

Thursday, February 3, 2022—5:00PM

Miracle Provider Church  
3839 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10467  
Pastor Carrie Huggins, Officiating

## Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Prayer

Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Psalms 34:1-8

New Testament.....1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Solo.....Chalese Bartee

Tributes.....2 minutes please.....James H, Alston, Esq

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Solo.....Chalese Bartee

Eulogy.....Robert D. McInnis- Son-in-law

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Interment  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

## *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

## Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation  
and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them  
during their time of bereavement.

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*Ralph Allen Accoo*  
Sunrise: July 13, 1921 - Sunset: January 27, 2022



*This Man Made a Difference*



## Obituary

**Mr. Ralph Allen Accoo**, Attorney at Law, of Bronx County New York, passed away on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the age of 100. After several months of declining health, Ralph died peacefully with his beloved wife Mary Accoo and family by his side.

Ralph was born in Camden, New Jersey, to father Ralph G. Accoo and mother Alma Allen. He attended grade school and high school in Camden County. Upon graduation in June of 1939, Ralph was awarded an Art Scholarship at the Philadelphia Academy of Art. In 1940 he enrolled in Lincoln University, of Pennsylvania. During the early years of his college education, Ralph was drafted into the military services of the armed forces of the United States. He was assigned to the 370th Regimental Combat Team of the 92nd Infantry Division where he served in combat in Italy during the Second World War.

Having served three years, Ralph was honorably discharged and continued his education at the HBCU-Lincoln University where he graduated on the Dean's list. Ralph was proud of his military and college career, where he

was a member of the Men's varsity basketball team, an active member of NAACP, YMCA, Philosophy club and Student Council.

In 1947 Ralph attended New York Law School, and upon graduation worked in the law school library. He advanced his legal education to specialize in Labor Law and Taxation. After graduation Ralph worked as a Social Worker Investigator for the Department of Welfare. Ralph used his legal expertise and handled cases mostly related to the poor and the young, working for the Legal Aid Society Criminal Division.

In 1965, he found the rose that turned his life into a beautiful garden, Mary Frances Murgerson. They have been married for 57 years. Ralph attended and was active in various churches, in Harlem, Queens, and The Bronx where he also provided legal services



and support. Among them was Church of the Master, and Central Baptist Church. Notably, he also participated in public sessions and conferences held at The Abyssinian Baptist Church, which speaks to the rich legacy of leadership, faith, activism and commitment Ralph had in serving the needs of the local and global community.

He was active in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s. A proponent for equal-rights legislation. He was against racial discriminatory voter-registration practices, and an advocate of voter registration among the African American community. Notably, he served as President (3 years), and one year as Chairman of the board of one of the first racially integrated Cooperative housing units in Queens, The Merrick Park Gardens Cooperative Corp.

In finding a church home, Trinity Baptist Church, became a place where he brought his kids to be nurtured. Upon the opening of Miracle Provider City, Ralph and his family became active



members. At this phase of his life he continued to practice law, worked as an arbitrator in small claims court, mediator, and consultant while still making a difference for people of the community and business industry, until he retired around the ripe age of 85 years old.

Ralph Allen Accoo was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Saida Alma Accoo.

He leaves to mourn:

**His wife:** Mary Frances Accoo.

**His children:** Ralph A. Accoo (Sharon Accoo), Frederick Allen Accoo (Maria Accoo), Kawaida McInnis (Robert D. McInnis).

**His grandchildren:** Bonnie Reed, Alicia Accoo Vaughan (Joshua Vaughan), Allen Alexander Accoo, Azahra Ketura Haywood, Devaughn Frederick Accoo, Jason Allen Accoo, Kendall Allen McInnis, Amber Jade Accoo, Tyler Kristopher McInnis, Stefanie Layla Accoo

**His great grandchildren:** Julez Reed, Kent Axl Vaughn

**First Cousins:** Barbara Ann Carter, Carolyn Smith, Karen Humbert, Faith Stallings, Linda Alma Harris (Bob Harris), Sharon Allen, Sondra Carter.

**Close friend of the Family:** Gina Haywood

