



Calvin Sexton

December 7, 1952 - January 24, 2026

Calvin Sexton, age 73 of New Brunswick, New Jersey, departed this life on January 24th, 2026.

Calvin was born on December 7th, 1952, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, to Calvin Gorrell and Viola Gorrell (Curry). After the passing of his father during his early childhood, his mother later remarried Jetro Sexton, who lovingly adopted Calvin and raised him as his own. Calvin was raised in Franklin, New Jersey and graduated from Franklin High School. He devoted over 30 years of dedicated service to Johnson & Johnson working in chemical operations before retiring in 2011, after which he fully embraced the joy of a well-earned retirement. Known and loved throughout his longtime stomping grounds of New Brunswick and Franklin, Calvin built friendships that extended across New Jersey and beyond. He was a friend and mentor to many.

Since he was a young boy, Calvin had a deep love for classic cars. He proudly maintained a collection, finding pure joy in their beauty, power, and history. The racetrack was a place where his passion for cars and racing came alive — for over 50 years, he frequented Atco, Englishtown Raceway Park, and other racing facilities, sometimes traveling out of state for high-stakes races. He loved the thrill of competition and “kickin’ the bobo” with his racing buddies. In 2019 his racing group Motown won the Grudge Racer of the Year award. In quieter moments, he found happiness riding his electric bike through

scenic locations, tending to his plants, traveling, including his yearly family vacation to Ocean City, MD, taking long rides with his wife to discover new places and restaurants. He also enjoyed listening to music, watching westerns and thrillers, keeping up with politics, cooking, and simply spending meaningful time with family and friends.

For more than 40 years, Calvin was a devoted member of a spiritual fellowship that profoundly shaped his life — nurturing his spirituality, providing community, accountability, service, and lifelong friendships that sustained him through every season of life. He will be remembered for his infectious laugh, his “keep it real” advice, his authenticity, and his favorite saying, “No doubt.” Above all, he will be remembered for the love he gave, the life he lived fully, his continuous journey to be a better person and mentoring others to do the same, and the many hearts he touched along the way.

Calvin was predeceased by his biological father, Calvin Gorrell; his mother, Viola Sexton; his adoptive father, Jetro Sexton; and his brothers, James Sexton and Randolph Sexton.

Remaining to cherish his memory are his wife Lana Sexton of New Brunswick, NJ, his son Calvin A. Sexton and wife Yvette Sexton of PA, his daughter Deborah King and husband Jeremy of PA, his daughter Stacey Briggs and husband Michael of GA, his son Anthony Newbill of GA, his daughter Cara Sexton of NJ, his son Paul Sexton and wife, and his daughter Lakeesha Thomas of NJ. He also leaves to mourn him, his grandchildren Danielle, Calvin I, Jeremy, Iyanla, Olivia, Xavier, Jason, Caprice, Trey, Trinity, and Eliza, and great-grandchildren Michael, Jeremy III. His sister-in-law Elizabeth Massey and her long-term partner Anthony Smith, Trey Seawright whom he loved like a son, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, family by fellowship, and friends.

Repast to Follow Celebration of Life:

Franklin Township Senior Center

505 Demott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Heart Association in Calvin Sexton's name.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Service
201 Sanford St.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 545-7312
<https://www.andersonfuneralservice.net>

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ We will always treasure the bond we had with the Sextons ever since they moved by us. Lana, you and your family have our deepest sympathies and condolences. May God wrap his arms around and comfort you all.

Love Always,
The Hinton Family
(Jake, Dru & Danyelle)

Danyelle Hinton - March 07 at 10:41 PM

LT

Thank you. We send our condolences to you and your family for your mom and dad as well 🙏

Lakeesha Thomas - March 11 at 04:32 PM

LO

“ My sincere condolences for the family ! Your father was big part of my life for over 30 years I was blessed to know him and his wife Lana ! He will be missed very much !



Liz O - February 20 at 11:23 PM

CA

“ Calvin will be truly missed! I am so sorry for your loss! ❤️



Cheryl A - February 20 at 02:10 PM



My condolences 🙏
 Calvin will be missed .
 His spirit and legacy will live on. Thank you Calvin for all your service and love .
 Also to all the family my heartfelt condolences 🙏

George Hirschler - February 21 at 08:23 AM



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George Hirschler - February 21 at 08:26 AM



“ Blanche Overtree Owens lit a candle in memory of Calvin Sexton



Blanche Overtree Owens - February 19 at 11:19 PM



My condolences to the family 🙏

Blanche Overtree Owens - February 19 at 11:20 PM



“ Aunt Delores Holland purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Calvin Sexton.



Aunt Delores Holland - February 19 at 02:54 PM

RV

“ Rene and Daren - Ventnor purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Calvin Sexton.



Rene and Daren - Ventnor - February 18 at 12:03 PM

RV

“ Rene and Daren - Ventnor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Calvin Sexton.

Rene and Daren - Ventnor - February 18 at 12:03 PM

MK

“ Calvin instilled in me a spirituality I never had. He always said that words of faith and spirituality were not about information; they were about transformation. Through his guidance, wisdom, experience, and strength, I began a new journey and a metamorphosis not knowing what kind of butterfly I would emerge as, only knowing it would be beautiful.

For well over a year we talked for an hour each day. I absorbed his wisdom with all my heart as he opened his heart to me. I suffered with a friend with mental illness who I kept me from moving forward as I kept trying to save her thinking that I knew what was best for her. He gave me the mantra, bless her and change me. I learned that I truly did not know what was best for others as I am only human but with faith and a toolbox of leaps of faith and strength, I could focus on how I might change my thinking. Plus I learned I could have a life with God's help, to be able to focus on helping and being of service to those who I truly could help. It truly gave me a sense of peace and serenity that would guide me through life's joys and challenges with an open heart.

Although Calvin had struggles with his mortal heart through the years, his spiritual heart was open to me and so many others. I will truly miss him and although I now have a hole in my heart from his loss that I share with Lana, his family, and countless others, that hole will no doubt be filled in my heart with God's grace because of his guidance and support. I will truly miss him and send my heartfelt condolences to Lana and his family.

I will bless his memory always, Martin Kesselman

Martin Kesselman - February 17 at 11:50 AM

BG

CONDOLENCES to wife and family and love ONE'S SLEEP ON MY BROTHER

Billy Gardner - February 19 at 11:05 AM

LT

This was beautiful. Thank you.

Lakeesha Thomas - February 20 at 10:39 AM

RA

“ *Raven & Steve Adams purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Calvin Sexton.*



Raven & Steve Adams - February 15 at 03:06 PM

CW

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. I recently met Calvin and Lana and fell in love with both of their honesty and openness. Both had become a part of my life and I will miss Calvin's sharing his wisdom and spirit. Lana may God comfort you and your family as only he can. God Bless.*
Celeste Watkins



Celestine G Watkins - February 14 at 07:35 PM

BM

What a mighty mighty good man Amazing husband grandfather, father and amazing. Role model. I'm mentor Will be missed very deeply

Bernard Monroe - February 14 at 10:04 PM

LT

“ 1 file added to the album Calvin's Life



Lakeesha Thomas - February 14 at 06:34 PM

TW

“ My condolences to you all on this tremendous loss. May you all find solace in your collective memories and love of him.

I wish I could have hugged Calvin in person, but I knew him only virtually through Zoom. I appreciated his kind wisdom and obvious empathy, and I am grateful to have had the limited time and space I was able to share with him.

T. Walden - February 13 at 01:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Calvin Sexton.



February 11 at 02:14 PM

N(

“ I will miss you Calvin. Thank you for giving me my recovery coin at the farm a few years ago. It meant so much. Blessings of GOD'S Grace. Warm love-Nan



Nanette (Nan) - February 11 at 02:03 PM

EM

“ *Evelyn McKinnon lit a candle in memory of Calvin Sexton*



Evelyn McKinnon - February 10 at 10:24 AM

BM

Rest easy Uncle calvin you will truly be missed I continue to be love and praise by all family and friends

Bernard Monroe - February 10 at 08:15 PM