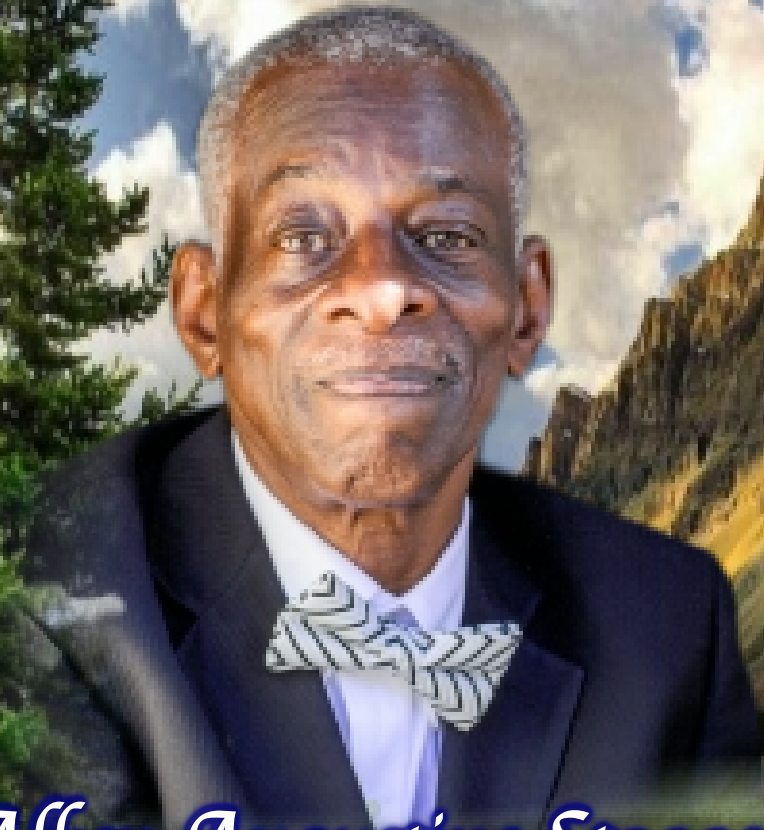


In Loving Memory of



Alben Augustine Stagger

Sunrise: March 10, 1941

Sunset: July 18, 2017

Service

Friday, July 28, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

JANES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

660 Monroe Street • Brooklyn, NY 11221

Reverend Robert O. Simpson, Officiating

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Alben Augustine Stagger passed away peacefully at home in the company of loved ones in Suffolk, VA on July 18, 2017 at the age of 76 years old.

Alben is survived by his wife, Olivia Stagger, three children, Kye Stagger, Audra Yearwood, and Sharodka Stagger, grandchildren, Jade and Miles, step-children, Darlene Stagger, Kaseem Stagger, Ronnie Murphy, Travis Murphy, and John Murphy, sisters, Ava Stagger, Carol Stagger, and Era Stagger Vicars, nieces, Bobbie Vicars and Crystal Goodluck, nephews, Audie Vicars, Ronald Vicars, Richard Vicars, Gregory Vicars, and Georgie Goodluck.

Alben was born on March 10, 1941 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands to Austin and Elizabeth Stagger. Alben lived in St. Thomas as a child. He attended school in St. Thomas and graduated from Charlotte Amalie High School. Later he moved to New York City in 1960 where he lived with his mother and sisters in Harlem, NY. After years of living in New York City, Al and his family moved to E 95 th st. in Brooklyn, NY. While in Brooklyn, Al continued his schooling at New York Technical College. He graduated from New York Technical College with an Associates degree in liberal arts. Alben's love for the sciences and mechanics led him to work as an auto mechanic for a few years and later as a Road Car Inspector (RCI) for the New York City MTA. Alben fixed trains and tended to various transit emergencies that pertained to the NYC subway system throughout the metro area. Although Alben was stationed at the 42nd street Grand Central Station downtown 4,5, and 6 line booth, Al could be found working throughout the city. Wearing his black or blue baseball cap, his MTA uniform, a small white towel around his neck or shoulder, and his book bag full of tools, Alben worked for the MTA as a dedicated employee for 30 years. When asked, Al will tell you that he enjoyed his job. There were times when the job required Al to be courageous and resilient; particularly when he had to assist in fixing the subway tracks after the World Trade Center bombing in 1993. In his position, Al also had to be confident, knowledgeable, and respected. The culmination of his skills and attributes led Al to later on be recognized for his work as a Road Car Inspector by being asked to drive the first automated A train throughout the New York City subway lines to test its efficiency.

Alben will be remembered for his vibrant, witty, and outgoing personality. His energy was contagious and captivating. Alben had a passion for music, science, cars, airplanes, and fishing. He also loved being social and enjoyed being around his family and friends; particularly at parties and holiday events. Al was also a proud parent and grandfather. Alben also valued education and encouraged youth to go to school and aspire to be the best they could be. After retiring from the MTA, Al decided to be a school bus driver for elementary students at Manesmone Suffolk Academy school in Suffolk, VA for two years. Being a school bus driver was his way of contributing to the community and also supporting education. Al was also an active and dedicated member of the Grove Baptist Church in Portsmouth, VA.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Austin and Elizabeth Stagger, son, Ronnie Stagger, sister, Linda Goodluck, brother, Austin Stagger Jr., and brother-in-law, George Goodluck. Although you have moved on through the natural cycles of life, you will NEVER be forgotten. Your memories will live on in your family and friends for years to come. May your soul rest in peace knowing that you were truly loved. We love you Al.

Poem: Submitted by Shameka Hayes

Please don't cry for me. Please don't shed a tear.

Remember my existence, Remember that I was here.

*Think of me with a smile on your face
and the laughter that we shared.*

*I may be gone in the physical,
but energy doesn't disappear.*

*You can find me in the moonlight
and the rainbow after the storm.*

Please remember me, but don't cry for me.

My spirit and my soul has gone home.

Notes: Submitted by the grandchildren

*Although my grandfather is not with us,
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*We should all be thankful that he lived
a long and happy life.*

*Notes: Submitted by Ava Stagger, Carol Stagger,
and Era Stagger Vicars*

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You will always be in our hearts, minds, and prayers.*

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Order of Service

Music of the Organ Craig Brown, Organist

Scripture Sentences Rev. Robert O. Simpson

Hymn #77 “How Great Thou Art”

Prayers Rev. Robert O. Simpson

Solo Clinton Ingram

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 16
Ava Stagger, Sister

New Testament Lesson Romans 8 (selected verses)
Carol Stagger, Sister

Reflections & Remembrances:

- Eulogy ~ Audra Yearwood and Sharodka Stagger, Daughters
- Family and Friends can share their poems, speeches, etc. at this time

Solo Clinton Ingram

Message Rev. Robert O. Simpson

Hymn #377 “It Is Well With My Soul”

Funeral Director’s Announcement

Commendation, Committal, and Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Cypress Hills Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York

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 acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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