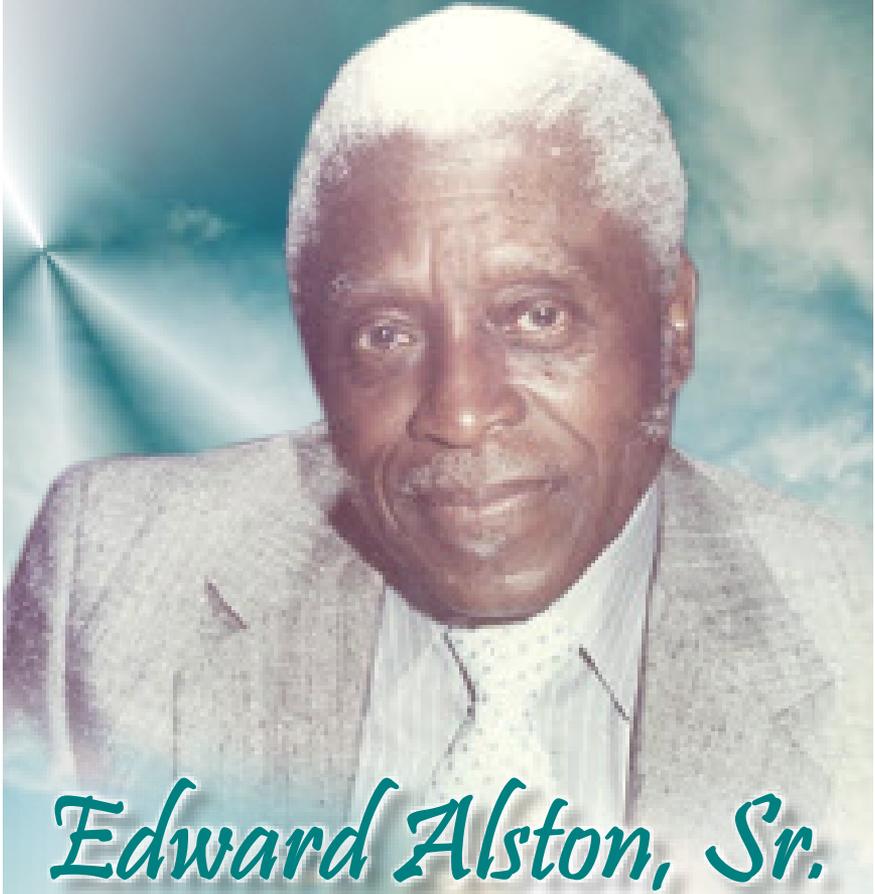


In Loving Memory of



Edward Alston, Sr.

Sunrise
December 15, 1914

Sunset
February 4, 2011

Friday, February 11, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

240 West 145th Street
New York, New York

Obituary

Edward William Alston was born on December 15, 1914 in Georgetown, South Carolina to the late Emma Mishow and Edward W. Alston. He was the second of two children, the first being his sister, Ophelia Florence Green. In 1915, the Alston Family moved to Charleston, SC where Edward was reared as a child and subsequently began his formal education in Charleston Public School.

In Charleston, Edward met and married Eloise Garris of Lodge, SC. Born to this union were four children, Colethia Ruth, Edward Jr., Harold and Melvin. The Alston Family migrated to New York City in 1934 and settled in Harlem. Soon after, Edward secured employment in the Garment Center as a shipping clerk where he worked for over twenty-five years.

Edward was a strong believer in education and stressed this to his children. To lead by example, in the early 1970s, he began attending night school and graduated, receiving his diploma from Wadleigh High School. His quest for knowledge was not quenched, so he went on to complete a year at Bronx Community College, which was only terminated because of incurring financial difficulties.

Edward joined Union Baptist Church in 1948, under the Pastorate of Dr. George H. Sims Sr. He became a participant in Sunday School under the leadership of Brother Philip Roye and subsequently, Reverend Bobbie McDaniel. He worked in the Union Baptist Church Federal Credit Union until it closed. He was also a member of the North Carolina Missionary Ministry, a group that supports the United Missionary Baptist Association.

Edward was also Correspondence Secretary of the Men's Ministry and a member of the Male Ushers Ministry, where he served for over twenty years. Daddy's favorite scripture was *1 Chronicles 16:34*, "*O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his mercies endureth forever.*" In 1998, Edward received a certificate from the church for fifty years of dedicated service and on June 17, 2001, the members of Union Baptist voted and named him Father of the year.

On February 4, 2011, while convalescing in Mount Sinai Hospital, God's gift to us was called home to be with his Father. The Alston Family is very grateful and appreciative to God for his kindness in letting us borrow our Father/Grandfather for such an extended period of time of ninety-six years.

Edward leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his beloved children, Edward Jr., Harold and Melvin; (his wife, Eloise and daughter, Ruthie have preceded him home) granddaughters, Justine Scarborough, Apryl Alston and Nicole; grandsons, Daryl Alston and Robert Alston; great granddaughters, Taren Payne, Adrianna Alston, Alyssa Alston, Sage Alston and Jazzman Scarborough; great grandson, William Payne; great great granddaughter, Payton Payne; daughters-in-law, Beulah Alston and Eileen Alston; great granddaughter-in-law, Inga Alston; great grandson-in-law, George Scarborough; and a host of loving cousins, friends and loved ones.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery
Paramus, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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