

*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Melvin Alston*

Sunrise  
June 22, 1930

Sunset  
April 28, 2014



*Service*

*Monday, May 5, 2014 11:00 am*

***Herbert T. McCall Funeral Home***

*984 Prospect Avenue*

*Bronx, New York 10459*

***Officiating: Reverend James Loren Russell***

***Organist: Professor Douglas Banks***

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude

Processional..... Clergy & Family

Selection..... “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Invocation

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks/Acknowledgements..... Two minutes please

Obituary..... Romel Campbell

Selection

Eulogy ..... Reverend James Loren Russell

Committal/Benediction

Final Viewing

Recessional

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interment</u></b><br/>Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery<br/>Fair Lawn, New Jersey</p> |
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## *Reflections of Melvin Alston's Life*

**Melvin Alston** the son of James and Magnolia Alston was born June 22, 1930 in Vance County, North Carolina.

The fourth of eight children, his family consisted of brothers Barry, John, James and Willie along with three sisters Helen, Lucille and Valie Morrise. As a child Melvin attended elementary school in Franklin County, North Carolina and was affiliated with the Rollin Chapel Baptist Church in Henderson, North Carolina.

Later as a young adult Melvin traveled to New York City where he settled in the Bronx with his wife Elvira Gonzalez. He and Elvira (who he affectionately called "Mickey") were married for over forty years. Together they had one child, son Barry Alston and two step children Russell and Alsace (China).

As a retired long distance truck driver, his hobbies included camping, hiking and long early morning walks.

Melvin was known as "Uncle Joe" to all and he loved all his family often making trips to North Carolina to visit them.

"Uncle Joe" touched many lives and will surely be missed. We love and miss you. Your spirit will remain with us forever. We pray that your soul remains safe until we eventually meet again.

Uncle Joe leaves behind his son Barry (Poncho), Alsace (China), a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, other relatives and friends along with a large loving family from Henderson, North Carolina.

*"May God, who called our dear one home  
And gave him Peace and Rest, give us the  
Faith and trust to say that he indeed knows best."*

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to acknowledge with great appreciation all expressions of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement.

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