



Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.

May 16, 1947 - January 18, 2019

Alvin Wendell Mosby, Sr. was called home on Friday, January 18, 2019. He is preceded in death by his parents, Edith R. and David Mosby Sr., and his daughter, Tyeisha Mosby. Loved ones left to cherish his memory include his devoted partner, Carolyn Downtin; his daughter, Vinara; three sons, Antonio, Jonathan, Alvin Jr. (Shanna); three brothers, David, Robert, Samuel (Joanne), 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, three nephews and four nieces, a host of relatives and friends.

Alvin, 71, was the youngest of four children. He was educated in the Richmond Public School System where he graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1965--deemed by fellow classmates as "THE GREATEST CLASS EVER!" After graduation, Alvin worked for the U.S. Defense Supply Center in Richmond, Va. before applying to the City of Richmond Fire Department. His lifelong dream of becoming a career firefighter began on November 2, 1968. Not long with the department, Alvin decided to pursue an Associate's Degree in Fire Science, which assisted in advancing his career to Fire Inspector (1976), Lieutenant (1979), Captain (1983), Battalion Chief (1987), and ultimately, the position of Division Chief of Operations/Administration (2002).

After 38 years of decorated service, Alvin retired from the fire department on August 2, 2005. He left his mark on the department as one of the founding

members of the Black Brothers Combined Professional Firefighters, INC.-- currently known as the Brothers and Sisters Combined Professional firefighters, INC. He also served as a member of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters. He was a mainstay at national conferences and meetings. Locally, he was the past Master of the St. James Masonic Lodge 300 and a board member of the Metro Richmond ASA Softball Association. He was also a member of the Central Virginia ASA Umpires Association where he dedicated countless nights and weekends umpiring softball leagues and tournaments.

Al loved to travel. He visited at least 45 U.S. states and many countries, and enjoyed relaxing and eating on a cruise. He stayed in great physical and mental shape umpiring softball, playing racquetball and debating any issue. He was an avid card player - Bid Whist was his game of choice. He loved listening to music and dancing. Alvin always looked forward to reuniting with his 1965 Maggie L. Walker classmates and was passionately active in all alumni events and activities. He found great joy in travelling and partying with his "Behold the Mighty Dragons" classmates.

Al was an amazing man. He would help anyone with most anything and he loved his family without limits. Of all his accomplishments, he considered his greatest success to be the relationship he forged with his children and grandchildren. He is and will forever be missed!

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JAN 25. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

JAN 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Teresa Stewart-Hill And James Duke Stewa lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.*



Teresa Stewart-Hill and James Duke Stewa - January 26, 2019 at 06:00 PM



“ *I will never see a member of our firefighters without thinking of Cousin Al -- his thoughtful texts, his gentle but stern advice, his encouraging words, and his quiet humor. As a child, my trips to Richmond were never complete without him. As an adult, my thoughts and memories of family have been shaped by him. Cousin Al, you will always be missed but never forgotten. Love you, Traci Cosby.*

Traci Cosby - January 26, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *Our prayers are with the family. Pastor Grace Tolliver and the Greater Brook Road Baptist Church*

Mary Tolliver - January 26, 2019 at 09:11 AM

LM

“ Carolyn and family, our condolences and prayers go out to you. We are going to miss our fun times with Al
Larry Baytops and Margaret Jones



Larry and Margaret - January 26, 2019 at 07:23 AM

LM

“ Larry And Margaret lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.



Larry and Margaret - January 26, 2019 at 07:00 AM

EB

“ Dear Family:

With deepest sympathy, prayers of comfort are extended to you during the homegoing of Brother Alvin Mosby. We are sad to learn of his passing. Al was a dear friend of our Brother Payton Butler and for years we enjoyed his smile, loving ways and kindness. As you remember your dad please know in God's love, there is a place for grief and a promise of peace. We are praying that God'd love will comfort you, reminding you again and again that you are not alone. May Al's memory be a blessing.

*With deepest sympathy,
Etta V. Butler and the Butler Family*



etta v. butler - January 25, 2019 at 10:18 PM

SM

“ Skip Moss lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.



Skip Moss - January 25, 2019 at 07:50 PM

SB

“ Sonja Brewer lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.



Sonja Brewer - January 25, 2019 at 07:03 PM

JS

“ Joyce Smith lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.



Joyce Smith - January 25, 2019 at 10:28 AM

BF

“ Bernice Mines / Family lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.



Bernice Mines / family - January 25, 2019 at 08:23 AM

WH

“ WINK & GLORIA HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.



WINK & GLORIA HENDERSON - January 25, 2019 at 08:04 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr..



January 24, 2019 at 10:38 PM

AI Mo

“ Love ya pops

AI Mo - January 24, 2019 at 01:49 PM

AI Mo

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



AI Mo - January 24, 2019 at 12:56 PM

PT

“ Paula,Betty,Mandel,&Chick Thornton lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.



Paula,Betty,Mandel,&Chick Thornton - January 24, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr..



January 23, 2019 at 04:17 PM

RL

“ Rev.Beatrice Taylor Lowry lit a candle in memory of Alvin Wendell Mosby Sr.



Rev.Beatrice Taylor Lowry - January 23, 2019 at 04:05 PM

RS

“ Alvin, you were the example of Love, Hope and Faith. I know you will rest in Peace. Family and Carolyn, be strong. Al lives in a place we are yet to see. To God be the Glory . Much Love, in the Holy Name of Jesus, Sonny Boy and Ramona Shaw



Ramona Shaw - January 23, 2019 at 09:22 AM

RS

We will always love you Al, Bill and Ramona Shaw

Ramona Shaw - January 23, 2019 at 09:24 AM

AR

“ *Sorry for your loss. May God surround each of you with his love and may fond memories of your love give you strength in the days ahead.*

The Rice Family

Albert Rice - January 23, 2019 at 09:11 AM



SS

“ *You will surely be missed by not only me but the entire Shaw family. You were one of a kind. Rest in peace.*

Shellawease Shaw Snead - January 22, 2019 at 09:26 PM



JJ

“ *RIP my dear friend. I will truly miss you. My condolences to your family. J Johnson*

Janice S Johnson - January 22, 2019 at 04:01 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 - January 22, 2019 at 01:01 PM

DC

Dear Family

You all have my deepest condolences in the loss of Cousin Al. There are so many stories we each can share of Al that places a smile on our faces. Even though we didnt see one another often it was always a joy when we did. I know that Al loved Family, life and especially his children and Carolyn. May God bless each of you until we see him again.

Blessings

Denise Cosby

Denise Cosby - January 24, 2019 at 03:30 PM

AL

To the Mosby Family.

I affectionately called your loved one, Mr. Al. Mr. AL has been a dear friend of my family for years.

I enjoyed going out to breakfast and lunch with him when I was in town. We would eat our meal, but then we sat and talked for hours on end. The waitress would stop coming to ask if we needed anything (I am smiling because I can still see your great smile). I loved the time spent with you Mr. AL. No one know that I took on your name, due to my initials are AL as well. I would tell my friends in Maryland to call me Big Al.

I pray that there is a racket ball court for you in heaven.

In parting, I Cor. 15:52 - In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Many blessings to the family, friends and loved ones.

Anissa Luckett

Anissa Luckett - January 25, 2019 at 12:13 PM

RC

To the family of my classmate and friend with a heart bigger than life. The pain is deep right now but in time it will get better never will it close for he will always be in your heart. His legacy will live on through each of you. Lovingly Rev. Marcella Christian

Rev. Marcella Christian - January 25, 2019 at 02:50 PM

HA

I was sadden to hear of the passing of Al, you have my deepest sympathy.I worked with Al in the Richmond Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services and he imparted knowledge that helped me to be of service to the citizens of the city of Richmond in the job I performed as a Firefighter and as a friend.I am praying for you family.May God bless you. Deacon Horace L. Anderson

Horace Anderson - January 25, 2019 at 06:44 PM



May the Lord be with you... Go in peace, Alvin

Skip Moss - January 25, 2019 at 07:55 PM