



## John Calvin Vivian Jr.

May 14, 1928 - January 26, 2015

John Calvin (Jack) Vivian, 86, of Dearborn Heights, was ushered into the presence of our Lord Jesus as the sun arose, on the morning of Monday, January 26, 2015, while hospitalized in Detroit with loving family at his bedside. Born in Detroit, in the spring of 1928, he is the beloved son of the late John and Anne (Gallovich) Vivian.

John was an ordained Assemblies of God minister, having earned a Bachelor of Divinity and Pastoral Theology at Black Hills Bible College (now Beulah Heights University). He served as the National Director of Youth Services for the Assemblies of God and evangelized, prior to marrying Frances Talacki and pastoring a church in Monessen, PA. He also attended the Ford Trade School and was employed by Ford Motor Company for many years.

He is remembered as a life-long Bible student, seeking always to further explore and better understand God's Word. Gifted with a voice remembered by many, he used this gift to minister in song. He was ever mindful of and grateful for the work of Christ on the cross, the victory won there, and the mercy, grace and pardon extended to all who seek and believe. He is remembered in life by his dear friends as the "joyful and victorious one"; that joy and final victory now made eternally perfect and irrevocable, in the presence of our Lord and Savior.

John is survived by his loving family; a wife, Frances and four children, Cheryl Noel (Richard), Lisa Burkhardt, David Vivian (Elisa Krupa) and Kathryn Vivian; 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Many cousins, nieces and nephews survive him. He is preceded in death by his parents John and Anne Vivian, a sister Shirley Melvin Cook and his great grandson Anthony John (A.J.) Saki.

Services and internment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland, Michigan are private. Prayerful support for John's family are requested and appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

CN

“ Missing you on your 94th earthly birthday today, Dad!  
Wonder what you're doing in heaven today?! We shall see  
each other again, bodily. Xoxo



Cher Noel - May 14 at 08:41 AM

CN

“ I can't believe you've been with the Lord for 7 years, already, and an eternity to  
come. I miss you, Dad.

Cher Noel - April 18 at 02:39 PM

CN

“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - April 18 at 02:37 PM

CH

“ Cher lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher - February 05, 2021 at 10:35 AM

CN

“ If roses grow in Heaven, Lord,  
Please gather some from me  
Place them in my fathers arms  
And tell him they're from me  
Tell him I love & miss him  
And when he turns to smile  
Place a kiss upon his cheek and hold him for a while  
Remembering him is easy  
I do it every day  
And there's such pain within my heart  
Which never goes away

*Happy heavenly Fathers Day!! You are loved & missed every hour of every day.*

Cher Noel - June 17, 2020 at 07:39 PM

CN

“ Dad.....thinking of you always, but especially with your birthday upon us. I know you're having the time of your life in heaven!! I can't begin to imagine the sights your eyes have beheld. You're loved and remembered always. xoxo

Cher Noel - May 13, 2020 at 05:14 PM

CN

“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - May 13, 2020 at 05:08 PM

CH

“ Wondering what you & Rick are doing in heaven today,  
Dad. Rest sweetly, until we meet at our Savior's feet.



Cher - January 27, 2020 at 01:30 PM

CN

“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - December 25, 2019 at 06:48 PM

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“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - October 09, 2019 at 06:27 PM

CN

“ Happy Fathers Day in Heaven, Dad! Miss you always. Cher

Cher Noel - June 16, 2019 at 05:07 PM

CN

“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - June 10, 2019 at 10:52 AM

CN

“ 4 years ago today you graduated to your heavenly home.  
We miss you, Dad.



Cher Noel - January 26, 2019 at 01:46 PM

CN

“ I miss you, Dad.



Cher Noel - January 24, 2019 at 04:42 PM

CN

“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - January 24, 2019 at 04:41 PM

CN

“ My precious Father, before you were swept to glory, and your time on earth came to an end, I am so very blessed, that you became my dearest friend. I miss you every single day of my life, until that sweet day.....Cher



Cher Noel - August 18, 2018 at 09:36 AM

CN

“ Cher Noel sent a virtual gift in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - May 19, 2018 at 12:24 PM

CN

“ Thinking of you on your birthday & everyday, Dad. Though you're walking the streets of glory, you're missed every single day on earth. I'm greatly comforted to know that though you're absent in body, you're present with the Lord! I know you're thrilled ,& I'm so thankful that you're happy, joyous & at peace. Happy 3rd birthday in the presence of the King. Love you, Cher

Cher Noel - May 14, 2018 at 07:33 PM

CN

“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - May 14, 2018 at 07:23 PM

CN

“ Remembering you is easy, Dad; I think of you each day. Missing you is the heartache that never goes away. Sleep peacefully, precious father, until that Great Day. Happy birthday in heaven. Cher



Cher Noel - May 11, 2018 at 02:27 PM

CN

“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher Noel - May 11, 2018 at 02:19 PM

CH

“ May the breeze of heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear, how very much I love and miss you, and wish that you were here.

Cher - November 20, 2017 at 06:26 PM

CH

“ Cher lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher - November 20, 2017 at 06:08 PM

CH

“ I will never forget the moment the beat of your heart became silent; in that moment, we were forever changed. Your wings were ready, Dad; my heart was not. The Good Lord has gathered you to Himself, as the stars of the heavens and He comforts me with the knowledge that some sweet day, we'll be reunited. I love you always, Dad.



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**Cher** - September 24, 2017 at 04:16 PM

CH

“ It's been just over two years since the Good Lord brought you to be with Him. I'm told that in time, the pain decreases....but everyday feels like the day you left Detroit for Heaven. I miss our daily catch-ups and opportunities to tap into your wisdom. You're in my heart always. Cher



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**Cher** - March 15, 2017 at 10:48 AM

CH

“ Thoughts of you frequently sneak out of my eyes and roll down my cheeks. I miss you every single day, and wish I'd had the opportunity to tell you that "I understand, finally". I love you, and look forward to that day when the Master Himself will usher us into the glories of heaven together to share in the joy when our eyes shall see the glory of what He has prepared for us. In the mean time, rest peacefully Pop.



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**Cher** - March 15, 2017 at 10:39 AM

CH

“ Dad, your passing left a heartache from which I can not heal; yet I know you're in the presence of Jesus, and that brings comfort and joy that no one can steal. I think of you everyday, and words can't express how much I miss you. I love you, Dad, and look forward to that day when I shall see you & Gram again.

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**Cher** - October 09, 2016 at 01:16 PM

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“ Cher lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



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**Cher** - October 09, 2016 at 12:37 PM

“ Though you're in paradise, I'll be next to you in Dearborn on Saturday. I can hear you singing this song from Mark Ivey and First Baptist Church of Atlanta (Dr Stanley). I know you prayed, sang and lived by His covenant. You might get the crowds going up there!! "My God is awesome, He can move mountains, keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain. My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken, strength when I am weakened, forever will He reign. Our God is awesome, He can move mountains, keep my in the valleys, hide me from the rain. My God is awesome - heals me when I'm broken, strength when I am weakened, forever He will reign. Our God is AWESOME, yes, He is AWESOME, yes AWESOME! He is so AWESOME! Our Lord is AWESOME - savior of the whole world; giver of salvation, by his stripes we are healed. My God is awesome, today I am forgiven, His grace is why I'm living, Praise His holy name. Our God is awesome, and I know he's mighty, so mighty, and I know He's holy, He's holy, He's holy, So holy! We serve a great God, He's great! So AWESOME! When I'm in trouble, he is my deliverer - deliverer-deliverer - AWESOME, yes AWESOME!! He's my provider, and He's awesome, yes AWESOME! He's my provider, provider, provider, provider....He's AWESOME...and our protector, yes our protector, protector - He's totally awesome!! Awesome!! Awesome!! & we praise His name. We praise Him, We praise Him, We worship, We worship, Awesome, praise His holy name!! Happy 2nd birthday in heaven Daddy. I'd give anything, even my life, to see you again and to thank you for showing us how AWESOME our God is!!! Had you not planted those seeds in my heart over 55 years ago, I don't think I'd recognize the AWESOMENESS of this song!! Thanks Pop for loving us and caring enough for us that you insisted we attend church and pray for 3 meals and bedtime. In faith-believing, and resting on Gods covenant with us as an AWESOME God, I pray for Mom, that she'll turn around, surrender and let the master lead her by the hand. David, Lisa and Kathryn too. I hope soon they'll give God the credit for being AWESOME and not try to wear a word that's way too big for them. We're holding up Pop. Miss you every day. Please meet me there, by the creek filled with milk in the meadows, right before the room and the pearly gates, when its my time. This is my prayer. I never realized the depth of my love for you, until it was too late. I'm so proud you were/are my dad! I'm overjoyed that when you got help performing some of those daily tasks, difficult at best for a blind man, all of your anxiety melted away. I'm forever grateful that you and I became good friends and confidants, that there was healing, and I praise God alone for that. You too didn't have it easy. I understand it all now, and see it so clearly Dad. I don't know how you did it. But I will say, that I admire your courage and bravery, and the fact that you never disclosed to others the dilemma facing you.. You just stayed in the game. I'm so your daughter, understanding you now more than ever, and I wish I could put my arms around you one more time and tell you Dad, I love you with all my heart and soul. I believe Jesus himself might deliver that message to you tonight. God bless you, Pop. I love you. Cher



CH

“ Grief never ends but slightly changes; for it's not a place to stay, but a passage. Grief isn't a sign of weakness, or lack of faith. I've learned that it's the ultimate price of love. You are loved and missed every single day Dad.



Cher - April 03, 2016 at 07:15 PM

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Cher - January 23, 2016 at 02:26 PM

CH

“ L-O-DOUBLE L-I-P-O-P spells lollipop, lollipop. It's the only decent kinda candy, candy. The man that made it surely was a dandy, dandy!! L-O-DOUBLE L-I-P-O-P U C, it's a lick on a stick guaranteed to make you sick, but it's lollipop for me!!! Seems like yestetday...the day at 7 yrs old I was attacked with a razor blade, my artery was severed and you chased me down the street, scooped me in your arms and took me to get stitched up. When we got home, I lay on the couch, and you got down on your knees, brushed the hair from my face, wiped the tears from my eyes and sang that song. It was the first and only time I heard it, but I've never forgotten the tune or one word. Then you reached in your pocket & shoved my faves under my pillow...a box of licorice snaps and a bag of David salted pumpkin seeds. All the money in the world couldn't replace the comfort that memory brings me. When the pain of separation seems intolerable, I'm reminded of the unexplainable healing power of God's grace and I am assured that I will see you again. Rest peacefully, my brother, my father, my precious friend.

Cher - January 23, 2016 at 02:24 PM

CH

“ Miss you, every single day Dad. I live you & look forward to the day when I'll see you again, happy & whole.



Cher - November 13, 2015 at 02:31 PM

RI

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Rick - November 01, 2015 at 02:01 AM

CA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



CHERYL ANNE - November 01, 2015 at 01:49 AM

CA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



CHERYL ANNE - November 01, 2015 at 01:47 AM

CA

“ Pop: The beautiful "gigantic red oak" we planted in your memory is absolutely beautiful! I remember the small red oak you planted on Bedford St. Unfortunately, they cut it down. This oak is hearty, beautiful & strong like you. It will grow 80.feet tall w/a trunk 4 ft in diameter. They love Sonshine; they're firmly rooted & withstand anything that would knock others down. They're known for reaching to the heavens for light water. I bought it as a baby & Rick & I planted it in your memory, across from our house on State lake property. Your plaque comes in 2 weeks. It will forever stand, reach for the heavens, protect the birds & provide shade/relief from sun for many. Wish you were here to see. You'd love it. & every one of our neighbors knows it' stands as a memorial to you & your matching charactetistics.



CHERYL ANNE - November 01, 2015 at 01:43 AM

CG

“ So many memories.....you on my pink bike, Patented bacon popcorn, L-O-DOuBLE-I P, POP spells lollipop, lighting firecrackers under metal garbage cans, the way you LOVED 7-11, the time you tip toed out to see what the Easter bunny left...you caught me outta the corner of your eye & tossed me a bar...without missing a beat, your ability to calm Lisa down, the way you praised God & danced when your David joined the family, times you gave the last of our money because folks had nothing.we didn't even know them, your crooked ponytails, you never called Mom Fran....she was always MaMa, the time you caught me getting a ride on Ardennes dad's Harley, finally that day you ran across the street & swooped me into your arms when i was covered in blood from a razor blade attack. You held my hand, rubbery head & your crocks dilemma tears dropped on my face because my pain & fear were too great to.bear. you tried to teach me how to pteach....like only pentecostal do .You let me swim in the creek, shoot slingshots. Climb trees & congratulated me when I won coffee pots of marbles, won skateboard tied to car.contests, ate cuchonia hulled outside, & faithfully bought me snaps & Indian head salted pumpkin seeds every day during the summer. I am Cher because of you....fearless, excited, experimental & God fearing/loving. I'm so not you, but SO you in so many ways. I wouldn't trade one minute of our time together. You taught me what compassion looks like, and how to think & reason. I wish I would have loved, hugged & kissed you more.Thank you for teaching me that no matter what I may do, I'm not perfect, I'm a sinner, but Jesus bled & died so I can receive forgiveness & become a new creature in hum. I I thank the everlasting father for healing of both of us....so I truly got to know & love an amazing example of God's love, forgiveness & the beaurltiful man you grew into over the years, though life was less than kind to you. My.Daddt, My.Hero.



CHER.....Your baby gurl - November 01, 2015 at 12:55 AM

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Cher....your loving.daughter - November 01, 2015 at 12:07 AM

CL

“ I love you Daddy....yesterday, today & forever. Thank you for loving me & having faith that one sweet day I'd know without a doubt that His heart was broke on Calvary, that His hands were nail scarred & His side was riven all to save a poor, lost soul like me. Thank God for your faith. The thought of running into your arms grows sweeter and richer as each day goes by. My dearest friend, teacher, protector & Daddy....I love you so. Till that sweet morning.....you're safe with Jesus & your memory is sweet, guarded & untarnished in my heart. Nite for bow, precious soul. Your Cher



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**Cher....your loving.daughter** - November 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Isn't a day that goes by that I'm not thinking about & missing you Dad. I'll bet heaven is quite a place!! Until I see you again, you're sorely missed & loved.

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**Cher** - October 09, 2015 at 04:03 PM

CH

“ You're sorely missed and always lived Pop.



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**Cher** - September 07, 2015 at 03:05 PM

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“ Cher sent a virtual gift in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



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**Cher** - August 25, 2015 at 07:39 PM

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“ Cher lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher - August 12, 2015 at 05:40 AM

CH

“ Cher sent a virtual gift in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher - August 05, 2015 at 06:53 AM

CH

“ Dearest Dad: I've learned that these tears I shed are words that my heart just can't express, and that my soul would have no rainbow, if my eyes shed no tears. Most every day precious memories of you sneak out of my eyes and overflow my cheeks. What is this pain? What are these tears? For if tears of sorrow are the echoes of things lost....what then are tears of joy? They must be the sweetest of tears that sneak out of my eyes and roll down my cheeks. Sweet, because they flow with longing for that promised sweet day that we will together be forever more with our Lord and Savior. We will be raised imperishable, incorruptable, in glory and in power, clothed in righteousness. And, we'll see one another as Christ sees us. What a day that will be Daddy. I come here to honor you, to feel close to you, and to pay tribute to your life, because I miss every moment of your absence. You are loved, you are momentarily mourned, and you shall not be forgotten. May you forever be filled with happiness and praise in the Master's presence...for you loved Him so. As I picture you in paradise, with the brightness of the presence of Christ shining upon you and Gramma and your Heavenly family, the Lord has too comforted my heart. Glory be His name, forever.

Cher - August 04, 2015 at 08:54 AM

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Cher Vivian Noel - August 04, 2015 at 08:20 AM

CH

“ Miss you every single day...



Cher - July 15, 2015 at 02:34 PM

CH

“ Cher lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher - July 15, 2015 at 02:32 PM

CH

“ Cher lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher - May 14, 2015 at 01:24 PM

CH

*Today, your first birthday spent in Heaven. Gosh...I sure miss you!! During those moments of deepest despair, I'm gently reminded that you rest safely and joyously with our Lord and Savior; and that we're promised a joyful reunion some sweet day. Had you not taught me that truth, I'm afraid that comfort would totally escape. Those truths you taught and the tid bits you shared, have instilled that I should always keep my eyes on Jesus, and He will pilot me. Thank you Dad for loving us enough to present Gods Word without bending it, and for sharing with us the greatest gift of all; that through grace we can be forgiven, changed and become joint heirs with Christ. Love you Pop....I know today you're singing and dancing and making a joyful noise unto the Lord. I'll do the same down here. xxoo*

Cher - May 14, 2015 at 02:07 PM

CN

“ Cher Noel lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Vivian Jr.



Cher noel - April 21, 2015 at 01:33 AM

CH

“ Dad, I thought of you with love today  
But that is nothing new  
I thought about you yesterday  
Each day before that too

*If God would bring you back again  
For one more hour or day  
I'd express to you my endless love  
And have so much more to say*

*If God would bring you back again  
I'd say I treasured you  
& that your presence in my life  
Meant more than I ever knew*

*Your memory is now my keepsake  
With which I'll never part  
God has you in His tender care  
& I have you in my heart*

*I love and miss you so much, Cher*



Cher - March 04, 2015 at 12:14 PM