

# *Calvin Pope*

April 26, 1953 - December 21, 2020

VETERAN CALVIN POPE was born April 26, 1953, to the parentage of the late Leonard Pope, Sr. and Doris Thomas Pope, who survives. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County where he was a 1971 graduate of Plains High School. After graduating, Calvin wanted to follow in the footsteps of his oldest brother by joining the United States Marine Corp to serve his country. At an early age, he gave his life to Christ and joined the Bethlehem Baptist Church. He later became a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

Calvin worked many years at Davidson Textron as a security guard and Nutrien Fertilizer Plant formerly known as IMC Fertilizer. He also attended South Georgia Technical College where he obtained his CDL license. Calvin was presently employed at Helena Industries for over 16 years as a Line Supervisor. Calvin was member of C.B. Dowdell American Legion Post 558 for over 40 years and served as the Finance Officer.

Calvin united in Holy Matrimony with Susan Gibson Pope in 1982. Calvin and Susie were joined together for 34 years until she departed this earthly home to be with the Lord on February 14, 2016.

Calvin was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Pope, Sr.; his fraternal and maternal grandparents, Ludrell and Mamie Pope, and Boise and Victoria Thomas; a brother and a sister, Donald Pope and Margaret Pope Douglas; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Laster Pope; and his best friend, Willie Yarborough.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Doris Thomas Pope, Americus, GA; two sons, Calvin Kentrell Pope and EnRicky Pope, both of Americus, GA; two daughters, Daphane (Derrick) Mann, Americus, GA and Latoya (Aliesha) Green, Augusta, GA; one grandson, Braxton Mann, Americus, GA; two devoted sisters, Linda (James) Larkins, Albany, GA and Nadine Pope, Americus, GA; two brothers, Leonard Pope, Jr. and Harold Pope, Sr. (Sandy Twenty), all of Americus, GA; sisters and brothers-in-law: Linda Dowdell Pope, Americus, GA; Katherine Gibson Holder, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Abel (Arthur) Gibson-Lockhart, Summerset, NJ; Lucille (Vernon) Gibson-Wright, St. Albans, NY; Ethel (Otis) Gibson-Harris, Leslie, GA; Vivian (Howard) Gibson-Wright, New York, NY;

Carolyn Gibson, Americus, GA; Thelma Gibson, Bonaire, GA; Janice (William) Gibson-Wallace, Americus, GA; Bobby (Bernice) Gibson, Hartford, CT and Arthur (Cassandra) Gibson, Americus, GA; one aunt, Mae Frances Baker, Jacksonville, FL. Calvin is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and friends including a close family friend, Calvin Mansfield.