

A
Loving
TRIBUTE



Jean Llewellyn Alston

Sunrise

January 11, 1936

Sunset

February 1, 2016

Saturday - February 6th, 2016

Visitation: 12:00 Noon

Funeral: 1:00 PM

Kyles Temple AME Zion Church

Durham, North Carolina

Rev. Anthony E. Ford, Officiating Pastor

Obituary

We think of death as ending, let us rather think of life as beginning, and more abundantly. We think of losing; let us think of gaining. We think of parting, let us think of gaining. We think of going away; let us think of arriving. As the voice of death whispers, "you must go from earth," let us hear the voice of Christ saying, "you are but coming to me!"

The life of Jean Alston began January 11, 1936. She was the only child born to Winston and Magdalene Llewellyn in Whiteville, NC. When she was young her father moved his family to Durham, NC where he worked and retired from Leggett & Myers Tobacco Company.

Jean graduated from Hillside High School and is a 1958 graduate of North Carolina Central University, where she received her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Business Education. She immediately was hired and accepted a job in the registrar's office of Delaware State University. While in Delaware she enhanced her knowledge by taking additional business courses at Temple University.

On December 24, 1958 Jean married the love of her life, Roy Earl Alston, a native of Pittsboro, NC. Reverend Tharrington married them at Kyles Temple. To this union one daughter was born, Gaye Antoinette Alston.

Jean started her teaching career at Durham Business College. She taught in the Bladen County School System, then returned to teach for the Durham City School System (Hillside High School, the Cooperative School for Pregnant Girls, Durham High School and Durham Magnet School). Jean retired from Durham Public School System with 34 years of service.

Jean was known for her sweet, quiet demeanor, genuine nature and her strong alto voice. Jean and Roy enjoyed singing as a duet. Over the years they sang in the gospel, senior and fellowship choirs at Kyles Temple church until her health declined. Jean was an active charter member of Alpha Theta Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She was active from 1970 until death.

Jean served eight consecutive terms on the Advisory Board for the North Carolina State Employees Credit Union, attending board meetings to become more informed of operations and provide feedback.

Jean's most cherished moments were those spent with her family, especially with her husband operating their business of 45 years, Triangle Trophy Center. She leaves to cherish her love and memory, her loving husband Roy Alston; one daughter, Gaye Alston; foster sister, Velma Graham of Ewing, NJ; half sister Mary Thomas who preceded her in death. Cousins, Mrs. Ophus Green (Bobby) Olanta, SC; Ernestine Hicks (Edward) Rougemont, NC; Violamae Alston (Thomas) Linden, NJ; Olivia Wells (Edward) Elizabeth, NJ. Special sister-in-laws, Dr. Sonja Wilson and Lillian Alston; brother-in-law, Jerry Alston all of Pittsboro, NC. Nieces, Rhonda Alston, Atlanta, Ga.; Nellie Thomas and Emma Marie Thomas of Fort Lauderdale, Fl. Nephew, Rodney Alston of Raleigh, NC; life long best friend, Mrs. Ethel Speight Bounsell and a host of other relatives and friends.



