

Floral Bearers
Friends of the Family

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Pall Bearers
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Interment

St. Matthews AME Zion
Church Cemetery
4015 NC-902
Pittsboro, NC 27312

*A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands are now at rest
It broke our hearts to see you go,
But we know God only takes the best*

*They say memories are golden,
And while that may be true,
We never wanted memories,
We only wanted you*

*Your life was love and labor
Your love for your family was so true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you*

*We sat beside your bedside
Our hearts were crushed and sore,
We did our duty to the end,
Until we could do no more,*

*In tears we watched you sinking
We watched you fade away,
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay*

*Our hearts echoes how we loved you
As our lips search for the right
words to say.*

*Only God knows how much we miss you
In our hearts you will always stay.*

Your Daughters, Loleta & Turkessa

Acknowledgements

For much more than the words "Thank You" could ever express, the family of Robert "Pap" Alston extends sincere expressions of gratitude for the many acts of kindness, cards, flowers and your prayers during the passing of our loved one. Your thoughtfulness will be a source of comfort for days to come.

~The Family

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*In Loving Memory
Of*



Sunrise
JANUARY 3, 1947



Sunset
MAY 21, 2019

Robert "Pap" Alston

*"Pap's Favorite Hymn
"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Sunday, May 26, 2019
4:00 PM

St. Matthews AME Zion Church

4015 NC-902

Pittsboro, NC 27312

Rev. Ronnie Brooks, Pastor

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Selection.....Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament ~ Pastor Renee' Harris

New Testament ~ Pastor Renee' Harris

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Henrico White

Solo.....Pastor Rodney Courtney, Jr.

Remarks.....Mr. Calvin Brim
Rev. Peacemaker
Bishop James Brooks

Acknowledgements & Obituary.....Mrs. Beverly Crump

Solo.....Pastor Rodney Courtney, Jr.

Eulogy.....Pastor Ronnie Brooks

Recessional



Obituary



Robert Laster Alston, affectionally known as “Pap” entered this life on January 3, 1947, and he answered God’s call into eternal rest on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC.

Pap was the firstborn of Isaac Jr. and Carrie Minnie Alston and was raised in Pittsboro, NC. Educated in the Chatham County School Systems, Pap was an exemplary student and graduated from Horton High School in 1965. Known as quite the jokester, he will be remembered for his ability to make anyone laugh. Pap had a passion for fast cars, Major League Baseball, Country & Western Movies and he was an avid Country Music lover. Prior to the decline in his health, Pap enjoyed visiting with neighbors, spending time with family and friends and sitting outside on sunny days. Pap joined St. Matthews AME Zion Church as a child and remained a member until his death. His favorite Scripture was John 11:35, which simply states “Jesus Wept”. On any given day, Pap could be heard singing his favorite Hymn, “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”.

Pap had a genuine, one of a kind love for his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters: Loleta McCrimmon (Jeffrey) of Sanford, NC; Turkessa Greene (Bobby) of Charlotte, NC; his mother, Carrie Minnie Alston of Pittsboro; five grandchildren: DeMarus Scurlock (Ebony) of Pittsboro, NC; NaTara Scurlock of Richmond VA, Joshua Scurlock of Pittsboro, NC, Mylesha Alston of Charlotte, NC and Jaylen Scurlock of Pittsboro, NC; two sisters, Carrie L. Alston of Jonesboro, GA and Brenda Alston of Mabelton, GA and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



*They called us to your bedside,
it was time for you to fly
How do you fit a lifetime into moments of goodbye.
A part of us left with you, a part that can't be
replaced. We sat and watched you drift away,
but the memories we have can't be taken away.
We will always carry with us, your laugh, songs
and your love of life.*

*You loved us so much and always told us so.
Today we say goodbye, but we will never let you go.
For we had a wonderful grandfather, one who never
really grew old. His smile was made of sunshine, and
his heart was solid gold. Rest easy now granddad, and
know that we will forever love and miss you.*

**Love your grandchildren,
DeMarus, NaTara, Josh, Mylesha and Jaylen
(Poem written by: NaTara Scurlock)**