



Albert Bland

December 5, 1961 - August 1, 2007

Mr. Albert Bland, age 45 of Alpharetta, died Wednesday, August 1, 2007. He was born and raised in New York City and also educated through the New York City public schools. He had a passion for photography and spend most of his career in photographic sales. Albert and his wife Dorlisa were married in 1988. They moved to Atlanta in 1990. Mr. Bland loved tennis, biking with his family and was an animated story teller. He is survived by his wife Dorlisa Stover Bland of Alpharetta; children, Brittany Bland and Aswan Bland both of Alpharetta; sisters, Constance Bland, Sheila Bland both of Charlotte, NC, LaShay Roach of Lithonia, Marvinna Meggett of Charleston, SC; brothers, Alfred Bland, Melvin Bland, Derrick Bland all of New York City, NY, Robert Meggett of Charlotte, NC; step-mothers, Rose Gregory and Beverly Dixon both of New York City, NY; his favorite mother-in-law, Gloria Blanchard of New York City, NY and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 10:00 am at St. James United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6-8:00 PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, 12050 Crabapple Rd. Roswell, GA. 30075, 770-645-1414.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James United Methodist Church
3000 Webb Bridge Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Happy Birthday Dad! You would be proud of the progress i've made thus far and can't wait to share all the memories with you in the next life* ♥

Aswan Levar Bland - December 05, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Albert Bland*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *It's been 10 long years without you. I miss everything about you wish makes missing you so much harder. You will always be the man i'll strive to be. You were a lover, father, leader and everything a young man could ask for. I promise I won't let you down Dad... Ill continue to finish what you have started.*

Aswan Bland - August 02, 2017 at 02:58 AM



“ Tomorrow marks 6 years I have missed having you as my friend my confidant my soulmate. I look back and remember the day Meolody introduced us in front of Better Crust Bakery and I decided then that you would be the father of my children. All the years we shared, all the friends we made, all the places we travelled are locked in my memory of love. I use to get upset at all the pictures you took and brought home for me to put in Albums. But what a treasure they are to me now.. you captured every personality.. It was your gift. I wish you were here to see the kids. Brittany has your gentle spirit and easy go lucky way about living her life. She is beautiful inside and out. Aswan has your looks, yes he's handsome and he knows it. Somehow he arranges things in the house just like you did...it freaks me out...They miss you so much. We know you are with us every day watching over us, keeping us safe. In my heart I know you were called home to be the Angel you are.. but as Mr. Bats would say " You loused me up MAN". Your wife, your friend, your soulmate. Dorlisa###imported-begin##Dorlisa Bland###imported-end##

July 31, 2013 at 04:40 PM



“ People always ask the question, "If you could have dinner with anyone, alive or dead, who would it be?" These days, that person would be you. Since around the time you left us, I've watched Aswan grow up to become a noble, family-loving, incredible man with the biggest heart I know. He has been a blessing to my life in so many ways. I can't help but think that he's followed in the exact footsteps of his father. I don't think Aswan remembers a negative thought about you- you're his idol, his role model and his inspiration. Thank you for raising such an incredible son while you were here. Though I wish more than anything that you were here to see him grow up, I know that you're smiling down on him from Heaven. Even though we never even met, I love you and miss you very much.###imported-begin##Liana###imported-end##

November 17, 2012 at 03:53 PM



“ Condolences to the family. Albert was a really nice, funny, sweet guy. He was always good to be around.##imported-begin##Sperry Wilder##imported-end##

August 18, 2010 at 01:31 PM



“ I'm a bit late on this, but I just found this information on the internet. I am deeply saddened to hear of Al's passing. I worked with him for a year at Wolf Camera out in Alpharetta and he is one of the people I tried to keep in touch with. He loved his family and I will ever forget the way his eyes lit up when his wife walked into the store. Big Al was a good guy and will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Lia Green Pendarvis##imported-end##

April 17, 2009 at 10:45 AM



“ I thank God for the opportunity to have know such a beautiful person. I will miss his smile and his laugh. Those things are now the pleasure of those who he abides with in Heaven. Rest on my brother.##imported-begin##Robyn Cabey Frye##imported-end##

January 17, 2009 at 09:04 PM



“ I just found out today 12/13/07 from a mutual friend and I am very saddened by the loss of my friend Al. We photographed weddings together, worked together for a few years and had the same personality, and passion for photography. Most of all Al was a true friend. I will miss his laugh, his smile, and his outspoken love, and joy for life itself. Al was a hard working family man who loved and talked about his family all the time.##imported-begin##Clarke Cruikshank##imported-end##

December 14, 2007 at 12:21 AM



“ Now you are at peace my brother. Now you may rest and watch over us.

with love,

Robin##imported-begin##Robin MCMillon##imported-end##

August 19, 2007 at 02:44 PM



“ he has been a major part of family's and friends' happiest memories and he has been a blessing in so many lives... a beautiful soul has gone home, may he rest in peace##imported-begin##michelle payne##imported-end##

August 14, 2007 at 06:04 PM



“ TO: MARVINA E. JENKINS AND FAMILY
SYMPATHY MESSAGE
I HAVE LEARNED NEVER TO UNDERESTIMATE THE HEALING
POWER WE ALL HAVE IT IS ALWAYS THERE TO BE USED FOR
THE HIGEST GOOD, MY YOU FIND COMFORT IN THE
MEMORIES THAT ARE YOURS TO CHERISH ALWAYS, AND
STRENGTH IN THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THOSE WHO SHARE
YOUR LOSS OF YOUR LOVE ONE
LOVE,
YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY
MARVIN, EMMA, DARRYL, PAMELA, DWAYNE, KATHY, HESTER,
TIFFANY, JEROME JR., JEROME SR. STANLEY, TERRY, TOYA,
TIFFANY, ZORRA, AND THE STAFF OF DURHAM
TRANSPORTATION##imported-begin##MARVIN N.
JENKINS##imported-end##

August 08, 2007 at 03:40 AM



“ Rest in peace "BIG AL". Your face is now engraved in my heart, for
that is where you touched whenever I was around you. Your
personality was one of a kind and it can never be
forgotten.##imported-begin##Kevin Roach##imported-end##

August 08, 2007 at 12:38 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family at this time of
overwhelming sorrow. God bless Albert and may he rest with the
Lord in eternal peace.##imported-begin##Pete & Karen
Kolln##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 11:37 PM



“ We just want to express our deepest regrets for your loss and to let you know that you are in our prayers. May the Lord be your comfort and strenght. May His love sustain you and give you hope for the future. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18(KJV)##imported-begin##Shaun, Nikki, Elicia, and Erica (Moore) Faulkner of Knoxville, TN##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 10:52 PM



“ Hey Big Al!!!! i knew you before i really met you your baby brother Bobby would always talk about his twin brothers. He was always fond of you, so when i finally met you i understood why. I have really only met you one time but i felt like i have known you a life time. Everytime i seen you in the hospital you would give me this look like you have known me a life time and that will stay with me a life time!!!! Rest in peice Al i love you...

P.S i'm still getting married at your house get it ready sis in law!!!!##imported-begin##Evelyn Meggett##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 10:02 PM



“ Doralisa my prayers are with you and your family, I did not know your husband but the first time I met you at Emory I liked you, look to the lord for all your strenght he will be by your side throughout you time of sorrow.

Yvonne##imported-begin##Yvonne Owens##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 09:31 PM



“ *Dorlisa and Family, I send my love and condolence. Albert will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Adrienne Phillips (Cousin-Melvin's daughter) of Charlotte, NC##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 09:28 PM



“ *Dorlisa and family, our prayers are with you. May God hold you and your family in His loving arms.##imported-begin##Uncle Melvin and Johnnie Mae Phillips of New York City##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 09:23 PM



“ *Me and my family would like to send our deepest condolence to you and your family. I am Curry's sister in Law and Albert took my Wedding pictures. God has another Angel to look after you. love Wanda Braxton##imported-begin##Wanda & Brittany Braxton##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 07:01 PM



“ *May the peace of the Lord be with and your family. Please continue to look toward the hill from which cometh your help, knowing that your help comes from the Lord!##imported-begin##Yvette Richardson-Sellers##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 05:48 PM



“ *I will miss you my friend.....may you rest in peace...##imported-begin##Steven Branch##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 05:38 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to the family at this time of great loss. Albert was a dear friend to me and I will miss him very much.##imported-begin##Matthew Broughton##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 05:31 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Bland family on the going home of Albert.
I Pray that you feel Gods presence as he carries you during this time of saying good bye.

Psalm 119:28

Phyllis & Michael Tyson

Charlotte, NC##imported-begin##Phyllis Tyson##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 04:23 PM



“ I have watched over Albert from the time of his birth, baby sitting for him and his twin. My pain is not unlike that of a parent who has cared for a child and watched them grow and mature, and now pass on. My condolences to the family whose pain is far greater at the lost of a husband, dad, & brother. You are in my prayers. I wish you peace and comfort as you endure your lost##imported-begin##Robert Scott##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 02:55 PM



“ When people die.. it has always been a question that I ask myself. “I wonder if he’s going to Heaven?” . When Al went home I knew! It’s not often that you meet someone who has the characteristics that Al so effortlessly portrayed, but it is less common to know someone that is all these things to you as well as everyone else who knew him. Al was my brother! The brother of my wife, who ironically shared the same birthday as me. He was funny , he was caring we was BIG Al. He did everything with good intentions and touched the hearts of many. I was weird to me sometimes how he remembered the names of people he had met years before for only a few moments. Everyone mattered to him. Everyone!! And he treated us all that way. “Al, you are GOD sent, To Him you have returned” You will be truly missed on earth but an Angels place is in heaven. Love You###imported-begin###Dwayne Roach###imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 02:16 PM



“ Connie and family,

We are truly sorry for your loss. I know that you are hurting now, but remember that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. It is our prayer that you will find comfort in knowing that you will see him again. If you need anything, don't hesitate to call. We will keep you in our prayers always.

Zanita & Major robinson###imported-begin###Zanita & Major Robinson###imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 02:14 PM



“ *Sending our condolences to the family of Albert Bland. May God be with you through your loss
Love Always and Forever Cousins from Bx N.Y.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Meggett##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 02:03 PM



“ *Big Al was a great guy. We are all going to miss his smiling face. I bought my first of many cameras from Big Al at the Roswell Wolf Camera a number of years ago. He was always my "go to" guy when it came to cameras or photography in general. He was more than just a Wolf employee to me. He was a friend. I remember the last time I saw him, when he dropped in at Wolf while I was there. We picked up right where we left off, having not seen each other in a while. This was not long before his illness. I will always have fond memories of Big Al. I was very pleased to meet his twin brother one day in Wolf. Dejavu all over again!*

God bless.

Mark Reed##imported-begin##Mark Reed##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 01:57 PM



“ What words can I say to describe the man with 2 faces and a HUGE HEART!!! I remember Al when I was a kid and I would always confuse him with his twin but then it hit me..one day I knew the difference. Al always had a SMILE on his face, a joke in his mouth and some love to share in his heart. He was one of the nicest people you'd ever meet and he would do ANYTHING to help someone in need. The photos he took spoke for him and themselves; with quality, love and pride!! He took a photo of my entire family at the block party a few years back..SOMEONE ANYONE I WANT THAT PIC!!! I say to his family TAKE COURAGE IN THE LORD!! Dorlisa, when he found you the bible says he found a GOOD THING!! I remember seeing you two together, visiting for Thanksgiving and the love shared. My dad says MIKE...BE STRONG, YOU GOT 2 ANGLES NOW!!

Rest in peace Al, take your rest, we loved your dearly but God knows and loves you best!!##imported-begin##Jada & Big Brad - NYC, NY##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 01:19 PM



“ My deepest sympathy go out to the Bland Family, Albert will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Thomas Valenti##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 01:18 PM



“ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.##imported-begin##Michael A. Lee##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 01:13 PM



“ On behalf of the Harlem community, please accept my deepest condolences to Dorlisa (my childhood friend of West 140 Street), children - Brittany and Aswan.

I became friends with Albert and his twin brother, Alfred in 1976. We were teenagers that played daily and ruled tennis in Harlem at Fred Samuel Park. In those early days, we were assured that we would become successful in everything pursued. Albert was the most profound among us. As a peer, he was a great cheer leader and certainly, he helped to inspire my career in politics, business and education. Strangely, my older brother, Curry became best friends with Albert and his wife, Dorlissa when they attended Pace University.

Great minds think alike. I will never forget my fond memories of Albert and his twin brother, Alfred, playing tennis in the hot Harlem sun and never, ever able to beat them at tennis. :)

*Fraternally,
William Allen, President/CEO of Communities In Schools of New Jersey Inc. & Democratic District Leader, 70 AD (Harlem) -
212.932.2127###imported-begin###William Allen###imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 01:01 PM



“ Albert, your truly missed. I never thought this day would come that I would be writing you to say goodbye. I know you struggled and fought with your illness for some time. Now your at peace, no suffering. I will carry you in my heart until we meet again. On Wednesday, we are putting away flesh, your spirit will always be with us. I love you Big Brother, Marvinina###imported-begin###Marvina Meggett Jenkins###imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 12:57 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are definitely with the family. The few times I was around Al he always brought a light into the room with him. Always with his camera in hand and ready to make you smile. He was a beautiful person and will definitely be missed. His legacy is definitely left behind in our memories and his photos. Shay, for as long as I've known you you've always treated me like family and I love you much and anything you need, let me know. With all sincerity, Naomi~###imported-begin##Naomi ###imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 12:42 PM



“ Al and I were friends and my wife and I worked with Dee. Regretfully, we put off photography plans and haven't seen each other in two years. We are praying for the entire family.###imported-begin##Lloyd Miller###imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 12:19 PM



“ Hello Dorlisa, I want you to know that I am thinking about you and your family. I will certainly miss Albert, he was so caring, witty, energetic, and full and life. God bless you all and fear not, because Albert has his hand in the hand of our Lord and Savior now. Love Ray and Family.###imported-begin##James Ray###imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 11:34 AM



“ *Marvina,
You have my deepest sympathy. Just know that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. It will take some time to heal after such a great loss. Just know that I am here for you and your family in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Tina Bybee##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 11:24 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy and love go out to LaShay Roach and the Bland family. Our prayers will continue for all of you.*

*Your other family.##imported-begin##Mary and Jerri Benjamin
##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 10:51 AM



“ *My condolences to the Bland family. I am a co worker of Melvin at the Con Edison 59th street station.##imported-begin##Frank Lentino##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 10:28 AM



“ *To my brother Albert,
When I think of you the first thing that comes to mind is your beautiful smile and positive engery. The compassion you have shown for friends and family only adds to your uniqueness May God Hold you in the palm of his hands forever, until we meet again. Your spirit will be with me and Doreen forever. God Bless you your family. Love always Doreen and Keith Thompson.##imported-begin##Keith and Doreen Thompson##imported-end##*

August 07, 2007 at 09:17 AM



“ My prayers and condolence go the the Bland Family. Also, take comfort in knowing Albert's suffering is over and he was called home.##imported-begin##Audra Townes##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 08:39 AM



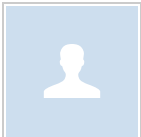
“ My thoughts and prayers to your family and friends. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Scott Lomenzo##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 07:54 AM



“ I am sorry for your lost.condolence to bland family.##imported-begin##stu syetta##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 07:34 AM



“ Dearest Albert And Family,
There are no words to express our sorrow and grief. We all grew up together, and you are a part of our family as we are a part of yours. You are going to be greatly missed. However, there is always one moment of grace, "Absent from The Body, Is Present With The Lord,"May God bless you and keep you, always.##imported-begin##Serena Scott and Family.##imported-end##

August 07, 2007 at 03:51 AM



“ My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. "Big Al" was such a funny, entertaining and supportive person to be around. You have my deepest sympathy.

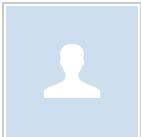
Nate & Celes Henley###imported-begin###Nate Henley###imported-end###

August 07, 2007 at 01:25 AM



“ My uncle Albert was one of the smartest people i ever knew. When I would come to his house , he gave me some intresting facts and quiz me on what i knew. Know that he his home he can hand out some knowledge to people in heaven. R.I.P###imported-begin###daryl erika jenkins###imported-end###

August 07, 2007 at 12:16 AM



“ Bernard

You and Your family are in my prayers during this time of loss. May God look over all of you and help you remember the great times with your uncle. God Bless!

Love,

Kelli###imported-begin###Kelli Viscosi###imported-end###

August 06, 2007 at 11:41 PM



“ YOUR WARMTH, SMILE AND LAUGHTER WILL BE MISSED.###imported-begin###NANCY & BOBBIE HOLMES###imported-end###

August 06, 2007 at 11:25 PM



“ THERE’S NO WORDS TWO DESCRIBE HOW I FEEL ABOUT AL,IF YOU DIDNT KNOW HIM AND I TELL YOU ABOUT HIM YOU WOULDNT BELIEVE ME! IF YOU ASK HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY THEY WILL TELL YOU THE SAME THING! YOU WOULD BE MAD AT YOURSELF TO KNOW GOD HAD AN ANGEL IN GA AND YOU DIDNT MEET HIM! I KNOW HE WOULDNT WANT ME TO CRY SO, I WILL TRY TO STOP! I KNOW HE'S GOT THE BEST SEAT IN HEAVEN IN BETWEEN MY GRANDMOTHER AND HIS DAD:-)###imported-begin##VON GREGORY###imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 10:24 PM



“ To the Bland Family, with deepest sympathy from FRED SCOTT and Family,###imported-begin##FRED SCOTT###imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 08:49 PM



“ Dear Dorlisa and Family,

My prayers and thoughts are with you during your time of grief. I pray that the memories you have will be your source of strength, along with God, during this time.

Please call, (212) 491-2695, if I can do anything for you and your family.

Love,

Jocelyn###imported-begin##Jocelyn 'Tinka' Phillips###imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 08:08 PM



“ We would like to send our deepest sympathy to the Bland family
Albert will be dearly missed###imported-begin##The Entire Rankin
Family###imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 07:56 PM



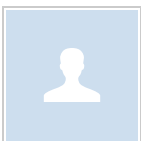
“ Dear Dorlisa, Words cannot express the sorrow I feel right now for
you the children and the entire bland family. May God give you the
peace and comfort that your'll need now forever. Stay
strong.###imported-begin##Mrs. Veronica Spann Lewis###imported-
end##

August 06, 2007 at 07:42 PM



“ I have always missed the the good times we had as kids. I wish time
never moved on,and you would still be here. playing
AFX,listening,to oldshcool music,playpittypat till late at night with
Ma.TO name a few moments in time id like to have back.My brother
I will always love you,and miss you. forever in my heart Ulysses
david williams.###imported-begin##David Williams###imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 06:46 PM



“ The Francis family wish to offer their condolences to the family and
siblings of Albert Bland. We will keep you all in our prayers.God
bless all of you.###imported-begin##Jeannette Francis###imported-
end##

August 06, 2007 at 06:16 PM



“ Were he able I believe Albert would say to his family, both the Blands & the Meggett's:

" I'M FREE "

*Don't grieve for me, I'm Free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all,
I could not stay another day, to laugh, love, work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.
A friend shared, a laugh, kiss or picture- Oh Yes these things I too
will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of
tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much, good friends, good times a
loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief, don't lengthen it now with
undo grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me! God wants me now, He set
me free.
With my deepest sympathy to all of Albert's family and dear friends.
Barbara Sheaffer & Family##imported-begin##Barbara
Sheaffer##imported-end##*

August 06, 2007 at 05:56 PM



“ *Beyond life's dim horizon
Is a happy, peaceful land
Where travelers are welcomed
By a loving outstretched hand
And every weary traveler
Finds a wonderful new life
That's free from every heartache
And every care and strife
For here, he meets the Master
And his heart is filled with peace-
Beyond life's dim horizon
Where his joys will never cease.*

Sincerely,

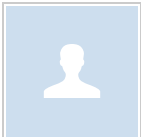
*Barbara, LaNae & Family##imported-begin##Mrs. Barbara
Sheaffer##imported-end##*

August 06, 2007 at 05:03 PM



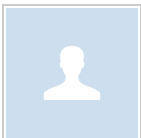
“ Aiight, Aiight, come on, lets get this picture. (As he sets you up perfectly) ok, 1...2...3 say “Bubblicious!!!” Man could he capture a thousand words with one flick. Al brought out the best in us and he did his job WELL. I don’t know whose smile was bigger, AL’s or the person he was taking a picture of. Wow! MY BIG BROTHER, I say that proudly and lovingly, he was one of the best a girl could ask for. I had my very own super hero. AL has always come to my rescue, from the 2am parties with no way home to the crazy boyfriends and every special moment in my life, he’s been there and he will always be. God has called AL to be my Guardian Angel. Lord, I thank you for allowing Al to be a blessing to all of us. Words could never express how much I love you Al, Hug Daddy for me and don’t eat too much of Grandma Evelyn’s pound cake.
All grown up but forever your baby sister, LaShay##imported-begin##LaShay Meggett Roach##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 05:01 PM



“ You will be missed.##imported-begin##Lakicha Battle##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 04:43 PM



“ Albert,our godbother,we will always hold a place in our hearts that is just for you. We love you and we will miss you. We grew up as brothers and sisters and this pain weighs very heavy.I can still see our Mother’s playing cards together. When you see them tell them we love and miss them dearly.##imported-begin##Lori Thompson and family##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 04:31 PM



“ Words can't seem to express how much we will miss Al. I will constantly be reminded of him through the many pictures I have around my house that he had taken. He was my wedding photographer. He went above and beyond what he was asked to do and attended nearly every event associated to that weekend. As a result, I was able to walk away with more than 500 priceless photos of my wedding weekend.

To Shay, my sister-in-law, I love you like a sister. We are here for you in any way you need support, don't hesitate to ask. To Dorlisa and the rest of your family, you have our deepest sympathies. I pray that each of you will rest in knowing that Al is now in a better place and that he is sitting down, right now, telling one of his animated stories to some of the other angels in heaven.

May God Bless You All!##imported-begin##Mark & Keelah Roach##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 04:06 PM



“ Bland Family,

Look to sky there your blessing will come. Today may look dark & cloudy believe me the days will get better. I have been were you are. God is best answer to your questions. Keep your heads up because that what your husband, father, brother would want.

My love to you all, be strong.

God loves you most.

Carolyn Brice##imported-begin##Carolyn Brice##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 04:02 PM



“ AL, WE REALLY MISS YOU MY BROTHER. DORLISA, MY FAMILY IS HERE FOR YOUR FAMILY. SO, PLEASE CALL IF YOU NEED US.

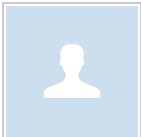
LOVE,
KELVIN, PAULA, KENDAL, AND KAMILLE ROBERTS##imported-begin##KELVIN & PAULA ROBERTS FAMILY##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 03:49 PM



“ We send our deepest sympathy to the family. Albert always had the gift to light up a room when he walk in. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Terence and Patricia Nickelson##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 03:05 PM



“ My heart cries for you and your family.
Matthew 5:4 states “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”. Lean on God for comfort, He will be there for you.

Time will ease the pain of your lost.

I visisted your husband at Grady Health System. I met him through Ms. Clark.

God Bless##imported-begin##Annie Hannor##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 03:00 PM



“ *May you rest in peace Albert. My prayers are with the Bland & Meggett family.##imported-begin##Evelyn Pinckney##imported-end##*

August 06, 2007 at 02:27 PM



“ *God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, sun without rain, but HE did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears & light for the way.
Our sympathy and condolences to the family. Our hearts go out to you. May GOD ease your pain during this time of sorrow. Many blessing, Love Always Sandra Bryant-Chavis & Family!##imported-begin##Sandra Bryant-Chavis & Family##imported-end##*

August 06, 2007 at 02:25 PM



“God grant me *SERENITY* to accept the things I cannot change. *COURAGE* to change the things that I can, and the *WISDOM* to know the difference.”

Although you are in a better place and at peace. It hurts to know that we will no longer see your face at the family gatherings. And we will no longer see your smile behind a digital camera trying to get that perfect shot of the fam and friends.

Al, when your sister first introduced me to the fam, you guys accepted me with open arms. I can't help but to think about the first few thanksgivings spent here in ATL after moving from NY. As I look back, there are so many great memories of all of us back then. You guys truly became my family. And I love you all!!

Last time I got to see you was at one of Shay's cookouts. You were mentioning Maurice's smile. And That tripped you out to see that. We laughed about it for a long time. Because you never really seen him smile. That is what I remember Laughter and smiles. And it will never be forgotten

All of that to say..

I love you Al and you will truly be missed.

Your sis,

Aphro###imported-begin###Aphro###imported-end###

August 06, 2007 at 02:07 PM



“ To Shay & Dwayne and the entire family of Albert Bland. We just got the news that Albert has gone on to be with the Lord. Know that, for who you've known him to be on earth he has gone before you to prepare an eternal home for you all. Work hard to know and to fulfill your purpose and calling on earth so when the Lord calls you to be with Him He will be well pleased as I am certain in my Spirit He is with Albert. I've only met Albert once (at your wedding) and that will be the memory I will hold on to even until we meet again.

God bless you all. Have hope and most of all have peace.

-- The Bishops###imported-begin##David & Rosalind Bishop###imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 01:50 PM



“ To Dorlisa and Children:
Al is now safe in the Lord's arms, he fought hard and long but I guess it was time for him to move on, out of the material world and into the eternal spiritual world. He will always be with you.
My prayers go with you.###imported-begin##Pamela S. Clark###imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 12:51 PM



“ My name is Anita and these words were given by my mother, Henrietta Edwards.

I was a friend of Albert's mother for many years. We lived in the same building and It was a pleasure to watch both Albert, Alfred and their siblings grow up. Albert has done his job very well on this earth, and it was time for the Lord to call him home. He is at peace. I will always remember his smile and graciousness when he saw me in the building where I live in New York. Blessings to the family. I love you all.##imported-begin##Henrietta Edwards##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 12:25 PM



“ Albert, rest in perfect peace. May almighty GOD receive your Soul Amen.##imported-begin##Todd Blue##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 12:09 PM



“ May God's warm embrace, unflinching love and promise of eternal life at His side, comfort the family at this time of sorrow. I am now 38 but remember Albert from the time I was 7. His mother was my babysitter and his family was like my own. Everytime I spoke to him he was kind, patient and comical, regardless of what was going on in his life. On this earth we are all just passing through as we journey on our way home to the Lord. Albert, I am grateful that our paths have crossed. God keep you.##imported-begin##Eric C. Wright##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 11:38 AM



“ Were sorry for the loss of our uncle and dear friend.##imported-begin##The Bush Family & Derrica Bland (Niece)##imported-end##

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“ Have a peaceful sleep until we see you again.##imported-begin##George Yarborough##imported-end##

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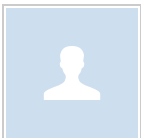
“ Dear Albert,

I remember when you and your twin brother, Alfred were born, and saw you grow up to become fine adults...Albert was a wonderful father, husband and respected young man..And God said, "WELL DONE MY SON". "I'M LETTING YOU INTO MY KINGDON'.

I trust the Lord with all my heart; leaning not on my own understanding as to why you left so soon. My dear sister Connie and family, my love and prayers are with you. To Albert's lovely children, always remember your father as a truly loving and gifted man.

Love, Anita Edwards-Wright##imported-begin##ANITA EDWARDS-WRIGHT##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 11:11 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during your time of sorrow. May God bless and be with you during this time.##imported-begin##Allen E. Griffin##imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 08:11 AM



“ Albert,
I'm going to miss your spirit and love for life. Thank you for treating me like family. Thank you for the wonderful memories you gave me while you were here, at your earthly address. I'll see you again some day at our heavenly address.
Love Always,
Tanya###imported-begin##Tanya Cannon###imported-end##

August 06, 2007 at 01:04 AM



“ *My brother, my brother, my brother, you know that we all loved you but, God loved you best. I vividly remember, the day you guys came home from the hospital in January 1962 and I held my twin brothers in my arms at the age of 12 as I sat in awe. You have been a loved baby brother, my son, my friend who had become an unmeasurable husband and proud father. Your laughter, your jokes and many funny faces will be missed. And now, God has you in His arms, no more pain, tears, worries, turmoil nor challenges. I find comfort in thinking that Ma and Robert Lee were standing at the gate waiting to embrace you and saying well done, my son. Your spirit will always be with me, with all of us. Your Big Sis, Connie###imported-begin##Constance Yvette Bland###imported-end##*

August 05, 2007 at 11:42 PM



“ *May those you leave behind find peace in knowing that the Lord our God welcomes you home.###imported-begin##Nichole Bumpas###imported-end##*

August 05, 2007 at 11:33 PM



“ Memories of you will live forever in our hearts.##imported-begin##Lorraine Lott & Family##imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 10:20 PM



“ May caring thoughts comfort you at this time of sorrow.

With our Deepest Sympathy,

*The McClellan Family,
AKA LaVerne.##imported-begin##Jacqueline McClellan &
Family##imported-end##*

August 05, 2007 at 09:52 PM



“ *The Bland family
Sympathy, love, and mostly blessings to you. My heart goes out to all of you. I knew Albert for more than twenty years and had nothing but love and respect for him. Unfortunatley I havent seen him in more than three years. He and his lovely wife Dolisa(someone that I have nothing but respect for also) was on Amsterdam avenue and sixty first street. His skin was glowing and he had lost about fifteen pounds and was he boasting about it. Three years or more so, he had past away. Albert I am sorry for you but now you are somewhere where you are in no pain or feeling no misery. Again sympathy to the family and I love you much Al!##imported-begin##Wilson Ford##imported-end##*

August 05, 2007 at 09:16 PM



“ TO ALBERT AND FAMILY I WILL LIKE SHARE MY DEEPEST SYMPHY TOO ALL I GREW UP WITH THE TWINS, AND ATTENED THE SAME SCHOOLS. THEY ARE TWO WEEKS OLDER THEN ME A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY PEACE AND BLESSING.##imported-begin##JEFFREYHERRING##imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 09:03 PM



“ My thoughts of Al are legendary as a friend first and foremost, father extraordinaire, husband exemplified, and brother supreme. Though unrelated, he made me feel like a member of his family. My family and I feel so fortunate to have crossed paths with such a humble, generous, and unique individual. May God forever bless his soul, his family, and loved ones.##imported-begin##Levi A. Robinson Jr.& Family##imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 07:20 PM



“ Don't really know what to say right now. I'm kind of speechless about the whole situation. Loved my uncle and now he's in a better place. Rest In Peace uncle Al##imported-begin##Wilson Ford##imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 06:57 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at the time of grieving. Take care and God Bless!##imported-begin##Easter Person##imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 06:54 PM



“ *May the great lord grant you eternal peace Al, rest in the lord---
marie and family.##imported-begin##Marie Nwokike##imported-
end##*

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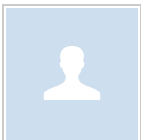
“ *Thou you are gone you will never be forgotten. Thank you so much
for capturing on film the biggest day of our lives. We will always
have you captured in our hearts and mind. To all your sisters,
brothers, nieces and nephews our hearts and love go out to all of
you at this time. To your wife and children our deepest condolences.
Rest in peace##imported-begin##Connie & Ted
Woodley##imported-end##*

August 05, 2007 at 05:22 PM



“ *Rest In Peace, my beloved brother.##imported-begin##Carmen
Bland ##imported-end##*

August 05, 2007 at 03:39 PM



“ *Our Love and Prayers are with you.
May God continue to bless your family.
Al will be deeply missed.*

*Love,
The Faulkner's and Simmon's Family##imported-begin##William &
Lisa Faulkner / Wilma Simmons##imported-end##*

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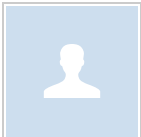
“ With all my love and blessing to you and your family at this sorrowful time may God bless you all###imported-begin##Lina Singletary###imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 02:01 PM



“ TO MY UNCLE ALBERT-SORRY I WILL NOT BE THERE, BUT YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN MY PRAYERS ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE. THANKS FOR BEING THERE FOR ME, WHEN NEEDED. I WILL MISS YOU DEARLY. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART, SOUL, MIND FOREVER. TO THIS DAY, I STILL LOVE MY WEDDING PHOTOS YOU BLESSED ME AND YOUR NEPHEW-IN-LAW WITH. SORRY YOU NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET YOUR GREAT NEPHEWS KEVIN AND DONNELL,ALSO YOUR BEAUTIFUL NIECE BREANNA, BUT I KNOW YOU ARE LOOKING DOWN AND SEEING THEM. LOVE YOU-MISS YOU ALWAYS.###imported-begin##Michele Bland-Stroud###imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 01:31 PM



“ TO THE FAMILY:

PLEASE BE AT PEACE KNOWING THAT ALL AL'S EARTHLY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY ARE OVER AND HE IS NOW RESTING WITH THE LORD. YES, YOU WILL MISSING HIM BUT GOD NEEDED HIM MORE.###imported-begin##A. BERNADETTE HILTON###imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 10:27 AM



“ *REST IN PEACE "BIG AL" REST IN PEACE!*

MACK##imported-begin##MACK##imported-end##

August 05, 2007 at 09:01 AM



“ *With deepest regrets, your brother-in-law.*

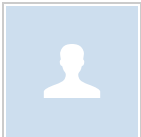
Gregory##imported-begin##Irving Gregory##imported-end##

August 04, 2007 at 04:53 PM



“ *We love you....##imported-begin##Jerry & Beverly
Lewis##imported-end##*

August 04, 2007 at 04:26 PM



“ *To Uncle Albert*

Thanks for always making me laugh, with your sense of humor.

Thanks for doing my photos for modeling when I was younger.

*Thanks for being my uncle from another mother. May you rest in
eternal peace##imported-begin##LaShaune Armstrong-*

Watson##imported-end##

August 04, 2007 at 03:33 PM



“ *"Big Al" was a very special person and made a very big impression on everyone he met. His customers asked for him by name, his friends all smiled when his name was mentioned and he always had a smile on his face. Our thoughts are with the entire Bland family during these most difficult times.##imported-begin##Brent McAlister & Lisa Lesser##imported-end##*

August 03, 2007 at 08:44 PM



“ *Both my husband and I were priviledged to have worked with 'Big Al', he made the day fun. He always lit the room up with his smile and made everyone feel welcome. We will cherise our warm memories of him and keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jay and Jan Richardson##imported-end##*

August 03, 2007 at 07:28 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May loving memories fill your Heart and sooth your Soul. Albert was a special friend who will sorely be missed. It was my pleasure to have known him.##imported-begin##Diana Aponte Branch##imported-end##*

August 03, 2007 at 04:23 PM



“ My husband, Robert, & I were building out a new store in Jan, 2002, and Al dropped by. He asked if he could help with laying the slate floor, and stayed an ENTIRE WEEK until it was finished! And then he continued to help until we were all done moving stuff in and open for business. That is the essence of Albert Bland - loving, caring & unselfish.

Al always invested time in others. I know Al is in heaven right now, and its not because of his good works, but those were a result of how he wanted to live his life for the Lord. Scripture says that we are saved not by our works, but by faith in Christ Jesus. Al knew he was born a sinner & was separated from God, so he accepted God's free gift of sending His son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins, promising all who believe in Him, will not die but have eternal life. I know I will see Al in heaven, & I pray that all who knew him and loved him will also be there for that wonderful & sweet reunion with Al and our Savior.##imported-begin##Debbie Santoyo##imported-end##

August 03, 2007 at 01:19 PM