



John "J.R." Chester Calmes, Jr.

December 20, 1976 - September 6, 2021

John "J.R." Calmes Jr., 44, of Indianapolis, passed away September 6, 2021. He was born December 20, 1976 in Kankakee, IL to John Chester Calmes Sr. and Gloria Dean Glenn Calmes. J.R. received his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana Tech in 2016 for organizational leadership. J.R. loved veterans and worked for the VA for over 13 years. 12 as the NFS Supervisor and he switched to the audiology department a year ago to gain a better understanding of his son's hearing loss. He turned his life over to Jesus Christ at a very young age and was baptized at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Kankakee. He was re-baptized again in 2016 with his daughter Raven and he had a love of missions. J.R. was a genuinely kind and loving person. He loved to joke around, to dance, collect shoes and most of all spend time with the family he doted on so very much. He was married to the love of his life for 17 years. J.R. loved to watch his children in all of their activities and also enjoyed watching Marvel movies together as a family. He loved family vacations and cruises were his favorite. He was an avid Chicago Bears and Bulls fan. Visitation will be held Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene, 9401 E 25th St, Indianapolis, IN 46229. J.R. is survived by his loving wife, Robin; children, Raven, John III "J.J.", Layla and Xavier; father, John Chester Calmes Sr.; brothers, Willie Dean, Douglas Willingham, Marc Calmes, James Monroe, Tony Monroe; and sister, Sherika

Harris (Levester), Lucille Mack (Ted), Bob & Linda Spaulding, Aaron (Jennifer) Spaulding, Nathan Spaulding, Carol (Adam) Stevenson, and his loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gloria Dean Calmes; siblings Carmelitha Hodges, Wanda Monroe; Aunts Leonia Green, Julia Billips, Blanchie Hairston, Bessie Willingham; Uncles James Glenn, Albert Glenn; and paternal and maternal Grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hear Indiana @ <http://www.hearindiana.org>.

Services are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Mortuaries, Washington Memorial Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Church of the Nazarene
9401 E. 25th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - September 13, 2021 at 09:28 AM



He will be missed

Steven Brown - October 03, 2021 at 08:42 AM



I miss you Unc! ❤️ 📄

Diamond Willingham - October 15, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ *I first met John when my Dad was on his ward at the VA hospital. John was working the evening shift and took care of me and my Dad. He was so kind and it meant so much. And when he started working in our department as a supervisor in Nutrition and Food Service I continued to be the recipient of his kindness. I loved his laugh! The love for his family was evident and I am heartbroken for all of you that he was taken so soon. May God's loving arms hold all of you.*

Lisa Dovey

Lisa Dovey - September 10, 2021 at 10:08 PM

LH

“ John you left us so early in your life adventure to be with your heavenly Father so now rest in His arms. His adventure may have been short but all the positive, loving, caring memories he left on this path has touch so many on their own life adventure you will live here on earth in these memories, stories and through what you have taught your children. Robin I do not have words to express my feeling for your and the children earthly lost but will be asking God to hold you and family today tomorrow and year from now in His arm as you walk through the valley of lost of special love one.

Leonard Henderson - September 10, 2021 at 12:49 PM

RN

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to John's family and friends. John was always so kind. He was a great coworker. He will be missed.



Rhonda Nixon-Arney - September 10, 2021 at 08:54 AM

TR

“ J.R. was my children's uncle and I'd known him for about 29 years and I can tell you that I don't remember a day that J.R. was not happy, and full of cheer and humor. No matter the situation he always had the most positive outlook. He was sunshine on a rainy day! J.R. leaves nothing but the best memories in my head! He was a sweetheart and I will definitely miss him but I know GOD has a special seat for him because GOD only takes the best. My heart goes out to his wife, children, father, siblings, and family.



Tomiko (Teri) Radford - September 09, 2021 at 11:43 PM

KG

“ Dear Robin,
Don and I were deeply saddened to hear of J.R.s passing. We are praying for you and your children and asking the Lord to cover your family in comfort and knowledge that your sweet husband is not lost but with Our Father in heaven. We pray the Lord will give you strength during this time of mourning and help you guide the children thru this. You and the children are loved and will be surrounded by friends and family to help you as well. We just want you to know we are so sorry and are keeping you in prayer.
Love, Kathy (Thompson) and Don Giessow



Kathy giessow - September 09, 2021 at 01:16 PM

Danny
Tippit

“ When we first met we got to see a lot of each other because of the boys playing football together, but over the last couple of years not as much due to the boys playing different sports. That is why I am grateful for the coffee shop because it kept us connected, and periodically you, JR, would come bearing gifts (paychecks) and more importantly a big hug. You had the uncanny ability to show me the positive side with your undying optimism. And that laugh... lol... I'm gonna miss that too. Your is going to be missed by so many, but no one will miss you as much as your awesome bride, Robin, and those Calmes kids, Raven, JJ, Layla, and X. And that is why we will keep praying day in and day out for you all. The days over time will get easier, but there will still be some rough ones. We love us some Calmes!

JR I will be seeing you again brother! And when we do I will be coming in hard for that hug! Love ya man! Until next time.

Danny Tippit - September 09, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *In prayer, Grandmom Christine purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John "J.R." Chester Calmes, Jr..*



In prayer, Grandmom Christine - September 09, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *The absolute definition of a great man. A sincere love of life and family and a man who took great joy in his children. So many of us are better simply because we knew him. He helped so many and would never ask for anything in return. We pray that Robin and his children will feel God's loving embrace during this most difficult time. We love you brother and there are not enough words to express how much you will be missed.*

Don Lockhart - September 08, 2021 at 10:45 PM



Truly sorry, Robin, and all of your dear family ~

Vicky McBurnie - September 09, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "J.R." Chester Calmes, Jr..*



September 08, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John "J.R." Chester Calmes, Jr..*



September 08, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of John "J.R." Chester Calmes, Jr..*



September 08, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *JR was a special friend who made the world smile. He was devoted to his family and his faith. We will miss him greatly, and pray that his family will feel God's presence during this hard time* ❤️

Roberta Carlson - September 08, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *J.R. was the most caring of neighbors, ready to help anytime, day or night. We will never forget his kindness. He was a wonderful father to his children.*

Pamela Lyon - September 08, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *We are praying for all of you during this very difficult time. We love you!* ❤️

Jennifer Kleeman - September 08, 2021 at 05:25 PM

AH

“ Jr you was one of a kind when I met you in 1999 I knew instantly how much you wanted to be a Family man! Shortly after you met Robin and it took off y'all had 4 beautiful children who will continue to know that they are loved! You was amazing! God is on control! Prayers for the family during this very difficult time of grieve!

April Hennessy - September 08, 2021 at 01:22 PM

PH

My heart goes out to you Robin at this time of grief. You and your children are in my prayers.

Penny Hocker - September 08, 2021 at 07:35 PM

SD

Robin, I never had the opportunity to meet your husband. For that, I am sorry. I am sure I speak for the Roseway "kids" in saying love you and send you our love at this difficult time.

Sue Dugger - September 09, 2021 at 10:38 PM