

In Loving Memory of



Alma Marie Pinder

Sunrise
February 8, 1942

Sunset
December 3, 2010

Service

Friday, December 10, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

Rev. Dr. Wayne S. Miles, Officiating

Rev. Edward Fairley, Organist

Reflections of Life

Alma Marie (Hall) Pinder was the youngest of seven children born to the late Oliver R. Hall and Dorothy (Hayward) Hall, on February 8, 1942. Alma was reared in Princess Anne, Maryland, where she attended grade school and graduated from her beloved Somerset High School. She completed undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore and earned a masters degree from William Paterson University formerly known as William Paterson College. For thirty-eight years, Alma was an outstanding educator. In the classroom as a physical education teacher, on the field as the girls' track coach for over thirty years, and as an administrator, Assistant Athletic Director, Alma Pinder was committed to excellence. She undertook post graduate studies at Montclair State University and William Paterson University while teaching and coaching. She was serious about life-long learning and motivating students to reach their fullest potential. Her students and colleagues respected the depth of her seriousness and often looked to her for encouraging words and inspiration.

Soft-spoken as she always was, her words of wisdom and down-home sayings, laced with mother wit, were a comfort to her family, friends and neighbors. Whether she was in the kitchen cooking and talking to her daughter or grandson, on a long distance telephone call with one of her siblings, or in her backyard having a good time with friends and neighbors at one of her cookouts, Alma always had precious pearls of wisdom to share; and she always gave freely of herself. Her endless acts of kindness, loyalty, integrity and tenacity were recognized by several awards. She was the 2005 recipient of the Rev. Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. Legacy Award. In 2002, she was the recipient of the National Federal Coaches' Association - State Coach of the Year. Alma received the Passaic County Community College Ora Lee Pipkin Award in 1997. She was the recipient of the 1995 Black History Month Honor for Dedication to Students at John F. Kennedy High School. Also in 1995, Alma received the Larry Doby Athletic Award. She was named the 1990-91 Track Coach of the Year at Paterson's Kennedy High School - winning over one hundred track meets. Alma doubled in awards recognition in 1990 when the Passaic County Association of Coaches recognized her as Coach of the Year for Girls' Track. Alma Marie Pinder absolutely lived each cycle of her life to the fullest potential.

Her sterling twenty-two year active service in Pi Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ranged from prolific Ivy Leaf Reporter, chapter photographer, devoted AKAAteen Chairperson, Scholarship Committee Chair or wherever she could help to get the job done. Alma was also devoted, to the Rev. Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. Scholarship Committee and Phi Delta Kappa, a professional organization of educators. She was always "taking care of business." She even found time to do crafts for others, herself and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Alma's productive life was filled with love and happiness that she genuinely and generously shared with others. She will be sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Christopher Pinder and her older brother, Robert Hall.

Alma M. (Hall) Pinder was called home to eternal Glory on Friday, December 3, 2010.

Alma Pinder leaves to cherish her loving memory: one daughter, Janet Jones of Paterson, NJ; one grandson, Justin Quincy Jones of Paterson, New Jersey; five siblings, Daniel (Loretta) Hall of Riverdale, Maryland, Helen Leach of Dover, Delaware, Oliver R. (Mary) Hall of El Paso, Texas, Mildred Eaton of Fort Washington, Maryland and Winifred Hall of York, Pennsylvania; and a host of nephews, nieces, countless friends, sorority members and neighbors.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Rev. Edward Fairley

Invocation Rev. Dr. Wayne S. Miles

Selection of Consolation "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 23 Renee Jones

New Testament 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 Veronica Crawford-Williams

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Wayne S. Miles

Ministry of Music Joyce A. Green-Miles
"Ride Out The Storm"

Reflections Rose Coley-Brown
John F. Kennedy High School
Willa Mae Taylor
Paterson Board of Education
Amy Allen
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Honorable Benjie Wimberly
Paterson City Council

Ministry of Music Sharon C. Smith - "God's Tomorrow"

Reflections of Life Alberta Susan Wells

Acknowledgements & Expressions Lauren E. Smith

Ministry of Music Rev. Edward Fairley - "If I Can Help Somebody"

Words of Encouragement Rev. Dr. Wayne Miles
Latter Day Baptist Church • Wilmington, DE

Recessional

Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Repat immediately following the burial at the
Fireman's Hall 226 Walnut Street, Paterson, NJ.

No Time for Sad Remembrances

*There's no time for sad remembrances
Because I'm home where I belong
I've conquered all my battles,
I've even heard the trumpet's song.
I've climbed my highest mountain
And I've reached an even peak,
And I've found that peace and true reward
That you have yet to seek.*

*There's no time for sad remembrances
For you have a precious life;
So find comfort in my journey
Please don't bear this pain and strife.*

*Oh! My Father's house is perfect
Just like He said it would be,*

*So dry your tears
Because I'm home and now I'm free.
I am part of all the beauty
That your world has yet to see;
So don't be sad about my journey,
Just be glad that I am free!*

-Author unknown

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Acknowledgement

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

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