

I AM A SOLDIER



*My heart is in the land.
I fight for life and freedom,
As I walk upon the sand.*

*I do not walk unworthy,
I will not stand alone.
The angels travel with me,
I fight for land and home.*

*I AM A SOLDIER,
A daddy and a friend.
A comrade and a brother,
A warrior to the end.*

*I do not walk unknowing,
The risk upon the way.
For God travels with me,
Each and every day.*

By Diana Hahlbohm



THE HEAVENLY JOURNEY

Floral Bearers
Voices of Praise and Class of 1964

Pall Bearers
Trustees and Class of 1964

Acknowledgment
To the Mitchell Chapel Church Family,
Order of the Eastern Star, PHA,
Golden Circle Organization,
The Daughters of Khalif Court #90,
Quality Life Health Care, Durham
VA Medical Center staff, Chatham
County Hospice staff, Peggy Alston,
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Brenda Headen, Amy Lyons, Frenchie Nettles,
Kim Rempson, Wilma Tyson, ministers, classmates,
friends, and family...thank you all so much for your prayers,
kind words, your generous gifts, and most of all for your
friendship to **Zander**. We appreciate your thoughtfulness
during this difficult time.

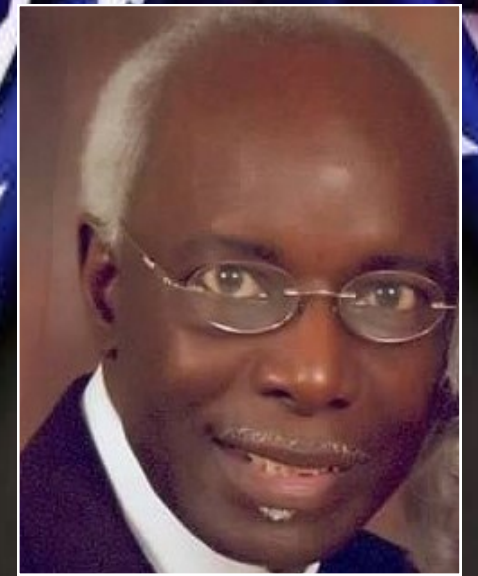
-The Alston Family



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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
OF



Mr. Alexander Alston



Sunrise
July 18, 1946

Sunset
February 13, 2020

"Zander", "Al" and "The Singing Man"

Monday, February 17, 2020

2:00 PM

Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church

1085 Mitchells Chapel Rd.

Pittsboro, NC 27312

Reverend Corey D. Little

Pastor / Eulogist

Order of Service

Prelude
Musicians.....Jeff & Ester McDougald, Larry Alston
Processional.....Clergy & Family
Hymn.....“Blessed Quietness”
Scriptures:
Old Testament: Psalm 27.....Reverend Kenneth Brooks
New Testament: Matthew 5:3-12.....Elder Anthony Davis
Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Elizabeth Tinsley
Solo..... “Give Me You”..... Reverend Anissa Little
Acknowledgements &
Obituary.....Mrs. Shirley Emerson

Video Tribute

Solo.....Mr. Donald Alston
Remarks (on behalf of).....Elder Anthony Davis
Grandsons, Mr. DeShawn Alston
Classmates and Friends, Reverend Kenneth Brooks
Trustee Board and Male Chorus, Mr. Lester Rodgers
Voices of Praise, Mrs. Joan Dark
Solo.....“Safe in His Arms.....Mrs. Zoretta Hayes
Eulogy.....Rev. Corey D. Little
Benediction
Recessional

Interment

Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery
1085 Mitchells Chapel Rd.
Pittsboro, NC 27312



Obituary

Alexander Alston, son of the late George and Mamie Alston was born on July 18, 1946 in Chatham County. He departed this life on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Durham VA Health Care System in Durham, NC. He was fondly known as “Zander”, “Al” and “The Singing Man.”

He joined Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church at a young age. He was a member of the Male Chorus and Sunday School Department. He served as the President of the Voices of Praise, whom he loved dearly and worked tirelessly for. He was a lead singer and became known as “The Singing Man.” He also served on the Trustee Board as the secretary for many years. Under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Davis, he became an emeritus trustee when his health began to fail him.

Al served in the US Army in Vietnam as a Special Sergeant where he instructed new enlisted men. He was awarded several commendation medals. He retired from Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Company (Liggett Group) on July 19, 2013, where he was employed as the plant engineer for 45 years.

Zander was preceded in death by his son, Jermal, his parents, George and Mamie Alston, and his sister, Georgia Mae Alston.

Keeping his memories alive and mourning his loss of life, his loving and dedicated wife of 51½ years, Mary P. Alston; his daughter, Chreatha; grandsons, DéShawn and DeAundré and granddaughter, Jamilla. He also leaves to cherish his memories, goddaughter, Chloe Sanders and godson, Zack McClean; sisters: Evangelist Josephine, Carolyn (Rori), Patricia, all of Durham, NC, and Renee’ (Shawn) of Herndon, VA; brother, Donald of Minneapolis, MN; sisters-in-law: Betty, Jean, Lois, and Ann (Tyrone); three loving aunts: Macie Hadley, Ernestine Mangum and Gretchen Alston; a special niece, Marinetta Paige; special great nieces: Candie Petty and Kristina Rivera; two favorite cousins: Barbara Link and Janet Alston; nephews: Rodney, Cedric, Adrian, Terrell, Imani and Daniel; nieces: Renee, Angela, Nakea, Shlonda, and Makenzie, as well as a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, friends and classmates.