



Calvin Coolidge Wise Sr.

April 22, 1933 - January 9, 2026

Calvin Coolidge Wise, Sr., was born on April 22, 1933, in Wattsville, Virginia, to the late Zedric Wise and Ella Wise. Born into a large and loving family, he was the youngest of ten siblings and the last surviving member of his immediate family. During his early years, his parents relocated to Snow Hill, Maryland, where he spent much of his childhood and young adult life. He peacefully departed this life at home in Baltimore, Maryland, on Friday, January 9, 2026.

Calvin was educated in the Worcester County Public School System and graduated from Worcester High School in 1951. A proud United States Army Veteran, Calvin was drafted during the Korean War and served his country honorably until his discharge in 1955. In the early 1960s, he became a member of the Masonic organization, which supported and enriched his personal growth and travels.

Calvin retired from the Perdue Chicken Factory as an over-the-road truck driver—a profession he absolutely loved. A skilled Class A professional truck driver, he took great pride in his abilities and was well known for knowing the fastest and shortest routes to any destination. He also enjoyed communicating with fellow drivers over his CB radio, where he was affectionately known as “Easy Creeper.”

While living in Snow Hill, Maryland, Calvin met the love of his life, Rosetta Sadie Waters. Calvin and Rosetta were united in Holy Matrimony on August 24, 1957, and shared 68 years of marriage. Together, they built a life filled with

love, laughter, and lasting friendships. They later relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and eventually settled in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1965, where they raised their family. From this union, three sons were born: Calvin Coolidge Wise, Jr., Brian Keith Wise, Sr., and the late Daryl Kendel Wise. Calvin leaves behind his loving family to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Rosetta Sadie Wise, his children: Calvin Coolidge Wise, Jr. (Joanne), Brian Keith Wise, Sr. (Julia), Kazi Tourie, Otha Shockley (Vickie), and Pamela Corson (Robert); 13 grandchildren: Calvin Coolidge Wise III, Sean Alexander Wise, Sierra Wise, Brian Keith Wise, Jr., Jason Matthew Wise, Kia Shockley, Kris Shockley, Antione Shockley, Adrienne Shockley (Lake), Justin Shockley, Derrick McGowan, Meeka Toure-Ortiz, Jahari Toure-Ortiz, and 16 great grandchildren: Calvin Coolidge Wise IV, Tyler Wise, Riley Wise, River Wise, Reese Wise, Trinity Shockley, Jayce Freeman, Kamdyn Shockley, Jayden McIntyre, Malik Shockley, Mekel Shockley, Serenity Ringold, Naomi Ringold, Orion Shockley, Alayah Shockley, and Adam Fountain, and brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, Zedric and Ella Wise, nine siblings: Otha Edward Wise, Zedric Wise, Jr., Hazel Wise Davis, Esley Wise, Eva Mae Wise, Lester Lee Wise, Pauline Francis Williams, Rudolph Wise, James Wise, son, Daryl Kendel Wise, and grandson, Devin Bodden. Calvin will be deeply missed by his family and friends and forever remembered for his strength, candor, deep love for his family, his appreciation for the blues, the open highway, Bruno, his favorite German Sheppard dog, and the enduring family legacy he leaves behind.

Keep on truckin, Boss!!!

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying.” — Revelation 21:4

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

WH

“ *Rest in Peace Calvin. You were as a father to me when we worked together at Perdue. I have many memories of you and our time together. To his family may your grief soon be turned into happy memories.*

Walter and Regina Holmes

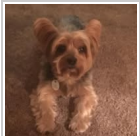
Walter Holmes - January 31 at 10:37 AM

LT

“ *Leon and Michielle Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Calvin Coolidge Wise Sr..*



Leon and Michielle Thomas - January 29 at 07:17 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Chucky, Brian, and everyone in the Wise family. Uncle Calvin will truly be missed by everyone. Always a kind word or a joke to lift the spirit is what I will remember about him the most. We will keep the family in prayer. Love you guys! Leon and Michielle*

Michielle Thomas - January 29 at 07:13 PM

DL

“ *Dr. Marva and Anthony Lorthridge purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Calvin Coolidge Wise Sr..*



Dr. Marva and Anthony Lorthridge - January 29 at 10:02 AM

PB

“ *I am truly saddened and reflecting that my dad's last sibling is gone. We are now the next generation in the Wise family. My sister, brother and I have talked about the fact that there are close family members that we do not know. I loved Uncle Calvin's laugh and his delight to hear from us. He always wanted to know what was going on in our lives and he loved his family so much. He was blessed to live a long life. May he now be resting in peace: no more grief, pain, dialysis or worries. I pray for Aunt Rosetta, as she is able, to find some measure of comfort in that.*

“The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” Psalm 34:18
Portia Wise Bachman

Portia Wise Bachman - January 29 at 09:26 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - January 29 at 09:25 AM

PC

“ Phyllis C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Coolidge Wise Sr..

Phyllis C. - January 28 at 10:08 PM

SH

“ To Pamela Coston and family my condolences go out to. I'm sorry for your loss. God shall comfort you during your time of loss and forever more.



Samantha Hodges - January 28 at 06:54 PM

FP

“ From the NASA Office of Procurement purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Calvin Coolidge Wise Sr..



From the NASA Office of Procurement - January 28 at 03:00 PM