



Allen McKinley Meacham Sr

February 17, 1926 - November 24, 2021

On Wednesday, November 24, 2021, the Heavenly Angels called home to rest Allen McKinley Meacham, Sr., a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, mentor and friend. With gratitude in our hearts for the time the Lord allowed us to share his life, we set aside this day to celebrate. He was the third of four children born to the union of the late George, Sr. and Sadie Meacham on February 17, 1926 in Aiken, South Carolina. Sadie passed when Allen was five years old. George, Sr. later married Ms. Thelma and completed the family with the birth of his sisters, Selitha and Cassandra. Allen received his formal education in the public schools of Aiken. After completing his military service in the United States Navy in 1945, he then attended Hampton Institute (University) where he received his degree and met his future wife, Erma Ann. They married and settled in Baltimore, Maryland where they made a life together and raised their son, Allen, Jr.. His love for his alma mater was evident in his annual road trips back to Hampton's homecoming weekend. Allen was an emeritus alumnus of the "home by the sea." Allen's professional career in education was with the Baltimore City Public School System. During his career, Allen was a teacher at Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School where he taught vocational studies from 1954-1976. Always believing that his work was to "try to make good citizens and not just good students and athletes", Allen heeded the calling to become an administrator serving as assistant principal at Calverton Junior High School from 1976 up

to retirement in 1983. His leadership both in and out of the classroom led to his being held in high regard within the east Baltimore community.

Outside of his love and commitment to family, one of Allen's greatest passions that brought him

tremendous pride was his membership in The James Mosher Association, an athletic organization in Baltimore City which provides community support and athletic opportunities in

the sport of baseball for over 60 years to thousands of children. He was a founding member of

the organization and has held various roles within the organization during that time including

coach, manager, president and commissioner.

Allen's faith was a key component of his life. He was a member of Sharon Baptist Church for

over 60 years and served his church as a member of the usher board and as a church trustee.

Always known as a snazzy dresser, Allen was once referred to as "pretty shoes" and this nickname stayed with him throughout his life. His attention to detail in all that he touched was

his trademark.

As Allen joins the gathering of family who passed before him it includes his wife Erma, his father, George, Sr., his mothers Sadie and Thelma, his brother, George, Jr., his sisters Merits,

Marcelle, Selitha, and Cassandra, sisters in law Zemma Meacham and Mary Johnson, and

brothers in law John Eversley, Michael Menefee, Sr. and Harold Ray Johnson. He leaves fond

and precious memories to be cherished by his son Allen, Jr. (wife Deborah), two grandchildren

Persephone and Jason, two great-grandchildren Lonnie Jackson IV and Jasmine Meacham,

nieces and nephew Sharon, Ora (James), Lily (Michael), Sonya, Mary, and Michael Jr., devoted

friend Ernestine "Tina" Jennings, and a host of cousins, other relatives, friends, and extended

family including the Freeman, Willis, Joyner, Minson, and Jennings families who affectionately

called him Grand Pop, Big Al, Mr. Meacham, Dad or Mr. Al.

Allen is leaving a void which will never be filled. His imprint will never be erased. His love will

always surround us. We can all find our solace in knowing that our paths will meet again.

In the

future we know that our minds will be filled with instant recollections of his presence, especially

when we have a good meal and intense conversation. So today with love we celebrate the completion of his task. Rest in Peace Dad!

Events

DEC **Public Viewing** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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March Funeral Home - West

4300 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21215

DEC **Wake** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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Sharon Baptist Church

1373 N. Stricker Street, Baltimore, MD, US

DEC **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Uncle Allen,
You were such an important presence in my life! You were instrumental in Mom moving to Baltimore. You were at the house when Mom & Dad brought me home from the hospital (one of my first "visitors"). We spent holidays together, and enjoyed trips and family reunions. You routinely remembered me on my birthday. You freely offered advice and insight. In latter years, we shared nice visits and had many conversations on a variety of topics: family, sports, politics, cars, and so on! I am glad that we were able to spend time in that way. You will be dearly missed, but in celebration of you, I will hold all of these memories close to my heart.
Love,
Sonja (your niece)

Sonja Menefee - December 10, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ Mr. Allen Meacham a wonderful mentor

Roland Nixon - December 08, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Allen McKinley Meacham Sr.



December 08, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ Your presence will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved you. Rest in peace Dad.

Love,
Patty

Patricia Montgomery Jackson - December 06, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to Allen,Jr and family. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a good strong HAMPTONIAN!

Cherry Blackwell - December 06, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ Mr. Meacham bought me my first car. He taught me life lessons that I will never forget. He will be truly missed. Rest in Heaven

Kecia Willis - December 04, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 01, 2021 at 11:45 AM