



Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell

April 9, 1946 - December 12, 2025

Major Vacal Dee Caldwell, U.S. Army, Retired, affectionately known as “Vac” was born in Waco, Texas on April 9, 1946. He was a 1968 Distinguished Military Graduate of Prairie View A&M University, completing a B.S. in Physics and being designated Student of the Year. Vacal was a Vietnam Veteran and had a distinguished 20-year military career. He was involved with the local community and was a former Vice Chairman of the Hope Shelter Inc. in Atlanta. He was also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and was a Charter Member of the Killeen-Fort Hood Alumni Chapter in 1977. Vacal was a steadfast Christian, serving as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and active member of the Gillem Community Church. Always an upbeat and fun-loving person, Vacal’s favorite pastimes included traveling the country, laughing with and visiting family and friends, bargain shopping, playing cards, and just enjoying life. He was known for his dapper fashion, particularly his hats and cowboy boots, as well as his penchant for buying the latest model cars and technology. He loved his children, grandchildren, and bonus children and grandchildren dearly and enjoyed celebrating their accomplishments. Vacal was preceded in death by his brothers and his first wife, Van Dora Caldwell, and their infant daughter. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jadie Pryor-Caldwell, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. He will also be dearly missed by many other relatives, members of his church and the surrounding community for which he was a role model, father figure, and friend.

Previous Events

Reflections From Friends & Family

DEC 26. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656

live stream: <https://vimeo.com/event/5614629> zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81616108574?pwd=JiHbAZhaequahdiDZkg9kqp9aV2e6j.1>

Celebration of Life Service- In Person & Livestream

DEC 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bethesda Christian Ministry
2950 Bayard Street
Atlanta, GA 30294

church website: <https://www.bethesdacm.com/> live stream website: <https://www.bethesdacm.com/live>

Burial w/ Military Honors

DEC 30 (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell



Vacal D. Caldwell
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He will always be remembered for his big heart, love for God, family, friends, and community, wise counsel, and sense of humor.

Click on the QR Code below to create a personal video tribute and share your stories.



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - December 24, 2025 at 11:27 PM



“ <https://www.youtube.com/live/ba7ACmH7Uu0?si=oWG61zD8n0RGtWNQ>

Dervinn - December 27, 2025 at 02:41 PM



Link for live stream of today's service.

Dervinn - December 27, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



dervinn - December 27, 2025 at 12:28 PM

KC

“ To the Caldwell family, Lord knows I wish I could be there. I remember our days at Fort Gillem Chapel and how we were all family. During this time no words can express our sorry of Mr. Caldwell 's passing. So all I will say is that we are praying for your strength and peace in this time of transition. Our deep condolences.
Kenn and Lena Corbin

Kenneth Corbin - December 27, 2025 at 02:43 AM

SB

“ To Mr. Caldwell,
I remember to many memories to share all. I will always remember your love for your family but your laughter as child will always stay with me. When your children Dervin, Maylita and the sweet baby Marchalena (in her little white tights she loved to wear) would be running up and down the hill ,I remember you joking loudly with the adults. That was part of our safe haven as family. Many years and long distances have come between the Brooks family and the Caldwells ,but never the love for all of you. I am down on bended knees and head tilted forever more over all your love ones. I am asking God to cover everyone that loved you! . Great amazing life for a great amazing man. God Bless!!
Serena Brooks-Bowman



Serena Brooks-Bowman - December 26, 2025 at 07:53 PM

JG

“ Jackie Gibson lit a candle in memory of Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell



Jackie Gibson - December 26, 2025 at 02:20 PM

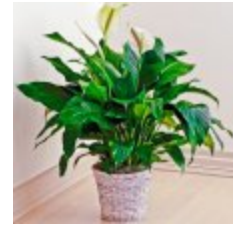
JG

“ To Jadie, the children, and all the family of Deacon Vac. My heart is with your family during this painful time. I hope you feel surrounded by love, comfort, and the steady presence of those who care for you. Even in the heaviness of loss, may you find moments of peace and the quiet reassurance that God is our refuge and strength. Vac touched many lives, and his memory will continue to shine through each of you. May his memory be a blessing. God bless you.
My sincere condolences, Jackie Gibson

Jackie Gibson - December 26, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell.



December 25, 2025 at 09:58 PM

CT

“ Crystal Tulloss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell.

Crystal Tulloss - December 24, 2025 at 07:59 PM

CT

“ Crystal Tulloss purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell.



Crystal Tulloss - December 24, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ From the the Brooks Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell.

From the the Brooks Family - December 24, 2025 at 03:38 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell.



December 24, 2025 at 03:38 AM



“ Linda, Michelle & Marcus purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Major (Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell.



Linda, Michelle & Marcus - December 24, 2025 at 01:25 AM



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Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - December 23, 2025 at 07:51 PM

BS

“ Just like Paul - you ran the race, finished the course and kept the faith. May your crown await you. Thanks for all you did to help others to come to know Jesus. Your labor of love at Fort Gillem Chapel and beyond touched many lives. Take your rest my brother. Join the other saints of heaven.



. Bernadette Survine

Bernadette Survine - December 23, 2025 at 03:33 PM

LJ

“ Love, James, Dimika, Jada & Maya Jarvis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major(Ret.) Vacal Dee Caldwell.

Love, James, Dimika, Jada & Maya Jarvis - December 23, 2025 at 02:15 PM



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MC

“ Uncle Vacal was a beautiful soul. It's a very sad time. My heartfelt prayers are with his beloved wife and children! Much Love 💕💕



Melinda Caldwell - December 21, 2025 at 05:06 PM

SH

“ OH JESUS THE CALL I NEVER WANTED TO GET DAD/UNCLE
VACAL D MY LEGACY MY HERO MY BEST FRIEND MY LATE
FATHER'S BABY BROTHER WHO RAISED ME LIKE A
DAUGHTER I AM THE 1ST OLDEST CHILD BORN THE 1ST AIRE
TO THE CALDWELL BROTHERS CHILDREN SINCE DAY ONE
MY DAD HE TAUGHT ME ABOUT GOD TO ALWAYS KEEP HIM
1ST IN EVERYTHING IN LIFE HE TAUGHT ME TO LOVE
OTHERS AS GOD WOULD DO TO FORGIVE OTHERS BECAUSE
GOD WILL SUPPLE ALL MY NEEDS IN THE MIST OF A STORM
IF THERE EVER WAS ONE I CAN REMEMBER AT THE AGE OF
5YRS OLD I USE KICK AND SCREAM WHEN DAD WOULD
LEAVE TO GO OUT WITH HIS FRIEND'S AND THEM GIRLS I
WANTED TO HUNG WITH DAD BECAUSE HE TOOK EVERY
WHERE HE WENT AND I ENJOYED EVERY MOMENT WE
SPENT TOGETHER I GREW UP WATCHING HIM AND HIS WIFE
MY AUNTIE / MOM' S WHICH IS KNOW AS VAN DORA VAC &
VAN WAS THE COUPLE KNOW BY SO MANY THEY LITE THE
WORLD UP WHEN THEY WALKED IN A ROOM I'M TRULY
BLESSED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GROW UP AND FOLLOW
MY DAD'S ENTIRE LIFE'S JOURNEY FROM HIS YOUNG YRS TO
HIS ADULT LIFE'S JOURNEY I REMEMBER HIS 1ST CAR HIS
HIT ROD AS CALLED BACK THEN IT WAS BEAUTY HE HAD
JUST GOT IT AND GUESS GOT THE 1ST RIDE LIL OH ME LOL I
FEEL YOU SMILING AT THIS VERY MOMENT DAD GOD I WISH
THIS UNBEARABLE PAIN WOULD GO AWAY BUT MY SOUL
WILL ACHE FOREVER MISSING YOU DAD I THINK ABOUT IT I
NEVER IMAGINE IT WOULD BE THE LAST TIME I WOULD YOUR
VOICE ARE SEE YOUR FACE ARE FEEL YOUR FEEL UOUR BIG
OLE HUGS ARE YOU PULLING AND SURPRISING ME AND BOY
I WOULD MOVE HEAVEN TO RUN ANG AND RECEIVE MY HUG
😭 DAD DAD NO DON'T LEAVE ME BUT I KNOW GAINED A
REAL ANGEL WHO WAS TRULY A WALKING MEDICAL
MIRACLE WITH THE GLOW OF GOD ALL OVER THANK YOU
SERVICING OUR COUNTY WITH HONOR'S I AM EXTREMELY
PROUD TO CALL YOU MY DAD AND WILL FOREVER WALK
WITH MY HEAD HELD HIGH WHEN YOUR NAME IS SPOKEN I

WILL BE REMIND OF THE AMAZING MAN FATHER
BROTHER UCLE FRIEND TO SO MANY THE LOVE YOU GAVE
WAS UNMEASUREABLE AS I CLOSE THIS MEMORY IN THIS
ORDER AS GOD BIRTH THE CALDWELL BROTHERS FROM
THE OLDEST TO TO THE YOUNGEST THE LATE DONALD RAY
CALDWELL OF HOUSTON TX THE LATE ROBERT LESLIE
CALDWELL OF HOUSTON TX
THE LATE CURMELL CHARLES CALDWELL SR OF HOUSTON
TX
THE LATE MELVIN DOUGLAS CALDWELL SR OF HOUSTON TX
THE RETIRED MAJOR VACAL D. CALDWELL OF ATLANTA
GEORGIA IN THE ORDER GOD CALLED THEM BACK TO HIM
DAD NOW YOUR WITH YOUR ONCE AGAIN MY FAMILY IS ALL
GONE MY UNCLE MY DAD BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT
EVEN IN THIS UNBEARABLE PAIN GOD MAKES NO MISTAKE
AND MY DAD WAS READY FOREVER GOD HAD FOR HIM HE
TAUGHT ME THAT BUT IT HURT LOSING HIM GOD THANK UOU
ALL YRS YOU ALLOWED TO HAVE DAD IN MY LIFE PLEASE
HELP THUR THIS DIFFICULT JOURNEY TO MY THE CALDWELL
CHILDREN MY FAMILY DARVINN & THE GIRLS AND MOM JADIE
I LUV YOU YALL WITH EVERY I TAKE MY DEEPEST
CONDOLENCES TO OUR FAMILY MAY THE GRACE OF GOD
CONTINUE TO GIVE US STRENGTH TO ENDURE THIS
DIFFICULT TIME WE FACED WITH GOD THANK YOU FOR THE
NOW IN THIS MOMENT DAD I LUV SOLIDER MY HERO MY
BEST FRIEND MY DAD LUV YOUR YOUR OLDEST DAUGHTER/
NEICE SHEILA E CALDWELL HOLLINS & YOUR NEPHEW
OSHUN CALDWELL OF ARIZONA 🥹💜🙏💜🙏💜🙏🙏

Sheila E.Caldwell Hollins - December 21, 2025 at 10:44 AM

SH

DUE TO MY EYES FILLED WITH TEARS THERE'S WAS A TYPE
ERROR IN THE 1ST POST CHALK IT TO MY MIND NOT MY HEART

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Sheila E.Caldwell Hollins - December 21, 2025 at 10:52 AM

SO

“ Uncle Vac has always been a father figure in my life ever since I was a little girl at one point I had 2 fathers that were both teaching me about life my dad was my heart Robert Caldwell when he passed in 2004 Uncle Vac stepped right in and filled his shoes immediately I will never forget everything about him his kindness his dedication his love his chastisement his knowledge his wisdom I love you so much Uncle you will never ever be forgotten since you and my daddy's birthdays are 1 day apart April 8th and April 9th RIP

Sophia - December 21, 2025 at 09:27 AM