



## Daniel E Alston

September 14, 1934 - December 16, 2016

### Reflections of a Life Well Spent

“For His anger endureth but a moment; in His Favor is Life; weeping may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning.” (Psalm 30:5)

We now pause in our final respects to the life well spent on Mr. Daniel Alston. He was a son of the late Mr. Daniel Ervin Alston, Sr., and Mrs. Mary “Pammy” Brown Alston. He was born September 14, 1934 in Sumter County and the husband of the late Ruth Dawson Alston. Mr. Alston departed this earthly life on Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia, South Carolina.

Daniel attended the public schools of Sumter, County. He was employed by Congaree Construction until his retirement. He was later employed by the Congaree Farm, where he never formally retired. He was a faithful member of Willow Grove A.M.E. Church and served on the Trustee Board, Usher Board, and was “The Father of the Church.” Mr. Alston enjoyed bible study and visiting neighboring churches in the community.

In his spare time, he loved fishing, riding his bicycle, and taking care of his family. Daniel was a nurturing person, who loved visiting the sick and helping people any way he could. Daniel took pride in his appearance. He was rarely seen without his hat, shades and his signature fragrance. In spite of his outward appearance, he struggled with depression that made him shy away

from people...he became introverted; feeling that the world moves around you and you are not in it. Depression affected his memory, yet when he came out of his depression state, he was a new person remembering everything for the past 14 years, this was his life. But overall, he was crazy about his daughter Renna – even though he loved all his children. Renna never left his side.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: two son Joseph Alston, Sumter and Michael (Ursula) Alston; two daughters, Birnie Jean Brooks and A. Marena (Walter) Jordan a II of Dalzell, SC; one sister Martha Anne Pinkney of Sumter, SC; two brothers, Thomas Alston of Chester,Pa. and Charlie (Patricia) Richbow of NJ; brothers-in-law Deacon Isra (Evelyn) Dawson, Dalzell, SC, Ernest Smith, Washington, DC; sisters-in-law: Albertha (Horace) Wade, Beulah Floyd both of Dalzell, Lou Ella Dawson, Phillis Hough, Sumter, SC; Regethel Richbow, Horatio, SC; 15 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He also leaves a special lady friend, Ms. Alma Alston of Rembert,SC.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381  
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Homegoing Celebration

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Willow Grove AME Church  
Horatio, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ Daniel E Alston

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ My condolences in the loss of your dear loved one. When our loved ones die it pains our hearts. Our loving God Jehovah is aware of this and he comforts us by means of his word the Bible. Psalm 68:20 says; The true God is for us a God who saves; And Jehovah the Sovereign Lord provides escape from death. Also 1 Peter 5:7 says : While you throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. May these scriptures help you to cope during this sad time.

R. Sweatman - December 27, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ Marena, Mike & the entire family know that our prayers are being sent to you for comfort and strength. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Know we will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers wishing you peace. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

Yolanda Major Williams  
North Charleston SC  
Hillcrest High Class of '88

Yolanda Williams - December 23, 2016 at 02:41 PM