

If I Could...

If only I can be just half the man that you were.

A man who loved all his kids and grandkids
regardless of what we did or have done.

Right or wrong, you never disowned. You
showed us the difference between a house and a
home.

If only I could just be half the man you were.

You showed us money was nothing compared to
love. You sometimes got angry but never held a
grudge.

I will never forget the lessons you taught, It
was more valuable than anything than I have
ever bought.

You just can't live in this world for oneself. He
said always remember you have a FAMILY when
you have nothing else.

Daddy, we will always love and remember you
until we die. Hopefully we all will see you again
in that heavenly blue sky.

Cedric Alston

Pall Bearers

Kerry Oldham
Clyde Harris
Bradley Dark

Fredrick "Rod" Murdock
Steven Fulford
Andre Alston

Flower Girls

Cousins

Acknowledgements

The Alston Family wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you
for your prayers, words of encouragement, your calls, visits and for
taking the time to come out today as we celebrate the life our loved one..

May God Bless each of you and keep you in His care.

~ Submitted by The Family ~

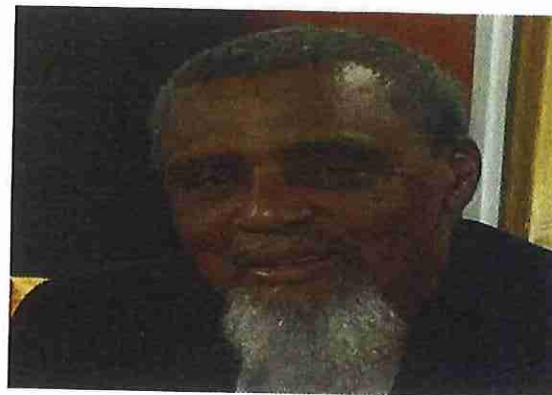
Professional Services Entrusted To:

Knotts and Son Funeral Home
1501 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Siler City, NC 27344

Celebration of Life

for

Mr. Raymond Lewis Alston



Sunrise:

Sunset:

April 25, 1944

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November 12, 2019

Services:

November 18, 2019

2:00 p.m.

**Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church
Bear Creek, North Carolina**

**Rev. Judy Bouden ~ Pastor
Rev. Dr. Paul Atlas ~ Eulogist**

* Obituary *

Our beloved, **Raymond Lewis Alston**, who departed this life on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, was born on April 25, 1944. He was the second born of five children to the late Roland and Evelyn Hanner Alston.

Raymond was a native of Bear Creek, North Carolina and attended classes in the Chatham County School System. He graduated from J.S. Waters High School in June of 1962. He worked tirelessly in the poultry industry for more than five decades.

He married Georgia Mac Alston, who preceded him in death in March of 1979. To that union, they were blessed with two daughters and one son. On February 15, 1982, Raymond married Ella Dark, and to the union one son was born.

He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife, Ella Alston and two grandsons of the home, Craig Johnson and Shawn Alston; one daughter, Nakea Alston of Durham, NC; two sons, Cedric Alston of Durham, NC and Danual Alston of Cary, NC; one stepson, Shawn Dark (deceased); eight grandchildren Jessica Headen, Brianna Alston, Brandi Alston, Jalen Alston, Angel Alston, DaKari Alston, Latrell Alston and, Brooklyn Alston; one great grandchild.

Raymond is also survived by four siblings, Cecil Alston (Phyllis) of Siler City, NC and Fredrick Murdock (Delma) of Greensboro, NC and Elaine Marsh of Goldston, NC, and Ella Mac Green (Tim) of Siler City, NC; one special relative, Barbara McQueen. He was also preceded in death by six siblings, Brenda Reives, MacArthur Alston, Iree Alston, Niles Murdock, Larry Murdock and Wanda Totten. His memories will also live on in the hearts of a host of nieces, nephews, loving relatives and friends.

* Order of Service *

Prelude.....Musician
Processional.....Clergy and Family

Song.....Choir

Scripture Old Testament.....Rev. Oscar Rush
New Testament.....Minister Andre Alston

Prayer of ComfortRev. Judy Bouden

Solo.....Pamela Thompson

Acknowledgements.....Delma Murdock

Obituary.....Read Silently

Song.....Choir

Reflections/Remarks (Limit to 2 Minutes)

Family and Friends

Solo.....Lisa Marsh

EulogyRev. Dr. Paul Atlas

Song.....Choir

RecessionalDirectors in Charge

Committal and Interment

T.C. Marsh Cemetery

BenedictionRev. Dr. Atlas

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11: 28-30