

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Alice P. Mosley



SUNRISE Jan. 25, 1946 ~ SUNSET Nov. 6, 2021

Viewing: Nov 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Funeral: Nov 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home
9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA

Interment: November 17, 2021

Fairfax Memorial Park
9900 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA



OBITUARY

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A TIME TO BE BORN... Alice Pearl Jackson was born to the late Francis and Bessie Jackson on January 25, 1946 in Magnolia, Mississippi. She was the second oldest of ten children: six sisters, Maxie, Cora, Peggy, Valerie, Carolyn, and Maranda; and three brothers, Francis, Hollis, and Oliver.

A TIME TO GROW... Alice grew up in a loving home in rural Pike County, Mississippi. The family grew and processed much of its food. As the second oldest, she learned how to cook and work, but also how to mediate, from an early age. She loved her immediate and extended family, starting with her grandmother, “Big Mo.”

A TIME TO LOVE... Alice met Everett early in their time at Grambling. They courted and, upon graduating, they married on February 8, 1969. Several years after college, in 1975, she gave birth to her only child, Damian. It was also in college that she met lifelong friends, Earl and Mary Brown, who remain close to this very day. In fact, the closeness and durability of this friendship is something of a recurring theme over Alice’s life. She was supremely gifted at welcoming, listening, and loving, some of the foundational skills of relationship building; so she thrived as a sister, wife, mother, auntie, neighbor, colleague, and grandmother. She was ready for an important conversation at any time of day or night – and even if she was half asleep she had a way of making you feel that she was listening. Her sweetness is legendary, and no fewer than a dozen people have considered Alice their best friend in the world.

A TIME TO GIVE BACK... Alice was a giving soul who always welcomed people into her home whether for a few nights or for a few years. She greeted folks with a warm smile each morning and never made anyone feel they had overstayed their welcome, gaining new “nieces and nephews” in the process. When her grandson was born in New York City, she sowed the seeds of a new relationship, travelling up to help care for him every week for several months, staying five nights each time. But after putting Idris to sleep most nights she could be found in a quiet place, giggling on a long distance call with Everett almost like they were still in college. Alice also loved singing in the Voices of Triumph (VOT) choir at Alfred Street Baptist Church, where she was a member for over thirty years. This community, along with her discipleship group provided her with a great source of camaraderie and companionship. Alice volunteered as a vacation bible school teacher and diligently worked to support the church’s scholarship efforts and food drives. Throughout her life, she quietly toiled in service to others.

A TIME TO DIE... Alice transitioned from this world on November 6, 2021, surrounded by close, heartbroken family.

A TIME TO MOURN... Alice will be deeply missed and never forgotten. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Damian Mosley and Raegan McDonald-Mosley; sisters Maxie Brooks, Peggy Nunnery, Valerie Lewis, Carolyn Harding, and Maranda Hayes; three brothers, Francis Jackson, Hollis Jackson, and Oliver Jackson; grandchildren, Idris and Indigo Mosley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Prelude

Instrumentalist

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams

Hymn of Rejoicing: “We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

VOT Choral Family

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament: Matthew 25:23

Rev. Barbara Lavarin

Epistle: James 3:13–18

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Prayer of Comfort

Deacon Charles Monterio, Sr.

Musical Selection: “Draw Me Close”

VOT Choral Family

Tributes/Reflections

Katrina Hudson, *Niece*

Troy Mosley, *Nephew*

Mary Brown, *Dear Friend*

Musical Selection: “Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There”

Kevia Richardson, Soloist

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams

Recessional: “I’ll Fly Away”

VOT Choral Family

ORDER OF SERVICE



THE MUSIC

HYMN OF REJOICING

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith” Albert A Goodson

We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord
Trusting in His holy word, He’s never failed me yet
Oh—can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith

SELECTION AFTER THE PRAYER

“Draw Me Close” Kelly Carpenter
VOT Choral Family

SELECTION BEFORE EULOGY

“Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There” H. Lutton
Kevia Richardson, soprano

RECESSIONAL

“I’ll Fly Away” Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o’er...I’ll fly away
To that home on God’s celestial shore...I’ll fly away
I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away
When I die Hallelujah by and by...I’ll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then...I’ll fly away
To the land where joys shall never end...I’ll fly away
I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away
When I die Hallelujah by and by...I’ll fly away

Chorus:

I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away
When I die Hallelujah by and by...I’ll fly away

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and sympathy during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to the Alfred Street Baptist Church, DG-27, Nelda Brown, Troy Mosley, Raegan McDonald-Mosley, Deacon Charles J. Monterio, Sr., Peggy Nunnery, Maxie Brooks and Don Mobley.

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