



Mr. Calvin Woodruff Young

February 21, 1934 - February 28, 2025

In Loving Memory Of

Calvin Woodruff Young was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1934 to Oscar Young and Willie Rose Glenn. An only child, he moved with his parents to Detroit before starting grade school, where he learned the value of hard work and exceptional service. His father, a cook, named him after Robert Woodruff, the longtime president of The Coca-Cola Company—a man he once served. Calvin carried that name with pride and built a legacy of dedication and mentorship throughout his life. In 1954, Calvin married Percious Golden, and together they had a daughter, Deborah Young Brooks. In 1967, he met the love of his life, Mary Ellen Hurt, with whom he shared over 50 years until her passing in 2019.

For 42 years, Calvin worked at the Detroit Club, rising from busboy to Maitre'D, mentoring young men and offering guidance through life's challenges. He took great pride in helping others, often stepping in to prevent trouble or even paying bail when necessary. Even in retirement, his legacy endured as he continued to share his hospitality skills through catering and bartending. He also found joy in traveling the world with his beloved Mary Ellen Hurt and their friends in the Esquire Travel Club.

A true Detroiter, Calvin had a deep appreciation for Cadillacs, fine dining, and impeccable service. He was a lifelong horse lover, an avid Kentucky Derby

attendee, and a devoted sports fan who supported the WNBA long before its rise in popularity. Known for his sharp mind and strong opinions, he never missed an opportunity to discuss politics, share wisdom, or express pride in his loved ones.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, and his grandson, Aaron. He leaves behind his grandson, Stephen Sr.; great-grandchildren Onyx, Treasure, Stephen Jr., and Latear; seven great-great-grandkids; his niece India "Peaches" (Bill); great-nephew Justin; and a host of cousins, neighbors, and dear friends. His legacy will live on in the many lives he touched, the stories he told, and the love he shared so freely.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park East

4280 East 13 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48092

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Mar. **14.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O.H. Pye III
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit
Detroit, MI 48227

Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **15.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
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(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Mr. Calvin was a great mentor to me when it came to catering, he was a very sweet man, he meant what he said when he said it! LMBO " this ole Mickey mouse club mess, I dont do work like this nah" 🤔🤔 He'd help anyone in need, he will be truly missed by many!! -Rita Smith

Sharita Smith - August 08, 2025 at 10:49 PM

RM

“ Calvin Family, Robert and Kathy just received news of our beloved neighbor passing , our Harmed Street neighbor of 25 years or longer. With Heartfelt Sympathy, Grandson and Peached will keep you guys in prayer. The Murry

Robert Murry - March 14, 2025 at 06:56 PM

DS

“ Donna Stone sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Young



Donna Stone - March 14, 2025 at 11:51 AM

FL

“ F.F.L. Friends for Life purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Calvin Woodruff Young.



F.F.L. Friends for Life - March 13, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MF

“ *Mr. and Mrs Ottmar Hudson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Calvin Woodruff Young.*

Mr. and Mrs Ottmar Hudson and family - March 12, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MF

“ *Mr. and Mrs Ottmar Hudson and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Calvin Woodruff Young.*



Mr. and Mrs Ottmar Hudson and family - March 12, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mr. Calvin Woodruff Young.*



March 11, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Calvin Woodruff Young.*



March 11, 2025 at 02:31 PM

KD

“ *Kathleen D. purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Calvin Woodruff Young.*



Kathleen D. - March 11, 2025 at 01:17 PM

JD

“ *Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin Young*



Jeffrey Davis - March 03, 2025 at 10:18 AM