



Alvin T. Wallace

August 2, 1953 - March 18, 2014

Alvin Theodore Wallace, beloved first-born son of Evelyn Baker and Theodore Nathaniel Wallace, and sibling to Reginald Eugene Wallace (Reggie) was born on August 2, 1953 in Fort Meade, Maryland. He was suddenly called to his eternal, heavenly home on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

Alvin attended elementary school in Cherry Hill, Maryland before moving to San Diego, California with his family. During this time, he began to develop a serious interest in music. When the family returned to Baltimore, Maryland, Alvin continued his interest in music by participating in numerous performances, which highlighted talented Baltimore City Public School students. Notable was his selection to the All-Baltimore Senior High School Band. Additionally, performances, such as the "Spotlight on Music" and the Solo and Ensemble Festivals, were also part of his early musical endeavors. After high school, Alvin attended Morgan State College where he majored in Music Education. At Morgan, he was instrumental in arranging music for the original Magnificent Marching Machine Band and charting half-time shows, while demonstrating musicianship, leadership, and compassion for music and his fellow musicians. Alvin was also a member of the Symphonic and Jazz Bands at Morgan, performing at multiple functions. He was a member of Tau Alpha Upsilon, a Civic Independent Organization, and a charter member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity Inc., Eta Gamma Chapter. He graduated from Morgan State University in 1976. In 2008, he earned a Master of Distance Education degree and Graduate level certificates

in Distance Education and Technology; Teaching at a Distance; Library Services in Distance Education and Foundations of Distance Education from the University of Maryland University College.

While attending Morgan, Alvin met his future wife, Theresa Bush, a fellow musician and band member who performed in the original “Magnificent Marching Machine” and the Symphonic Band. They were married on October 2, 1976, and from this loving union, they became proud parents to Naima Cecily and Corey Alvin Wallace, who both inherited their parents’ appreciation of music.

Alvin enjoyed being with his family at gatherings including birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and cookouts, especially the “Big Boyz” picnic. He could be considered the family Barbeque Pit Master, specializing in delicious barbeque spareribs and chicken. While Alvin was always immersed in his music, he enjoyed reading, and watched movies. He is blessed to have two caring, supportive parents who celebrated over sixty years of marriage and enjoyed weekly outings with them. Affectionately known as “Resa,” Alvin adored his bride, and they were inseparable. Being a sports enthusiast, he spent time with the other Wallace family members, cheering for the three-time World Series Baltimore Orioles, sixteen- time championship winning Los Angeles Lakers, and the two-time Super Bowl Champions Baltimore Ravens. Alvin also interviewed various family members, enabling him to compile two genealogy DVDs.

Alvin performed with the Gregory Horne Jazz Orchestra, at Coppin State College, and the Baltimore Branch of the Arena Players. His career expanded to include over twenty-five years in Music Education, mainly in the Baltimore City Public School System. He was also an instructor at the Baltimore School for the Arts Outreach Program. Additionally, he served in leadership positions with the All-

Baltimore City Jazz Orchestra; Summer Institute for Music; Baltimore City Gifted and Talented Program; Baltimore City Northeast Community Band; and the All-Baltimore Senior High School Band.

The following Baltimore City Public Schools benefitted from his tenure: Southeast Middle School; Southwestern High School; Hamilton Middle School; and Baltimore City College High School. During this time, he organized Concert Bands, Jazz Ensembles, Marching Bands, and Woodwind Ensembles. The bands participated in various parades, homecoming celebrations, and city events. These bands traveled locally, nationally, and internationally to perform. Highlights from specific schools include:

- Southeast Middle School – Recipient of citations for Concert Bands from Maryland’s Governor William D. Schaefer. Creation of the school Jazz Ensemble. Audition and acceptance of students at the St. Mary’s College of Music Festival and the Maryland Center for the Performing Arts.
- Hamilton Middle School – Featured performance of the Jazz Ensemble at the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony for Bill Clinton, which was a part of Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke’s Train Stop in Baltimore. First and second place recognition for the Interstate Band Competition. Feature appearances for Baltimore television stations WBAL and WJZ.
- Baltimore City College High School - Participation in multiple university homecoming parades, which include: Morgan State University (Maryland), Cheyney University (Pennsylvania), Hampton University (Virginia), Howard University (Washington, DC). Awards and citations for performances and numerous band competitions locally, nationally, and internationally, which resulted in Superior and Excellent ratings for soloists, the Marching Knights, Jazz Percussion, and Wind Ensembles. Performances at Baltimore City College’s football games at home and away, assemblies, community activities, such as the Mayor’s Christmas and Thanksgiving Day Parades. Recognition during Signet Bank’s 200th Anniversary of serving Maryland’s communities. Featured band appearances at Pope John Paul II’s parade (the only public school band requested to perform); NCAA March Madness Eastern Regional Playoffs Kick-Off (ESPN Sports Network coverage); Nations Bank; US Fidelity and Guarantee Centennial Celebration; Perkins Square Baptist Church Rededication

Ceremonies; Grand Opening of Baltimore City's new Convention Center, Chinese Delegation's visit to Baltimore City, Half-time performance at the National Football League for the Baltimore Ravens at Memorial Stadium, Jazz Ensemble's opening performance for the Count Basie Orchestra Concert at Baltimore City College.

Alvin was a loving husband, father, son, and brother who leaves to mourn a loyal and dedicated wife: Theresa; children: Naima and Corey; parents: Theodore and Evelyn; brother and sister-in-law: Reginald, Sr. and Natalie; niece and nephew: Krista and Reginald, Jr.; brother and sister-in-law: Allan and Ola Bush; goddaughters: Qyana Stewart, Tiffany Smith-Jones, Michele Leak-Austin; cousins; and a host of relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

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1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 26. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Alpha Service

MAR 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAR 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian
5400 Loch Raven
Balto., MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Alvin T. Wallace

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ My condolences to the Wallace Family. Mr. Wallace was my favorite teacher! He used to call me teapot because I was short and stout lol. Yes, he had jokes. Mr. Wallace showed me a talent that could take me all over the world if I let it. Thanks to him I could play almost every woodwind instrument . Today I choose to use my voice as an instrument but my love and appreciation for music began by having him as a teacher. Thank you Mr. Wallace for your gifts and discipline you gave to us Hamiltonions!

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“ Praying for the family and their lost Mr. Wallace was my band teacher at Hamilton Middle scholl he is the reason I felt in love with Jazz music. He will be miss

Tesheka Robinson - April 03, 2014 at 11:04 PM

ME

“ *Michael Epps purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alvin T. Wallace.*



Michael Epps - March 26, 2014 at 06:14 PM

LA

“ *May God bless this family in this difficult time I want to thank Mr Wallace for teaching my daughter to respect other people and giving her so much integrity with being in the City knights marching band. CLASS OF 03*

Linda Adams - March 26, 2014 at 05:09 PM

PE

“ *Patricia A. McNeal, Esq. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Alvin T. Wallace.*



Patricia A. McNeal, Esq. - March 25, 2014 at 10:55 AM

AV

“ *To the family of Alvin T. Wallace....May you find comfort in the words from Jesus Christ..” Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.”*

A. Verrett - March 24, 2014 at 04:39 PM

YF

“ Yvonne K. Pierce (nee Dunn), Sharon Leeds, and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Alvin T. Wallace.



Yvonne K. Pierce (nee Dunn), Sharon Leeds, and Family -
March 24, 2014 at 04:26 PM

SF

“ Sharetta King (Nelson) and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Alvin T. Wallace.



Sharetta King (Nelson) and Family - March 24, 2014 at 12:49 PM

MH

“ Please accept my condolences. May you find comfort in the scripture at 1 Corinthians 15:26, where Almighty God promises to get rid of our last enemy death. This is one of the many future blessings we can look forward too.

Mrs. Howard - March 24, 2014 at 10:37 AM



“ My condolence on the death of Mr. Alvin T. Wallace. 2 Tim 3:1 says "we are living in critical times hard to deal with". Soon the living God Jehovah will bring an end to all things that make us sigh and groan over all these detestable things

Sharee Elliott - March 23, 2014 at 09:56 AM

SD

“ *Ms Theresa, Corey & Naima*

From Myself (Stanjay), My Sister Barbie and our Mother Sophia,

We send condolences to you all and the rest of your family and friends. We thank you all for making us part of your family during the years Barbie & I were in the marching band! Mr. Wallace definitely will be missed and we are grateful for the influence he had on us! We grieve with you all and we pray for peace for you all during this difficult time!

Stanjay Daniels - March 22, 2014 at 02:41 PM

PK

“ *Theresa and Family,*

Unexpectedly, Richard and I learned of the passing of Alvin. We send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. Please know that our Creator holds you and you family in his care. Rest assured that while the clouds hang low, God will send a brighter day ahead. We will keep all of you in our prayers.

Most Sincerely,

Richard and Pearl Kirby

Pearl Kirby - March 22, 2014 at 12:41 PM

GD

“ *Guy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Alvin T. Wallace*



Guy Dunn - March 22, 2014 at 03:31 AM

GW

“ Reggie, so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our condolences to you and your family. You are certainly in our prayers...”

Gordon Woelper
Jupiter, FL

Gordon Woelper - March 21, 2014 at 02:08 PM

CG

“ May Jehovah give you and your family comfort in your time of need.

CG - March 21, 2014 at 12:04 PM

SL

“ My condolences to the wallace family. I would like to share some words of encouragement with you from God's word the Bible. At (John 5:21) says "For just as the father raises the dead up and makes them alive so the son also makes alive whomever he wants." Jesus christ promised that millions now dead will live again on this earth and have the prospect of remaining on it forever peaceful paradisaic conditions. May the comfort of Jehovah God help you during this difficult time. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). If you have any questions you could reach me at sherries.lee1@aol.com.

sherries lee - March 21, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ 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 - March 20, 2014 at 08:40 AM