



Calvin Nophlin

October 28, 1937 - November 2, 2022

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Mentor, Friend

Calvin Thomas Nophlin was born October 28, 1937 in Baltimore, Maryland to Calvin and Anita Nophlin. Calvin Attended Baltimore City Public Schools and earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree from Morgan State University. He was drafted into the US Army and served with dignity for two years at Fort Huachuca, Arizona and was honorably discharged in July of 1967.

He moved to New York City to attend Pratt Institute Fine Arts program to pursue his lifelong passion for photography. Upon completion of the program he moved to Washington, DC to begin his career in public service as a photographer at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. In 1983 Calvin moved to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In that same year under Secretary Margaret Heckler, he wrote The Report on Black and Minority Health that became a landmark document for disparity and health equity inquiry.

Calvin was appointed a member of the Task Force for Black and Minority Health and subsequently was assigned work with the Architect of the Capital to design a state of the art health and fitness center at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In the following years he became the

principal consultant with other agencies to establish fitness centers in other government buildings.

He retired from the Federal Government in 1998 as a Senior Policy and Program Manager with the Department of Education.

An avid supporter of the National Civil Rights Movement, Calvin participated in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963, the Poor Peoples Campaign in 1968, the Martin Luther King Day federal Holiday March in 1981 and the DC Voting Rights and Statehood Movements throughout the country. He also traveled the east coast with the Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton Presidential campaigns with the Get Out the Vote movement.

A 45 year resident of Ward 7 in the District of Columbia, Calvin worked tirelessly with the Penn Branch Shopping Center to bring District Government satellite offices to the neighborhood as well as to open the first neighborhood branch office of the HEW Federal Credit Union.

He served with pride on several boards and commissions in the District of Columbia.

1994-2010 Board of Directors HEW Federal Credit Union

1999-2005 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors, appointed by Mayor Marion Barry and Mayor Anthony Williams

2002-2004 Director of Community Affairs for Councilmember Kevin P. Chavous

2006-2008 Local Small Business Development Administration Board of Directors, appointed by Mayor Adrian Fenty

2008-2010 Ward Eight Economic Development Committee member & staff consultant, appointed by Councilmember Marion Barry

2010-2012 Alcohol Beverage Regulation Control Board, Board of Directors, appointed by Mayor Adrian Fenty

2015 Community College Preparatory Academy, founding member

2018-2021 Commission on the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday, member,
appointed by Mayor Muriel Bowser

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 43 years, Barbara Brent Nophlin, two daughters Lisa Williams (Stuart), Lori Dixon (Reginald), 6 grandchildren Rachel Williams, Brent Dixon, Hailey Williams, Isaiah Dixon, Gavin Williams, and Sarah Dixon. Three nieces Janine Nophlin Jackson (Michael), Anapa Nophlin, Afryea Dunbar, one nephew Hasani Nophlin and a host of great nieces, nephews, and friends. His brother Oliver L. Nophlin preceded him in death.

Calvin's Life Motto

"Make a career of humanity, commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in." Author Unknown

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Song Bible Fellowship Church
8401 Good Luck Road
Lanham , MD 20706

Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I have just learned of Calvin’s passing. My condolences to Barbara and his family. He made a difference in many lives,.*

Carolee Callen Crider - January 08, 2025 at 08:59 PM

JH

“ I'm writing this today December 22, 2023 because I just learned Calvin had died.

Calvin changed the trajectory of my life, and probably saved my life. We both worked at the Department of Health and Human services at the Humphrey building in downtown DC. It was May 1985, and he was the director of the fitness center. We had been good friends for several years. When I spoke as we passed in the hallway at work, he stopped and chided me about my appearance. He was very aggressive with me, and I was startled!! I hadn't seen him in about 7 months, and I was going through a difficult time in my life.

It should have been a happier time. My family had recently moved into our custom built house, and I had 2 young sons (ages 5 and 3) and had what should have been a good career in government. However; I was having significant marriage issues and difficult EEO issues on my job! I had terrible eating habits, and was drinking about a fifth of Myers's Rum every 10 days. I was 41 years old weighing 245 lbs with a 41 inch waist and a 15 1/2 inch neck! I was depressed, and Calvin saw all of that on that particular day.

Calvin told me I looked terrible, and he got right in my face and said "Butch; what is wrong with you? What happened to you? If you don't come to the gym in one week, I'll come to your office and drag you there"!! Well..., I bought some gym gear and came to the gym 6 days later. And the rest is bodybuilding history. I became one of the best bodybuilders on the east coast in my age group. I dominated shows in the DMV, and won at the National Championship in my age group in my bodybuilding association in New York City in 2001. My home is filled with trophies from my many shows; including 4 first place finishes! I competed until I was 70, and still live the lifestyle of a competitive bodybuilder.

I'm not a religious person, but I am a spiritual person who believes all of mankind is connected. Calvin felt my pain, and he was determined to help me.

Thank you Calvin! Thank you Calvin! Thank you Calvin! Rest in peace my brother. You are loved!!

Butch Hayes

J. Blair (Butch) Hayes - December 22, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Calvin Nophlin*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Calvin Nophlin.*



November 08, 2022 at 01:52 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - November 04, 2022 at 03:43 PM