



Missionary Leah Brown Callens

November 14, 1937 - June 30, 2024

On Sunday June 30, 2024, God sent his angels to bring one of his soldiers home, Missionary Leah Brown Callens. During that moment, the sky lit up a little brighter that night. Leah was 86 years old at the time of her death. Leah was born November 14, 1937, to the proud parents of Mr. Wilfred Brown, Sr. and Mrs. Marguerite Thomas Brown. She had a very strict and regal childhood. She was the sixth daughter to the above-mentioned parents, Wilfred and Marguerite Brown. Leah was an exceptional and beautiful young lady. Her father told her husband, Daniel Callens, Sr., that he almost made him pay to have her hand in marriage because of her beauty. Besides her outer beauty, Leah had a great sense of inner beauty. She was loved by all her nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was very close with her eight sisters and one little brother. As a young lady growing up, she became a dancer on L.B. Landry Buccanette's Dance Team. She also was a two- year student at Grambling University's fighting tigers until she got married. As she progressed into an older youth, she met a country, "boy" by the name of Daniel Lee Callens, Sr. Pastor Robert P. Jones, Jr. introduced Dan to Leah. Once seeing and meeting Leah, Dan called his parents in Dothan, Alabama and said, "I met my wife!" with great excitement. They were married and four children were born from this union. The country "boy", Dan was an avid fisherman. This past time was not always popular with Leah; not until she learned how to clean the fish and prepare her infamous potato salad. Because of that country "boy" Daniel, Leah became quite a great cook. She

was known for her potato salad, bread pudding, baking cakes, and New Orleans gumbo. After marrying Daniel and having four children, Dan and Leah moved to Harvey, Louisiana.

Daniel and Leah joined Bible-way Church of God in Christ. She is one of the original members that joined during the Oakdale Church of God in Christ era. This congregation later became Bible-Way Church of God in Christ that is presently in Harvey, Louisiana where she remained a member until her untimely death. She was under the pastors: Superintendent Robert P. Jones, Jr. husband of her oldest sister Missionary Elouise Jones and presently under the pastor, Elder Ishmael Jackson. Leah's duties at Bible-Way Church of God in Christ consisted of secretary, choir president, District Women's Department Chairlady and Mistress of Services. She was the Mistress of Service and Chairlady for District Missionary Willie Mae Jefferson, District Missionary Charlotte Mack, District Missionary Queen B. Nard, and at her demise she was the Mistress of Service for District Missionary June Coleman. Before her untimely death, she was the Mistress of Service for Supervisor Mother Queen B. Nard's Women's Night during the Jurisdictional Convocation.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her children: Daniel Lee Callens, Jr. (Anna Raydette), Glenda Faye Callens-Francois (Joseph), Deborah Ann Callens, and a daughter-in-law Lesia Callens. Her grandchildren: Ni'na Truitt (Derek), Christopher Joseph Callens, Danielle Leighann Callens, Joshua Joseph Cross, Kevin Peter Callens, Jr., and Leah Marie Cross. great-grandchildren: Layla Truitt and Hunter Truitt. Her siblings: Yvonne Vancourt (Herman) and Wilfred Brown, Jr. (Doris), three sisters-in-law: Dutchie Marie Beauford, Mae Nell Brackins (Albert), and Everlina Callens. Her special nephews: Michael Fred Beauford and Wardell Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many more family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Wilfred Brown, Sr. and Marguerite

Thomas Brown. Her loving husband: Daniel Lee Callens, Sr. and her second born son: Kevin Peter Callens, Sr. Her sisters: Missionary Elouise Jones (Robert), Rhea Rollins (Peter), Daisy Ventress (Walter), Shirley Brown, Ruth Davis (Edward), Elodie Duplessie (Samuel), Eunice Johnson (Wilfred), and Valarie Bailey (Raymond). A sister-in-law: Luvenia Blackmon and brother-in-law: Jessie Callens.

Leah came to her demise surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren. Her greatest love was spending time with her children and grandchildren. She believed in sharing her words of wisdom. Her favorite past time was cooking, baking, and watching sports. She also enjoyed watching westerns, the Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. Leah will truly be missed by many.

Cemetery Details

McDonoghville Cemetery

520 Hancock Street
Gretna , LA 70053

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bible Way Church of God In Christ
1033 Estalote Ave.
Harvey , LA 70058

Visitation

JUL 6. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Thompson Temple Church of God in Christ
1515 Whitney Ave
Gretna , LA 70053

Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Thompson Temple Church of God in Christ
1515 Whitney Ave
Gretna , LA 70053

Interment

JUL 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

McDonoghville Cemetery
520 Hancock Street
Gretna , LA 70053

Repast

JUL 6. 1:15 PM (CT)

Thompson Temple Multipurpose Center
1521 Whitney Ave.
Gretna , LA 70053

Tribute Wall

YB

“ I would like to speak in behalf of the Brackins Family. Aunt Leah you will surely be missed no more conversations, no more laughs with Mom and I, but that free spirit will be missed the most. We love you and we will meet again at the crossroads.

Yvette Brackins - July 07, 2024 at 02:10 AM

AM

“ Aieda and Mike purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



Aieda and Mike - July 05, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 05, 2024 at 09:44 AM

AC

“ Andrew and Gloria Couch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

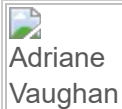
Andrew and Gloria Couch - July 05, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Adriane Vaughan - July 04, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Auntie Leah, thank you for the wonderful memories spent. You always had words of encouragement and sass. I sure will miss your cooking, too. Your smile will always be in my heart.



Adriane Vaughan - July 04, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 04, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 04, 2024 at 02:46 PM

RH

“ Robert & Wendy Helms planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Robert & Wendy Helms - July 04, 2024 at 02:46 PM

TF

“ Terry & Judy Fontenot purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



Terry & Judy Fontenot - July 04, 2024 at 02:17 PM

TF

“ Terry & Judy Fontenot planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Terry & Judy Fontenot - July 04, 2024 at 02:17 PM

PB

“ Pastor Wilfred & Missionary Doris Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



Pastor Wilfred & Missionary Doris Brown - July 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM

PB

“ *Pastor Wilfred & Missionary Doris Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.*

Pastor Wilfred & Missionary Doris Brown - July 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM

AW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Anginette Williams - July 04, 2024 at 11:18 AM

TN

“ *The Nieces and Nephews purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.*



The Nieces and Nephews - July 03, 2024 at 03:33 PM

FW

“ *From Lindsey Burton and Joe Wardhaugh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.*

From Lindsey Burton and Joe Wardhaugh - July 03, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 03, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ Warren and Taddy Dance purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



Warren and Taddy Dance - July 03, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Warren and Taddy Dance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Warren and Taddy Dance - July 03, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 03, 2024 at 09:26 AM

TK

“ The Kyle Krew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

The Kyle Krew - July 03, 2024 at 09:26 AM

CC

“ CCE lit a candle in memory of Missionary Leah Brown Callens



CCE - July 03, 2024 at 08:48 AM

CC

“ To the family my deepest sympathy 🙏. Missionary was my friend. One of the best MC I known. You will truly miss 😞 ❤️💔

CCE - July 03, 2024 at 08:46 AM

CC

be*

CCE - July 03, 2024 at 08:47 AM

LJ

“ Love, Marquita & Jaylen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Love, Marquita & Jaylen - July 03, 2024 at 08:10 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.*



July 03, 2024 at 08:10 AM



“ *Dwayne and Lisa Guidry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.*



Dwayne and Lisa Guidry - July 02, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ *Jim and colleen ierubino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.*

Jim and colleen ierubino - July 02, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ *Jim and colleen ierubino purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.*



Jim and colleen ierubino - July 02, 2024 at 06:49 PM

PB

“ From: Parker, Bethany and Keith Bell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Parker, Bethany and Keith Bell - July 02, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 02, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 02, 2024 at 02:02 PM

LF

“ Love, The HR NFE Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Love, The HR NFE Family - July 02, 2024 at 01:34 PM

LF

“ Love, The HR NFE Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



Love, The HR NFE Family - July 02, 2024 at 01:34 PM

LE

“ Love, New Fortress Energy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Love, New Fortress Energy - July 02, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 02, 2024 at 01:26 PM

FF

“ FLNG Operations Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

FLNG Operations Family - July 02, 2024 at 12:18 PM

FF

“ FLNG Operations Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



FLNG Operations Family - July 02, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 02, 2024 at 07:58 AM

AW

“ Arthur and Karen Washington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Arthur and Karen Washington - July 02, 2024 at 07:45 AM

AW

“ Arthur and Karen Washington purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



Arthur and Karen Washington - July 02, 2024 at 07:45 AM

OC

“ My deepest condolences to the Brown,-Callen Family. Mother Callen will be deeply missed for her smile, consistent kind words and true example of Holiness. My prayers are with you.
Missionary Olivia Cooper

Olivia Cooper - July 02, 2024 at 06:56 AM

CC

“ Chairman, Olivia Cooper purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



Chairman, Olivia Cooper - July 02, 2024 at 06:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.



July 01, 2024 at 11:08 PM

DF

“ Don and Angela Jackson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Leah Brown Callens.

Don and Angela Jackson and Family - July 01, 2024 at 11:08 PM