

*In Celebration of*



*Roy Earl Alston*

*Sunrise*

*February 9, 1938*

*Sunset*

*June 29, 2021*

**Saturday, July 3, 2021**

Visitation: 12:00 -1:00 pm

Funeral Services – 1:00 pm

**Kyles Temple A.M.E. Zion Church**

409 Dunstan Avenue

Durham, North Carolina 27707

Rev. Solomon Missouri, *Senior Pastor*

Order of Celebration

Military Honors.....North Carolina National Guard Honor Squad

Musical Selection.....Choir

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Fred McNeil

Old Testament -- Psalm 46: 1-5  
New Testament -- John 14: 1-6

Prayer.....Rev. Solomon Missouri

Acknowledgements.....Sis. Rebecca H. Monroe

Obituary (Read Silently).....

Musical Selection.....Choir

Time of Sharing.....(2 minutes Please.....

Athletics that made a Difference/Horton High School - Mr. Sherman Riggsbee  
United States Army Reserves – SFC Milford Williams  
James E. Shepard Sertoma Club Representative

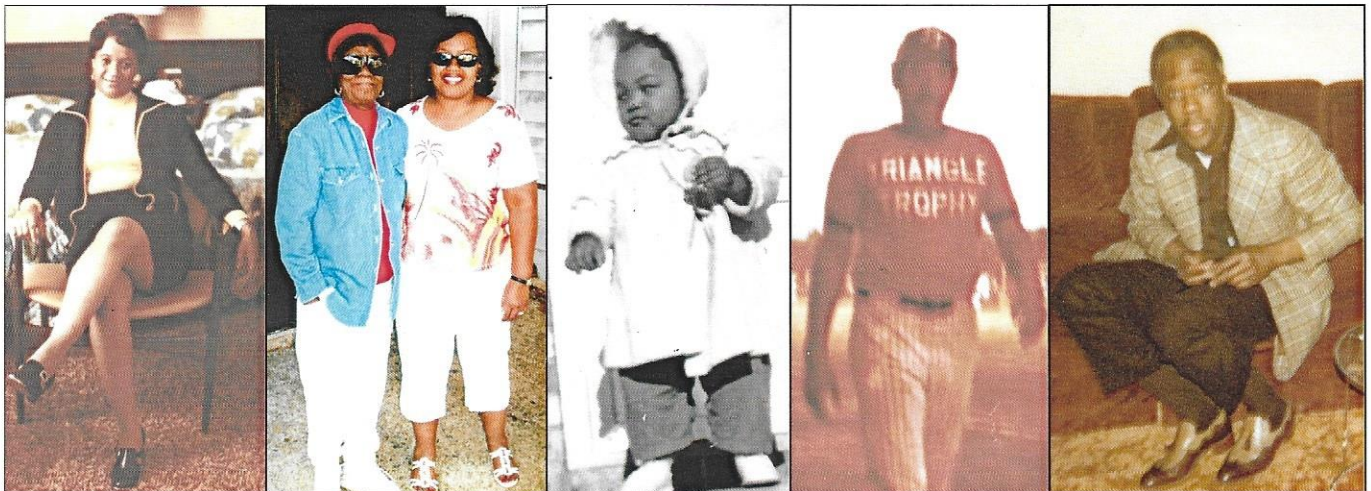
Eulogy.....Rev. Lorenzer Johnson

Committal.....

Mortician's Brief.....Clyde Moore, III

Closing Prayer.....Rev. Solomon Missouri

Recessional



## *Reflections of a Life Well Lived*

Mr. Roy Earl Alston, an ambitious yet cautious man, was born on February 9, 1938 in Pittsboro, North Carolina. He was the oldest of four children of the late Julius J. Alston and Nettie M. Alston. He departed this life on Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

He was affectionately known as "peanut" in his early years and Roy in his later years. His faith journey started at Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Pittsboro, North Carolina and later at Kyles Temple A.M.E. Zion Church. At Kyles Temple, he served as Chair of the Building Committee and President of Senior/Gospel choir.

Roy's formal education was completed at Horton High School in Pittsboro, North Carolina. At an early age, Roy learned the importance and value of working and worked all of his life. Roy worked several jobs at UNC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, but his last job was a Research Associate. He performed the first heart transplant on a mouse, which lived ten days. At the time, this event was recorded in the American Medical Journal. After 16 years at UNC Memorial Hospital, he became interested in entrepreneurship. He taught himself the skill of engraving, followed by opening the only African American owned trophy shop in North Carolina. Triangle Trophy Center opened in 1970. On April 28, 2020, Roy marked 50 years of business.

Roy was a valued community member serving many organizations. He was an active member of Horton High School Reunion of Classes, serving as a Board Member, Event and Food Coordinators. He was an active member of the Negro Baseball League, playing for the Durham Rams from 1959 to 1969. He was a longtime member of the James E. Shepard Sertoma Club, served 30 years in the United States Army Reserves, and through the Durham Parks and Recreation department he sponsored Triangle Trophy Men and Women's softball teams.

Roy loved to grill food, coordinate bus tours throughout the United States and played softball. He was a true family man spending time with his lovely wife and daughter, parents, in-laws and siblings. A favorite event was an annual trip to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Roy's wife Jean and his parents preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy, to his beautiful daughter, Gaye, siblings Sonja M. Wilson, Ed.D, Jerry A. Alston and Lillian M. Alston, P.E. of Pittsboro, North Carolina. One niece Rhonda Alston, Atlanta, GA, one nephew Rodney Alston, Raleigh, North Carolina, one adopted sister-in-law, Velma Graham, Ewing, New Jersey, a very special friend and helper Phyllis Brooks, Hillsborough, North Carolina and a host of family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that you make donations to *Kyles Temple A.M.E. Zion Church Scholarship Fund* in honor of Roy and Gaye Alston.





*Note of Gratitude*

The Family of Roy E. Alston is deeply grateful for the numerous words, acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown in their sudden time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you. It is wonderful to know that we have family and friends who are so caring.

Special Thanks to the staff and providers of Hospice, Durham, North Carolina. Rebecca Keppler, Gia Jones, Eric Mosena and Cheryl McNair. Hillcrest Physical Therapy and Wellness, Durham, North Carolina, Brian Lawton, Julie Applewhite and Michelle Christensen.

*The Alston Family*

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