


JOINING THE ANCESTORS CELEBRATION
FOR
ALVIN C. WASHINGTON II

March 22, 1969 - September 20, 2020



FOREVER LOVED

*"The Circle is forever and forever never
leaves itself and always returns to itself"*



Service:
Friday, October 9, 2020 - 11:30 AM

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466
OFFICIATING - Elder, Patrice Wallace-Moore, Associate Minister
Emmanuel Pentecostal Faith Temple, Mount Vernon, New York
MUSICIAN - Elder Julian Varner

Order of Service

- Welcome & Opening Prayer Elder, Patrice Wallace- Moore
- Music Selection, “It Is Well” Cousin, Aleta Washington
New Rochelle, New York
- Scripture, “Old Testament” Cousin, Nichole Adams Thompson
Powder Springs, Georgia.
- Scripture, “New Testament”Cousin, Davina LaShawn Turner Summers
Concord, North Carolina
- Obituary..... Cousin, Nathaniel Adams III
New Rochelle, New York
- Reflections - (2 minutes) Friends & Family
- Music Selection, “His Strength Is Perfect” Cousin, Aleta Washington
New Rochelle, New York
- PoetryCousin, Sashir Moore- Sloan
Morrisville, North Carolina
- Poetry..... Cousin, Natasha Turner- Little
Charlotte, North Carolina
- Eulogy & Closing Prayer..... Elder, Patrice Wallace -Moore
Mount Vernon, New York
- Remarks by Funeral Director
- Final Viewing & Recessional

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
273 Lakeview Avenue, Valhalla, New York, 10595
(All are welcome)

Pallbearers
Friends & Family

Obituary

Born to Evelyn Turner Washington and Alvin C. Washington on March 22, 1969, their only child, Alvin, also known as “Deuce,” joined the ancestors on September 20, 2020.

Alvin was born into a large, stable, and closely knit family, with a great deal of contact and Turner Family Reunions every two years. At a young age, he made appearances on TV: In Sesame Street – just after the series launched in May of 1969 – and with Florence Larue of the Fifth Dimension of the Ed Sullivan Show, as one of the live dolls surrounding her in May 1970.

At the age of five, when parenting shifted solely to his mother, Alvin and Evelyn relocated to be close to his maternal native roots in North Carolina, where he resided in Oakwood Villa, Raleigh. Family traditions included attending church every second and fourth Sunday in Warren County, celebrating major holidays, including Kwanzaa. This enabled Alvin to develop a deep sense of spirituality, cultural awareness, and belief in God. It was also during this time that his Uncle Ernest would hold him in his lap and teach him how to steer a car -- first on the highway and then on a dirt road.

His family always stressed the importance of education, supporting him in becoming a scholar/athlete from elementary school through early adolescence. Both parents were former athletes. His father was an outstanding track and field star at Pelham High School, Purdue University, and later in the United States Army. His mother played basketball in high school, in Warrenton, North Carolina. Therefore, it was second nature for his mother to expose him to sports, from his elementary school days at Clarence Poe Elementary to his First Field Day, where he came in second place in the 50-yard dash and moved up to first place in the distance run. Alvin also loved music and was awarded a certificate for completing the First Division Band course. Other achievements included a certificate in speed reading, and Outstanding Service Award as a library helper, and the Raleigh Y Youth Corps Achievement Award in Aquatics.

Alvin entered Charles F. Carroll Junior High School as a scholar/athlete, always testing in the top 10 percentile on state and nationwide examinations. He joined the Junior Striders and, in 1983, was the “Best Sprinter” in his age group. His athletic talent helped make the Junior Striders North Carolina’s #1 Youth Track Club. His stellar performance also enabled him to travel and compete in several other states. He continued to excel not only in track and field, but also in football and baseball.

Even though his mother was the official chauffeur for the Oakwood Villa athletes, it was in Jr. High School that Alvin wanted to become more independent. By the time he entered Sanderson High School in Raleigh, he was a typical teenager who no longer thought it was “cool” for mom to sit too close in the movies or hold his hand in public. Academics became less important, as friends and girls became more of a priority. After many discussions with his Dad, who had always been in his life, the family decided that it was best to allow him to complete high school in Stamford, Connecticut. A local newspaper wrote: “Sanderson’s High School’s most elusive runner transferred to Connecticut. “

Alvin continued to excel in football at Westbrook High School in Stamford, receiving several awards. He made new friends, learned to ski and play golf. To the surprise of the school, his

mother traveled from Raleigh, N.C. to Stamford to attend a parent/teacher conference. Alvin maintained strong bonds with his elementary school classmates and family in N.C. His mother founded a Community Youth and Young Adult Club on E. A. Turner Road #1628 in his honor. The Education, Health, and Happiness Club was established both in honor of Alvin C. Washington II and the late William Tom Turner. Part of the philosophy stated: "We adults must have the courage to change old ideas and practices we experienced so that we do not discourage youth from squaring their shoulders, pointing in the right direction, and going after their dreams."

After graduation from Westbrook High School with many stellar athletic awards, he entered Peddie School in Heightsown, New Jersey, to prepare for college. Alvin graduated in 1988 and his first child, Krstopher James, was born on his birthday in 1989. After attending college in Greensboro, N.C. and Connecticut, he received an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and Social Science at Westchester Community College in 1998. As an employee at a not-for-profit, he met the Love of his Life, Lish, the mother of his two younger sons, Israel, age 6, and Alvin John, age 9.

Born into a family of past and present entrepreneurs, Alvin lived to realize his dream of driving commercial trucks and having his own business, "Deuce Hard Drive, LLC." Alvin also named his mother's first business in Raleigh, N.C. "Key To Hair, #1" a successful Interracial beauty salon. Two weeks before his passing, he designed the logo for his mother's new 501 (c)(3), IT'S KOOL 2 B SMART, INC. In October 2019, Alvin took his two younger sons to their first College, Career and Resource Fair, an event founded by his mother eight years ago. He wanted to get them excited about robotics and fun STEAM activities.

Just prior to his passing, he was encouraging his first-born, a gifted artist and musician, to move forward with his business dreams.

Alvin enjoyed golfing with his Dad, talking about sports, and watching the same sports shows together at a distance. He looked forward to frequent newspaper clippings, lunch dates, and daily phone calls.

A prolific writer, Alvin entered his mom in the Caribbean-African American Mother of the Year Contest. The big prize was an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Barbados. Only the judge had access to the narratives. One of the four African American contestants had ten (10) children. While waiting during the ceremony to receive the award, his mother kept thinking: "I hope they can write, because my boy can write." Alvin submitted the winning essay (attached).

He leaves to mourn and celebrate his life, his Mother, "Mama Love" Evelyn M. Turner, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Bronx, N.Y.); his Father, Alvin C. Washington (Jametta) Retired Corporate Executive (Ft. Myers, Florida); his Step-Sister, Keleta Forcelli (Dr. Peter Forcelli), Stamford, Connecticut; an informally adopted Brother, Brian Frederick (Largo, Florida); his "First-Born," Krstopher M. James ,(Miami, Florida) and his two children, King Messiah James Washington (Mother, Elzana Bartell, Bronx, N.Y.) and Sky Marie James (Mother, Yadira J. Colyer, Miami, Florida); the Love of His Life/Domestic Partner, Lishwett (Lish) Escoffrey-Miller (Bronx, N.Y.); his Sons, Alvin John Abraham Miller-Washington, (age 9, Bronx, N.Y.) and Israel David Asdale Miller Washington (age 6, Bronx, N.Y.). Alvin, Krs, King, and Israel were all born on March 22. He is also survived by Great Aunt Arleemah Shakoor (Muhammad), Lowellville, Ohio; Uncle David C. Turner (Carolyn), Durham, N.C.; Uncle Mustafa Abdul Hakim (Clydesdale, Kansas); Uncle Harold Washington, Jr. (New Rochelle, N.Y.); Aunt Shannon

Turner Porter (Troy) New Rochelle, N.Y.; Aunt Joyce Turner Moore (West Orange, New Jersey); God Mother Selena Henderson (Portland, Oregon); Sister/Cousins Davina LaShawn Turner Summers,(Concord, N.C.), Natasha Turner- Little (Charlotte, N.C.), Janet Bullock (Raleigh, N.C.) Nicole Adams Thompson (Powder Spring, Georgia), and Sashir Moore Sloan (Morrisville, N.C.). Other close Cousins include Nathaniel Adams III (New Rochelle, N.Y.), Lamar Williams (Orlando, Florida), Dr. Keba M.Rogers, NCSP, ABSNP (Bronx, N.Y.) Aleta Washington (New Rochelle, N.Y.) Audrey & Nathaniel Adams II, (Mableton, Georgia).

There is another host of Cousins and Best Friends from Oakwood Villa, Raleigh, Co-op City, New York City, other States, and China, as well as Co-Workers at S.L. Bonica Transportation, Inc., and other Truckers.

NUGGETS – MEMORIES OF YOU

“I came to work with no lunch money and Alvin gave me half his sandwich.”

“He saved my life in high school. I was in a bad home situation, he invited me to his home and I was eventually informally adopted by the Washington Family.”(B.F)

“In junior high school he irked a couple of wasps in our classroom and got us both stung. He was an amazing athlete, funny and a kind spirit.”

“High spirited, and fun person, from middle school to high school, he was a joy.””

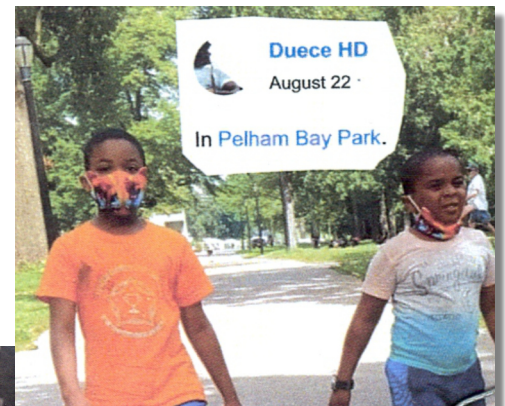
“I love you forever and always my Brother Al Washington II. Such a wonderful homey and family man – met my wife with you driving around in the BENZ back in school days.” (Conn.)

“Tears are burning.”

“Alvin Washington II Deuce, you were the brother/cousin I never had. You were by my side on my wedding day. There was no family barbeque without your presence. You talked about writing your book about your plight and making a movie. You were my Brother. Fly High, My King.... Forever the Coolest Cousin I know.” (Lil Nate)

Advice from Son to Mom - “Stop being a news junkie and start walking again.”
(Had purchased Mama Love walking shoes three weeks before his death.)

“Run them Boys.” “Get them outside!”” Run um!”



*"A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER" - Evelyn M. Turner
By Alvin C. Washington II, "Duece"*

My mother defines strength, knowledge love, and understanding.

As a single parent, she gave me an excellent foundation. She made sure that I was well read. I was blessed to read about my history as a pre-teen. She worked every day to ensure a comfortable environment.

My mother is a Civil Rights Mom. She participated in some of the first sit-ins in the State of North Carolina in the 60's. The famous slogan - "We shall not be moved" stays in my mind. She told me chilling stories about the civil rights movement. Her strength, along with the strength of many others, is the reason our people of African decent can enjoy the luxuries that we enjoy today.

To say my mother is a loving person doesn't say enough. She has been involved with helping people her entire adult life. On a daily basis she helps families in need. She is a person who gives as much as she can.

There are times when I feel like she knows when I'm down, or feeling low. I'll always get that call to cheer me up, or that lunch date that will make my day. When I'm wearing a frown, I'll get a letter that makes me smile. Words can't explain the love she gives, strength she shows, or knowledge she knows. She is one of a kind - The Dearest Mother of Mine:

*Dearest mother of mine,
You are truly one of a kind.
I can only smile
As I look back in time.
Just me and you
In that Chevy Navy Blue.
You are the brightest teacher
I ever know
In my life early on,
I knew what was right and wrong
Those were the days
That I truly do miss*



*Thank God almighty
You are here for your grandson, Krs.
Dearest Mother of mine,
Your are truly rare
To be a "Grandma" to his sibling
Without a care.
God has truly blessed your heart.
It's your words that keep me up,
When times get dark.
I have made choices on my own
Choices that you certainly don't condone.
I can still smell that catfish
Throughout the house.
I can still sit back and smile
When I realize how blessed I am to be your only child.
When there's the slightest doubt in my mind.
I get a card and letter that brings a smile.
Dearest Mother of mind,
No award or shrine,
Would be enough to explain
Why you are one of a kind.
With Love Forever
Duece - 2003*

Welcome to Barbados





Acknowledgments

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Today, African symbols are worth a thousand words used to beautify, transmit ideas, teach and bond the community.

For Ancestor, Alvin C. Washington II “Deuce” let’s all adhere to the meaning of the message of the SANKOFA Bird (Ghana) “return and get it.”



With its feet firmly planted forward with its head turned backward, it symbolizes wisdom and to Retrieve the BEST from Ancestor Alvin, “Deuce’s” PAST for the PRESENT and Meet the Future Strong and Undeterred.

Ancestor, Alvin C. Washington II “Deuce” is gone from our sight, but never our memories -Gone from our touch, but never our hearts.

The LORD Comforts...and will have compassion: Isaiah 49:13 NIV

“Some love is long distance. It goes all the way from here to heaven.”

The Turner – Washington-Escoffrey-Miller Family wishes to THANK YOU for the many acts of kindness.

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