



## Mr. Alfred Bland

December 5, 1961 - March 19, 2021

Alfred Bland (Meggett) of New York City and Toronto Canada, son of Marian Inez Greene Bland and Robert Lee Meggett, joined the heavenly realm at the tender age of 59; March 19th, 2021, 1:01 am. His parents and his identical twin brother Albert Bland all preceded his untimely death.

Alfred attended public school in NYC and was an avid tennis player and a cyclist. He played the keyboard and saxophone, as he loved music and the art of creating beats. Later in life Alfred relocated to Georgia where he earned a degree in music, however, his true passion was photography. Upon relocating back to NYC, Al, also known as, joined the teaching staff at the 92nd Street YMCA in NYC, teaching photography to young adults and seniors. Alfred became a photographer, who specialized in weddings, anniversaries, bar mitzvahs, and concerts.

Alfred shared the womb with his identical twin brother Albert, who was 3 minutes older. They were affectionately known to everyone as “Twin”. In their young teenage years, Alfred and Albert worked at Gene Barry One Hour Photo in NYC, on 72nd street. They were loved by customers, co-workers and management, for their superior work ethic of taking care of people and respectfully approaching them to assist and resolve their concerns. Alfred and Albert left everyone they had an encounter with an indelible impression, which earned them trust and utmost respect. The twins were a “package deal” and a “class act”. They always gave their best to friends and loved ones.

Alfred’s last conversations with his twin led him on a spiritual journey to the

famous Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem. He was the photographer and videographer for Dance the Word Ministry. Alfred later joined the church and was baptized in 2010.

Alfred's health unfortunately took a turn for the worse, the winter of 2016 and he became wheelchair bound as a result. He entered a nursing home in the Bronx for rehabilitation and with the strong will to recover, along with the love of his life by his side encouraging him daily, Alfred's health improved greatly. God blessed him with the gift to leave the nursing home.

September 14, 2018, Alfred married his constant companion, Sandra Cheryl Bridge of Toronto, Canada in Las Vegas surrounded by family and friends. Alfred was a loving husband, devoted father, dedicated stepfather, loyal brother, god-brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and cousin. He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Bland, beautiful daughter, Shakari Bland (NYC), stepsons, Karl, Elijah, and Isaiah Luke, (Toronto, CA), sisters, Constance Bland and Sheila Bland (NC), Marvinna Meggett Jenkins/Darryl (SC), LaShay Meggett Roach/Dwayne (GA), stepsisters, Kim Dixon, Kelly Hails and Robin McMillan (NYC), brothers, Melvin Bland/Carmen (NC), Derrick Bland (NC), Robert Lee Meggett, JR./Evelyn (NC), Step-mothers, Rose Gregory and Beverly Dixon Gilchrist (Winston) (NYC), Sister in Law Dorlisa Bland, (GA), Paternal Uncle, Albert "Hollywood" Meggett (SC) and a multitude of nieces, nephews and cousins, whom have all blessed him immeasurably.

Alfred was be flown to Georgia from NYC for his celebration of life/home going service, to be laid alongside his twin brother. The service will be held at Northside Chapel in Roswell, GA and the Committal and Interment will be at Sawnee View Gardens in Cumming, GA. We will be streaming live at [https://m.facebook.com/NCFHLIVE/videos/?ref=page\\_internal&mt0](https://m.facebook.com/NCFHLIVE/videos/?ref=page_internal&mt0) Due to COVID restrictions, the service will be reserved to family members. The family would like to thank all of you at this time for your calls, thoughts, meals, gifts, cards, emails, text messages, flowers, and FB posts. Alfred loved life and he loved you all. We gave him his flowers while he was visibly here

with us. He has joined Albert and other family members and he is long last at peace. In lieu of flowers, the family will be accepting donations.

Ego says: "Once everything falls into place, you will find peace".

Spirit says: "Find peace and everything will fall into place.

You can shed tear because he is gone,

Or you can smile because he has lived.

Your heart can be empty,

Because you cannot see him,

Or you can be full of the love you have shared

You can remember him and only that he is gone

Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

# Cemetery Details

## Sawnee View Memorial Gardens

Hwy. 9 North  
Cumming, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside

APR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sawnee View Memorial Gardens  
Hwy. 9 North  
Cumming, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Alfred Bland



Northside Chapel - April 01, 2021 at 05:01 PM

AB

“ Happy Birthday to my favorite uncle! I love and miss you everyday  
♥

Aswan Levar Bland - December 05, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ Mr. Alfred Bland

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

TP

“ To the family all my love , so very sorry for your lost. May God bless you and keep you safe. Theresa Pena..... Gray, Maine



Theresa Pena - April 02, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred Bland.*



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April 01, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Alfred Bland.*



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March 31, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Prayers for the Bland Family during this challenging time. May God give you peace and comfort.*

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**TH** - March 29, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Prayers for the Bland family and loved ones, for God to comfort and strengthen you. May Alfred rest in peace as he joins loved ones that were waiting for him, as I know that he lives on here on earth in your heart and memory until you meet up with him again in Heaven. May you find hope with Alfred's new peace and freedom, and love for the tremendous void in your life.*



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**Patricia Hickey** - March 29, 2021 at 10:01 AM

PS

“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family. Will be holding you close in thought as you go through this very sad time.*

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**Pamela Simmons** - March 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM

CH

“ *Prayers to the Bland Family*



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**Christy** - March 29, 2021 at 09:53 AM

PH

“ *Patricia Hickey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Bland*



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**Patricia Hickey** - March 29, 2021 at 09:50 AM

WH

“ *May God continue to strengthen you and your family during this time. You and your family are in the Harris family prayers.*

*Walter Harris  
Piedmont Healthcare*

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**Walter Harris** - March 29, 2021 at 09:45 AM

DG

“ *My prayers are with you all, I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Debbie Goins** - March 29, 2021 at 09:44 AM

SS

“ *Prayers and condolences to the Bland family. May Alfred's memory be a blessing, and may he rest in peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Scott Siegel*

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**Scott Siegel** - March 29, 2021 at 09:44 AM