



Ms. Callie L. Redd

June 6, 1938 - July 12, 2025

Callie Luella Gillespie Redd was born on June 6, 1938, in Washington College, Tennessee, to Robert E. Gillespie and Vera Goines Gillespie. She was the eldest of three children.

As a child, Callie attended Booker T. Washington school in Jonesborough, Tennessee, Douglas Elementary, and Dunbar Elementary. She graduated from Langston High School at the age of 16 as salutatorian of her class. During her time at Langston, Callie was a member of several clubs, was a member of the band, playing the clarinet and the oboe, and was a majorette. In her junior year, she appeared on WJHL and WETB radio as a member of the Clarinet Quartet. Callie's hard work in school earned her scholarships for academics and band. From 1955 to 1959, Callie attended Knoxville College, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. In December of 1972, she earned her Master of Arts in English from East Tennessee State University.

Callie married the love of her life, Samuel David Redd, on July 29, 1966, in Aberdeen, Maryland. On May 19, 1969, Callie and Samuel welcomed their first child, Kim J. Redd, in Fort Ord, California. She was smart and driven, like her parents, and earned a Master of Arts degree in Medical Anthropology from Georgia State. Only three months after receiving her degree, Kim was called home on March 29, 1999, in Johnson City, Tennessee. After 54 blessed years

of marriage, Samuel was called home on December 19, 2020.

Callie had a passion for learning and exploring. She enjoyed reading and studying the Bible, reading fiction and non-fiction literature, solving crossword puzzles, and working in her yard. She also traveled to all 50 states as well as parts of Canada and the Bahamas. As much as she loved gaining knowledge for herself, she also loved to pass it on to others. She worked for 36 years in 4 schools in the Johnson City School system. Through the years, she taught English and French, served as a homeroom teacher, oversaw extracurricular activities, and chaperoned student trips to D.C. and New York.

Callie became a member of Grace Temple Church at the age of 12 and remained involved in the church throughout her life. She served as a Sunday School teacher, women's coordinator, Victory Choir member, Kitchen Aid, clean-up committee, usher, and bulletin board caretaker. She was also an active community member serving in the NAACP, Monday Club, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Senior Citizens Board. For her dedication to teaching and her community, Callie was inducted into the Science Hill High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, the Carver Recreation Center Wall of Fame in 2017, and the Johnson City School Hall of Fame in 2019.

Callie was called home to join her Savior and family Saturday, July 12, 2025, at her residence. She leaves behind a legacy of excellence, grace, and above all, faith in God that will be remembered and cherished.

In addition to her loving husband and daughter, Callie was preceded in death by her parents, Robert E. and Vera Goines Gillespie, and her brother, Thurston Lavoid Gillespie.

To cherish her memory, Callie leaves behind her sister, Bobbie Gillespie Scott; sister-in-law, Shelby Redd; and several nieces, nephews, relatives, and

friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Science Hill High School girls' basketball team.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church
208 Garden Dr
Johnson City, TN 37604-4522
(423) 926-1641

Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Grace Temple Church
208 Garden Dr
Johnson City, TN 37604-4522
(423) 926-1641

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Science Hill High School girls' basketball team.

Interment

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
53 Memorial Ave
Mountain Home, TN 37684

Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Connie Thompson - July 26, 2025 at 09:03 AM

SS

“ *Sandra Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Sandra Sylvers - July 24, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JH

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Callie's passing! I worked with Callie at Science Hill during the 90's. She was a super, professional, classy lady always with a smile on her face and expressed joy from her heart. Callie was an effective presence in the classroom and in numerous extra-curricular activities, well-known, well-liked and respected. We travelled with the boys basketball team to Alaska in the mid 90's and my wife Pam and I enjoyed spending unforgettable time with Callie. A Hall-of Famer and Community icon that created a legacy that Johnson City can be proud...Callie will be missed! Jim Heaton*

Jim Heaton - July 23, 2025 at 01:47 PM

BB

“ Her smiles and giggles will be greatly missed
❤️



Babby Barner - July 19, 2025 at 03:52 PM

DG

“ Callie was my forever neighborhood big sister. She was a mentor to me during my childhood and was a first to introduce me to the Langston marching band. She was and will always be a legend to our community and surrounding area. Our deepest condolences to the family. May Callie rest in Jesus's arms.



Daryl and Deborah Grey - July 18, 2025 at 01:56 PM

DC

“ I loved Mrs. Redd, she was one of my favorite teachers at SHHS (Class of 1984) and one of my favorite people in general. I'd see her from time to time around Johnson City and she always remembered me. A life well lived!!

Douglas Counts - July 18, 2025 at 08:37 AM

TC

“ *Ms. Callie Redd was not only my teacher but my friend. There are so many wonderful stories and memories that I have . Callie was my senior advisor. She taught me English and French. She and I kept the basketball score table . She was always kind, funny and smart. The community was better because of her.*

My condolences to her family and the community. I know she was greeted with open arms when heaven received an angel. Rest well my good and faithful servant.

Thelma Fields Crawford

thelma crawford - July 18, 2025 at 02:29 AM

MF

“ *Marchelle Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Marchelle Fields - July 17, 2025 at 01:16 PM

FC

“ *Frank Cansler purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Callie L. Redd.*



Frank Cansler - July 17, 2025 at 12:27 PM

AD

“ My sweetest sweetest Mrs. Redd! My goodness this has hurt many hearts but one thing I know without a doubt is your love for The Most High! You were like a breath of fresh air and the sweetest, so sweet my heart jump every time I got a hug from you! You were a special woman with a legacy that will live on forever! Your support while I was at SHHS playing basketball was everything. You loved us girls like we were your own. We had many talks about my mama and my Granny Ruby and those I will cherish forever. Take your rest thy good and faithful servant. I love you forever and always!



Alisha Dill - July 17, 2025 at 08:01 AM

AJ

“ My heart is a little more than broken.. My sweet Mamaw Redd entered into heaven July 12th at 4:30 pm. How do you say goodbye to someone you've known your whole life? Mamaw I know this isn't goodbye, I know you are at rest with papaw and Kim. I keep looking out the window hoping you'll walk out your door. Your body was tired and you begged Gof to take you.



Thank you for loving me and your God babies unconditionally. Thank you for all the talks the hugs, the kisses, the advice and wisdom you gave. I'm not okay pulling into the drive way knowing you aren't next door. So thank you for the laughs, the stories, and the memories. Missing you much but loving you always.

Angela K Jackson - July 16, 2025 at 04:56 PM

GB

“ G.L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



G.L. & Trish Bristol - July 16, 2025 at 02:12 PM

NH

“ We remember and hold in “high esteem and honor,” Mrs. Callie Gillespie Redd. She was a wonderful, gracious, and gifted Woman! Her cheerful personality and “passion for teaching” inspired and motivated countless young people to “fully embrace” learning during their high school endeavors.

Moreover, she “lifted the hearts and spirits of others,” in a positive way. Using her keen intellect, charm and humorous wit, Mrs. Redd maintained various enduring relationships with many students and educational professionals, during her life and career, in a profound and positive manner.

She was an accomplished teacher beloved by her “Langston High School “Family” of students” and fellow faculty members. She always greeted friends, students, and associates alike with a “cheery smile” and warm words of comfort coupled with “a little bit of humor.” We cherish our many wonderful experiences and memories of Mrs. Redd, as someone who had a profound positive impact on our lives, as individuals and then as a married couple.

We send our prayers, thoughts of comfort, and Love to her Family and many friends,

Nancy and Norman Howard

Norman Howard - July 16, 2025 at 01:41 PM

RG

“ *Renea Hall & Gird sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Renea Hall & Gird - July 16, 2025 at 01:08 PM

AM

“ *My prayers for the family. My dear cousin will be missed by all who knew her*

Arliss goines mack - July 16, 2025 at 11:56 AM

KB

“ *Callie was a good cousin and I knew her family very well. She is free from pain and sorrow and I will miss her very much.*



Keith Bridwell - July 16, 2025 at 11:37 AM

CR

“ *Ms. Redd was one of my favorite teachers at SHHS class of 1989. Her class was so much fun. Her smile lit up a room*

Crystie McCurry Richardson - July 16, 2025 at 07:58 AM

JW

“ *Janice Wells lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



janice wells - July 16, 2025 at 06:49 AM

JW

she was everything to Langston High School and her students she made sure we learnt and was respectful to one another she will be missed because she loved her school and her students her smile said it all. now she at peace with her loved ones she will be remembered by all who knew her class of 1965 will always LOVE YOU

janice wells - July 16, 2025 at 07:01 AM

SC

“ *Rest in peace Callie. You were an angel on earth, a great teacher to all, and a good friend to so many. Every time I saw you, you made me smile. May your family and friends here on Earth cherish each memory because I know there were many made. Tell Kim that Ms. Coalslick thinks of her often. Love, prayers and sympathy to all that knew Callie and her family.*

Scarlett Coapstick - July 15, 2025 at 10:07 PM

B1

“ *Mrs. Redd was my favorite teacher ever!!!*

Beth Williams Dail (SHHS class of 1973) - July 15, 2025 at 07:42 PM

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ER

“ A special lady and pillar of the community. One of my best teachers at NJH

Ellen Williams Rak - July 15, 2025 at 06:45 PM

EB

“ Emogene Ervin/ Erma Blount lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Emogene Ervin/ Erma Blount - July 15, 2025 at 04:54 PM

EB

You've earned your Wings Beautiful Lady.

Emogene Ervin/ Erma Blount - July 15, 2025 at 04:56 PM

RS

Callie was a colleague in Johnson City Schools. I came to know her better in the Washington County Retired Teachers Association as a friendly and kind person. She was truly one-of-a-kind and will be missed. I am so glad to read other comments about how she positively affected them. RIP.

Ron Satterfield - July 18, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JN

“ Jean Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Jean Neal - July 15, 2025 at 03:47 PM

PS

“ *My condolences to the family. Ms Redd was one of my favorites and she will be missed.*

Phillip Shade - July 15, 2025 at 03:16 PM

CR

“ *May God bless you with precious memories and bring comfort to you during this difficult time and the days that follow.*



Cecil and Faye Rutledge - July 15, 2025 at 02:39 PM

CR

“ My heart is heavy with the news of Callie’s passing because I was blessed as having her as a mentor, friend and by the DNA from the Gillespie family tree that made us cousins. Callie always carried herself with such grace whether in the classroom, at a professional gathering, church, or if you ran into her when she was “ out and about.” Her smile and laughter lit up any room that she was in and she was a wealth of knowledge. After her retirement from Science Hill I joined the faculty as an English teacher and her contributions to the department were often discussed and I would share them with her when we talked and she was always so humble in her response. On the other hand she was the last surviving teacher of our beloved Langston and with her passing there is that sadness but her presence will always be felt as stories of former “Langstonites” share with the sons and daughters of Langston and their descendants. Heaven is a bit brighter as I can only imagine the radiance that her presence brought as she was reunited with her beloved daughter, Kim, and her husband, Sam. Oh! what reunion that is occurring as she is with the ancestors and to be able to look upon the face of Jesus. Sending prayers to Bobbie in the loss of your sister and to the members of the extended Gillespie and Redd families. Callie has fought the good fight and let her legacy be honored through integrity, love of God and respect for truth over frivolity.



Clara “Faye” Hart Rutledge - July 15, 2025 at 02:35 PM

MC

“ Mrs Marva Conley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Mrs Marva Conley - July 15, 2025 at 01:33 PM

MC

Ms Callie will be missed, loved by her Monday Club friends and many more.

Mrs Marva Conley - July 15, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sincere condolences. Always a sweet, kind-hearted lady. ~*

Sandra Woolwine 🙏 🕯️ 🌹



Sandra Woolwine - July 15, 2025 at 01:06 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Mary Ann James - July 15, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CB

“ *Conley Goines & Shelia Bagwell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Callie L. Redd.*

Conley Goines & Shelia Bagwell - July 15, 2025 at 10:21 AM

CB

“ Conley Goines & Shelia Bagwell purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Ms. Callie L. Redd.



Conley Goines & Shelia Bagwell - July 15, 2025 at 10:21 AM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Gary & Moricina Fain - July 15, 2025 at 08:42 AM

GW

“ George Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



George Warren - July 15, 2025 at 08:17 AM

MR

“ You will surely be missed my beautiful friend.



Mary Rollins - July 15, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JF

“ James & Christine Brady Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



James & Christine Brady Family - July 15, 2025 at 07:25 AM

LF

“ Lisa Brady And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Lisa Brady and Family - July 15, 2025 at 07:17 AM

MD

“ Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Melvin Drumgoole - July 15, 2025 at 06:03 AM

PR

“ RIP Sister Callie your smile encouraging words, and hugs will be missed



Patria Rhea - July 15, 2025 at 05:38 AM

SC

“ Susie Colston sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Susie Colston - July 15, 2025 at 02:19 AM

SC

I hadn't seen Mrs. Gillespie- Redd in a lot of years, but, I remember her from Langston, as one of the nicest, and, sweetest ladies I ever knew. My sincere condolences to her family, and, many friends. May you be comforted by the peace, that only the LORD can give. 🙏

Susie Colston - July 15, 2025 at 02:23 AM

AD

“ Andre and Cheryl Bridwell Dyer & Family



Andte and Cheryl Bridwell Dyer - July 14, 2025 at 10:01 PM

LJ

“ Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Louis Locke Jr - July 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ Paulette Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Paulette Robinson - July 14, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Linda Workman - July 14, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ Kathy Mills lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Kathy Mills - July 14, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - July 14, 2025 at 08:07 PM

RJ

“ I loved you so much and my heart is in a Million pieces love Ruby



Ruby Jones - July 14, 2025 at 07:46 PM

BL

“ Sending Love & Sincerest Condolences in Memory of Mrs Redd, You will be missed. We Love you Billy & Debbie "Collins" Lewis



Billy & Deborah Lewis - July 14, 2025 at 07:33 PM

CF

“ I have such fond memories of working in the English Department at Science Hill with Callie. She was such a model of kindness and integrity, a real educator and a friend as well. I miss lunches together with our teacher group when laughter abounded and we had one rule: “No shop talk!” Rest in peace, dear lady.



CS Faniola - July 14, 2025 at 07:11 PM

TG

“ Terea And Thomas Graham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Terea and Thomas Graham - July 14, 2025 at 07:03 PM

PA

“ *Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Phyllis Askew - July 14, 2025 at 06:24 PM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Estelle Vaughan - July 14, 2025 at 06:10 PM

ML

“ *Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Mary Latham - July 14, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CB

“ *Charles Buffiord sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Charles Buffiord - July 14, 2025 at 05:55 PM

CB

Lovely lady

Charles Buffiord - July 14, 2025 at 05:57 PM

LG

“ *Mrs. Redd such and amazing woman who I loved so dearly...Rest in Paradise 🙏❤️*



Lisa Goins - July 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM

RS

“ *Ron &Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Ron &Gwendolyn Smith - July 14, 2025 at 05:45 PM

VR

“ *Vangeline Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Vangeline Rollins - July 14, 2025 at 05:24 PM

SS

“ *Sis Callie has always been a special light to me. She always had kind words and sweet hugs for me. Im gonna miss her dearly whenever I come home. Love you so much until we meet again.*

Sandra Stevens-Bell - July 14, 2025 at 05:22 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Pauline Douglas - July 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM

KP

“ *A beautiful, kind woman who will be missed by all who knew her. Sending my heartfelt condolences to her family.*



Kat Peeler - July 14, 2025 at 05:11 PM

LP

“ *Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Lori Parks - July 14, 2025 at 05:01 PM

DD

“ *Donna Lyons Drakeford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Callie L. Redd*



Donna Lyons Drakeford - July 14, 2025 at 04:53 PM

JJ

“ She going to missed by everyone she was very sweet lady
jaymon,Edna land Adeline

Jaymon Johnson - July 14, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JJ

“ Jaymon Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory
of Ms. Callie L. Redd



Jaymon Johnson - July 14, 2025 at 03:27 PM