



Celebration
of Life
for

George C. Alston Sr.

Sunrise

January 26, 1932

Sunset

October 15, 2012

Saturday, October 20, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

Phillips Metropolitan CME Church

27 Morris Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Rev. Marshall J. Jenifer, Officiating

Obituary

GEORGE C. ALSTON, 80 (also known as Fish) was born January 26, 1932 in North Hampton County, NC to the late Mary Ellen (Rawles) and Tom Alston Sr. George departed this life on October 15, 2012 peacefully at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, NJ. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Thomas Jr., Henry, Samuel, Yancey and William Alston.

At an early age he confessed his faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church in Jackson, NC. George graduated from North Hampton High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army where he received an honorably discharge.

As a young man George was employed by Baltusrol Golf Course in Springfield, NJ where he retired after thirty-five years of service. George was known for his many words of wisdom and was always quoting “I Won’t Complain”, “At Your Best” and ” It’s Right to do Right”. George was also known by all for always sharing the principles of life and the Word of God. He was an avid bible reader and took pleasure in acquiring knowledge. All who knew him were blessed by his tremendous sense of humor, impeccable sense of style and ability to inspire both young and old.

George was a long time member of Phillips Metropolitan CME Church of Newark, NJ where he served as a member of the Trustee Board, a Lay Member and the Willing Workers.

Mr. Alston had a strong sense of family values and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a lover of good jazz music, an avid golf fan and enjoyed watching professional wrestling.

Those left to cherish the memory of his love and devotion are his wife of 49 years, Lillie Bell Alston, his two daughters, Lillie Gatling (Archie) of Burlington, NJ; Deborah Law of Hillside, NJ; his son, George Alston, Jr. (Yashema) of Hillside, NJ; one aunt, Lucille Harding of Jackson, NC; three sisters, Louise Harding (Cleveland) of Raleigh, NC; Mildred Beatrice Buffaloe of Garysburg, NC and Rutha Mae Crump (Hugo “Earl”) Jackson, NC; three grandchildren, Jason Smith, Niyah Law and Nadir Alston, special niece and nephew, Antonio and Mariah and a host of nieces, nephews, additional family and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude	Musician
Final Viewing.....	Clergy/ Family
Opening Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Clarence Bulluck
Old Testament	Pastor Robert Davis
New Testament.....	Pastor Clarence L. Smith
Music Ministry	Choir
Acknowledgements & Condolences.....	Clerk
Solo.....	Rev. Joseph Fairley
Reflections	
Obituary	Rev. Teresa Hicks
Selection.....	Choir
Eulogy.....	Pastor
Benediction	
Recessional	Clergy/Family

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

The Measure of A Man

Not, how did he die? But, how did he live?
Not, what did he gain? But, what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man, as a man, regardless of birth.
Not, what was his station? But, had he a heart?
And, how did he play his God-given part?
Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer,
To bring back a smile to banish a tear?
Not, what was his church? Nor, what was his creed?
But, had he befriended those really in need?
Not, what did the critics or naysayers say?
But, how many were sorry when he passed away?



Acknowledgement

The family of **George C. Alston, Sr.** would like to thank everyone who has expressed words of comfort and acts of kindness during this difficult time.

They will acknowledge each of you at a later date.

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