, New Jersey, Past Grand High Priest
Past Commander in Chief, Sardonias Consistory #41, Newark, New Jersey
Haiggi Court Royal and Select Masters
Past District Deputy Grand Master Eighth Masonic District MWPHGL
Past Deputy Grand Lecturer MWPHGL
Member of the Orient of New Jersey, Commanders of the Rite. AASR of Freemasonry
Past Worthy Joshua, Ruth Court #5, Heroines of Jericho, Newark, New Jersey
Past Grand District Lecturer of the Eighth OES District Oziel Grand Chapter
Past Patron Bethlehem Chapter # 41 OES, Orange, New Jersey
Past Potentate Golconda Temple #24 AEAONMS, Newark, New Jersey
Past Grand Worthy Patron Oziel Grand Chapter OES, PHA, NJ
Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, MWPHGL of New Jersey**

Thomas was proceeded in death by his father, Melvin Caldwell, Jr. and brother, Melvin Caldwell, III.

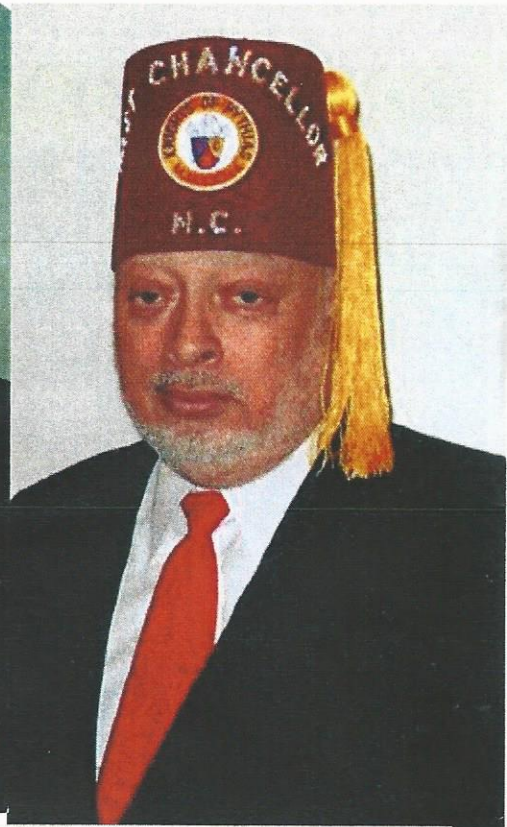
Always abounding with family love and support, Thomas leaves his legacy of love and his pursuit of excellence to: his wife of 38 years Glenda Dodd Caldwell; Daughter, Dr. Melody A. Caldwell (fiancée-Manualwel Terrell); his Mother, Mattie P. Caldwell; Brother, Willard E. Caldwell; Sisters-- Carolyn C. Gibson (Joseph, deceased), Marilyn C. McClain (Patrick), Anita C. Mobley, Kenna C, Richardson (Gregory) all of Charlotte, NC and Doris C. Reed (Stanley) of Huntersville, NC; Aunt, Addie M. Porter; God Daughter , Samantha Johnson, Mother-in- law, Dollie Dodd; Brothers and Sisters-in-law- David & Ruby Dodd and Greg & Cheryl Dodd; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

*"I do not ask for any crown, but that which all may win,
Nor try to conquer any world, except the one within.
Be thou my guide until I find, led by your tender hand
The happy kingdom in myself, and dare to take command"*
(Louisa May Alcott)





Thomas wore many "hats"



Thomas in his Sunday Best



Grand Worthy Patron Thomas Caldwell
and Grand Worthy Matron Helen Jones



Samantha Johnson, Goddaughter

Thomas and Mama



Caldwell Clan 1979

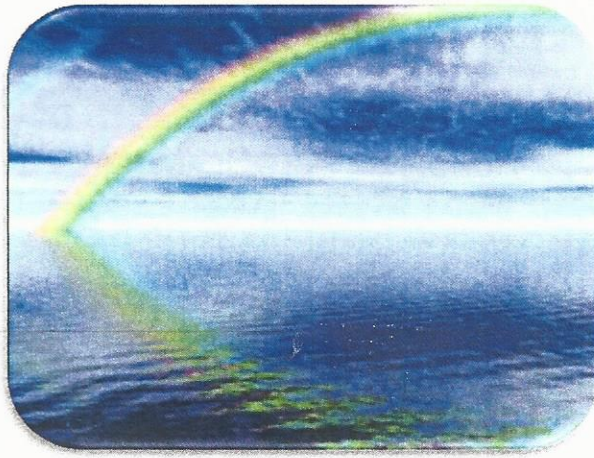


Caldwell Clan 2011



Caldwell Men





Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high,
There's a land that I heard of
Once in a lullaby.

Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue,
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far
Behind me.
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me.

Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly.
Birds fly over the rainbow.
Why then, oh why can't I?

If happy little bluebirds fly
Beyond the rainbow
Why, oh why can't I?

PALL BEARERS

Active
Bethel Lodge #10
Orange, New Jersey

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Sparkling Diamond Lodge #373
Golconda Temple #24 Newark NJ
Rameses Temple #51
Grand Lodge Knights of Pythians
Ebenezer Baptist Church Trustees

FLORAL BEARERS

Active
Oziel Grand Chapter NJ
District 33 & 32 Order Eastern Star

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

Bethlehem Chapter #41 Orange, NJ
Deborah Chapter #424
Grand Court Order of Calanthe
Ebenezer Baptist Church Missionary Circle

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for the love and concern you have shown the Caldwell Family. Your prayers and presence have been deeply felt and appreciated. It has reaffirmed our faith in God and our love for you. Your phone calls, cards, visits and gifts have been a great comfort to us.

May God continue to bless each of you.

We are forever grateful to the Hospice Staff (LaWanda, Todd, and Sarah) for their excellent care of Thomas during his illness. We extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Leonzo Lynch, Pastor Sean Weaver, Deacon Robert Hampton, Rosa Graves, and "The Pearls" of True Destiny Christian Church, and all the loving family support provided.

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave and echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times of bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

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IN THE NAME OF THOMAS CALDWELL**

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