



Calvin Clifton Brundrett

August 25, 1928 - December 12, 2020

Calvin Clifton Brundrett, 92, lovingly known as "Cal" to friends, entered into the arms of his Savior, early Saturday morning, December 12, 2020 at home in Grand Prairie surrounded by family.

Calvin Brundrett was born on August 25, 1928 in Normanna, Texas, a small community in Bee County, the oldest of 3 sons born to the late Clifton and Nora Brundrett. He was raised and attended school in Skidmore where he was a 1945 graduate of Skidmore High School.

Cal learned the value of hard work, dedication, customer service and ethics at an early age. He worked with his parents in their grocery market and at the age of 11 Cal took over a local paper route delivering 7 different papers each day to his customers. After high school graduation, Cal had earned enough with his paper route to attend Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, Illinois where he would add to his knowledge and skill of HVAC service, installation, and refrigeration. It would be a skill he would use for the rest of his life. Cal served his country from 1948-1952 during the Korean War with the United States Air Force. One of Cal's most cherished memories was the opportunity to participate in Honor Flight #32 in November 2016. On leave in 1951, Cal came home to marry the love of his life, Ruth, a marriage that would last 67 years until her death in June 2018.

Calvin began his career in Sinton and Victoria, Texas in 1952. In 1958, he

moved to San Antonio to work for the John Albert Company whose family would become lifelong friends. Cal went to work in 1962 with Lennox Industries in Fort Worth before purchasing Bon Air in Grand Prairie in 1973. He would become the driving force that would propel Bon Air into one of the leading HVAC providers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Cal and Ruth were instrumental in the success of many projects and events in and around their communities and church. They were honored for their commitments of service with many awards. Cal was named Grand Prairie Citizen of the Year, Small Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. He was recognized within the industry as a Lennox Circle of Excellence award winner, TACCA Distinguished Lifetime Achievement, Dave Lennox Premier Dealer and the Dave Lennox Centennial Award. He worked countless hours and was a generous donor to many organizations, he donated protective vests for the Grand Prairie Police Department K-9 unit, he also contributed to Freedom Service Dogs of America, Mutts with a Mission, World Vision, and the local homeless initiative GPHOO. Cal was also a charter member of the Grand Prairie Metro Rotary Club becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, Grand Prairie Boys and Girls Club, Lifeline for Families, Children First, Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, ACCA. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie where he served as a deacon, mentor, and loyal friend.

Though Cal, a faithful servant loved his community and industry, his love and relationship with his Lord Jesus Christ was first in his life. He lived his faith daily and shared with others so they might have the assurance of God's promises for eternal life. Cal worked quietly to do mission work through his church, Texas Baptist Men, Lay Witnesses for Christ International and others. He supported youth camps and missions locally and internationally. His desire was for everyone to have the opportunity to have a personal relationship with his Lord.

Survivors include: daughter Jeanine Brundrett Walker and husband Jasper, son Russell Brundrett and wife Kathy, brothers, Weldon Brundrett, Raymond Brundrett and his spouse Elaine, sister-in-law, Nella Faye Peebles, 8 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, a host of dear friends and his faithful fur companion Mia.

Calvin is preceded in death by his wife Ruth, son Larry and wife Dede Brundrett, and grandson Clifton Abraham Walker.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request memorials be given in Calvin's name to one of the following: The Cal and Ruth Brundrett Scholarship Fund, c/o First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, 950 Mayfield Road, Grand Prairie, TX, 75052; Lifeline for Families Inc., 123 W Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050; Grand Prairie Homeless Outreach Organization, 727 Hill Street #C, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050.

Expression of Gratitude:

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown in our bereavement. We thank you for your prayers, telephone calls, cards, flowers and your petition to God for our strength.

We would also like to thank Diann and Jackie for their compassion and dedication to help us care for Calvin.

Tribute Wall

FS

“ Calvin was a great friend; will miss him. Ford Smith

Ford Smith - December 24, 2020 at 01:19 AM

DK

“ Calvin was the sweetest man I have ever known. He never met a stranger he loved and cared for everyone. He definitely is leaving wonderful legacy behind. His loving memories will live in my heart forever and he is going to be missed dearly. I loved every minute of working with him and the family at Bon Air Service for 17 years. I couldn't have chose a better company to have worked with. My thoughts and prayers are with the family, just know Cal is where is wants to be in heaven with Ruth. Love to all, Dawn Kerr

Dawn Kerr - December 23, 2020 at 12:48 PM

MB

“ When I was born, he nicknamed me "Shoe Box Girl" because he believed I was small enough to fit in a shoe box. When I'd spend the night, I'd ask for "wild animals" on TV and he'd find whatever program was showing something about animals - even if the other kids didn't want to watch that. I'd wake him up at midnight sometimes saying "Papa I'm hungry" and we'd sneak down the hallway to the kitchen and he'd make us grilled cheese sandwiches; same went for chocolate ice cream. One of my favorite things to do with Papa was sit and listen to all his Air Force stories...like when he didn't know how to turn off the automatic potato peeler and the potatoes were about the size of a quarter. I'm so glad we were able to visit with him in November. I know he's in heaven with Meme and Jesus, and we'll see him again one day.

When I explained it to Trisha, she said "Papa's going to heaven, but Gammy can drive us there to see him." 😊❤️

Papa, we all love and miss you.



Michelle Brundrett - December 23, 2020 at 11:03 AM

JA

I remember him com to kroger he was the nicest person and always so respectful. Judy Anderson

Judy Anderson - December 24, 2020 at 11:19 PM

FC

“ *What an amazing man and family. We will forever be grateful for the love and support of Uncle Calvin, Aunt Ruth and all of the amazing family. What a precious and generous servant of God! Love and prayers to all, Jimbo and Felicia*

Felicia Cash - December 23, 2020 at 10:45 AM

Heidi
Cole

“ *He was my very last patient prior to going on medical leave at the very beginning of December. We bonded that night in the hour I was there and he quickly became one of my all time favorites! (along with his daughter and son in-law!) Even though I am in my 40's, I too am hard of hearing and neither of us could read each other's lips because of our masks! He insisted that I take a gift as a thank you for the medical care I gave him... a sealed bag of walnuts and a sealed bag of pecans. They mean a lot to me because they are my mom's favorites and she is coming to visit for Christmas (we have all been isolating 14 days prior). She has a servant's heart and is a giver just like Calvin, and I was touched at his simple but heart felt gift!*

Heidi Cole - December 23, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - December 22, 2020 at 06:43 PM

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“*Jeanine and Russell - and all your extended family may you be comforted by your memories of an incredible Christian man. When I think of my memories of Cal, I picture the definition of a true southern gentlemen. Thoughtful, caring, generous, humble, strong and more. I remember back to the first time we met, and I was working to convince Cal and Ruth to do some marketing to their customer base - when they didn't believe in it. Cal challenged me, but listened, kept an open mind - and ultimately took a chance. The success we had with that promotion was huge - directly because of who Cal and Ruth were and the relationships and trust they had built with their community. Cal's life and example to us will continue to bless hundreds of former employees, customers and his church family. I know I'll smile whenever I think of him or hear his name. T. Towe*

Tom Towe - December 21, 2020 at 11:26 AM

CB

“*A beautiful tribute to Mr. Cal. What a great and compassionate human being he was. Proud to have known he and his family.*

Claudia Banks - December 17, 2020 at 09:19 PM