



## Alton Cortez Hatten, Sr.

November 19, 1933 - February 11, 2023

Alton Cortez Hatten, Sr. (affectionally called Sarge, AL) of 500 Lanier Crescent, Portsmouth, Virginia transitioned from “Labor to Reward.” Alton was born on November 19, 1933, in Norfolk, VA to James and Dorothy Hatten. He was predeceased in death by his siblings: James (Jim) Hatten, Samuel B. Hatten (S.B.), Claude Hatten (Mike), Henry Hatten (Hank) Forrest Hatten, and Alverdean Hatten (Deanie).

He is survived by two sisters: June Hatten Jones – Bloomfield, CT and Doris C. Artis – West Hartford, CT, sister-in-law- Maxine Hatten, Carson, CA. Alton was also predeceased in death by former wives: Ida B. Hatten and Barbara M. Hatten.

Left to cherish his memory is the mother of his children, Ophelia W. Hatten, his children: Margaret Jenkins (Carlton) Portsmouth, VA, Alton C. Hatten Jr. (Evelyn) Pikesville, MD, Gentry L. Hatten (Rosemary) San Antonio, TX, Tamesha Hatten Saunders Portsmouth, VA and special daughter, Margery L. Davis (Steven), Portsmouth, VA.

His legacy includes his loving grandchildren: Nykeeya Stewart (Winston), Ryan Hatten, Jessica McGlothen (Roosevelt), and Jeffery Hatten (Jasmine). His step grandsons: Andre Sherrill and Thomas Sherrill. Great grandchildren: Keonte’ Jones, Aaliyah Hatten, Faith Stewart, Gabriella Williams, Olivia McGlothen, Romaine McLean, Julia Truitt Spivey and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Alton was especially proud of his god daughter Dr. Rev. Joy Carrington, and

special friends who always supported him: Angela Copeland, Yolanda Stoner, Cassandra Haynesworth, Ophelia Leigh, Debbie Brown Cooper, Romero and Thressa Bullock, Billy Thompson and Kenny Reynolds.

Alton lived a full life and accomplished many of his lifelong goals. He served and retired from the US Army after 22 years. He completed 2 tours of Vietnam, Korea, Germany, and many duty stations in the US. While serving in the Army he received several medals: Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star and The Purple Heart Medal.

His other career paths include becoming an insurance agent, working in Norfolk Naval Ship Yard, being a Golf Coach at Elizabeth City State University, working for Portsmouth Parks and Recreation and being a bartender at several clubs.

He loved being an entrepreneur and opened his first business with his son-in-law, Carlton Jenkins, Rack N Play Family Billiards, which was a great family recreation outing. He also was the co-founder of Tidewater Youth Golf Association with Billy Thompson and spent years teaching inner city kids the game of golf.

Alton loved his family, especially his grand and great grandchildren. He always wanted the highest and best for them. He loved family gatherings, birthdays, and family reunions. He also loved going to the casinos and playing Mississippi Stud.

He was very neat and fashion conscience. He loved to dress and had more shirts, ties, and suits than any one you know, not to mention, over 100 pairs of socks. He also loved cowboy boots and just knew he was sharp every time he wore them, especially his navy-blue ones.

Life Accomplishments Most Proud of:

\*His daughter accepting the role of matriarch of our family and she always

worked to keep us together, supporting one another, regardless.

\*Tidewater Youth Golf Association bringing Tiger Woods to the Hampton Roads area in 2000, and Earl Woods, Tiger's father presented him with the "Local Hero" Award honoring his work with inner city youth and the community. This unexpected act of kindness touched his heart and moved him to tears.

\*Visiting Egypt and seeing the Pyramids in person really make his heart sing.

\*Last but not least His 88th Birthday Drive by surprise in 2022, he had a ball and it made his year.

\*He was a member of several organizations: American Legion #190, Club Deporres, and before his health declined, he was also a member of United Supreme Council 33°, Alpha & Omega #9, Lebanon #32 F & A Mason, Inc.

Daddy we are so proud of you, your love and memory will always be in our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 26. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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## Service

FEB 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Burial

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Albert G. Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
5310 Milners Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Alton Cortez Hatten, Sr.



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - February 26, 2023 at 03:10 PM

RC

*Thank you for these precious memories shared of Bro. Alton Hatton. We remember Bro. Hatton from the Tidewater Youth & Golf Assoc. Of Tidewater of which our son was a part of. Without this association our son, as well as other children,, would not have had an opportunity to be introduced to playing golf. Therefore, we are grateful. Our deepest and sincerest condolences are to the Hatton Family. May God bless you and comfort you in your sorrow.*

*Sincerely,  
Wallace & Ruby Carter  
Parents of Wallace A. Carter*

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**Ruby Carter** - April 13, 2023 at 02:59 PM

BK

“ To the family of Sergeant Hatten: please accept the condolences of the Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry's veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. Alton was a dedicated and courageous warrior, and in a crucial time, became one of us, one of our own. He served honorably and faithfully with the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment in the Howitzer Battery of the 3rd Squadron in 66/6.7 Exhibiting daring and courageous acumen, he was in the fore front, as the regiment completed its mission throughout large areas of Vietnam. Alton's name will be published in our newsletter, Thunder Run, acknowledged solemnly during the Memorial Service at our annual reunion, and be enrolled on the scroll with our honored dead. As grateful Americans, we pause and salute a brave man, a recipient of the Purple Heart, Bronze Stars and The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; he proudly honored our regiment. He wore the uniform, was willing to sacrifice, and even put his life on the line for his country, his family and his fellow man. Chaplain Bill Karabinos (11th ACVVC).

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**Blandin Karabinos** - July 18, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Celebration



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - February 26, 2023 at 02:43 PM

AM

“ Ava Merritt lit a candle in memory of Alton Cortez Hatten, Sr.

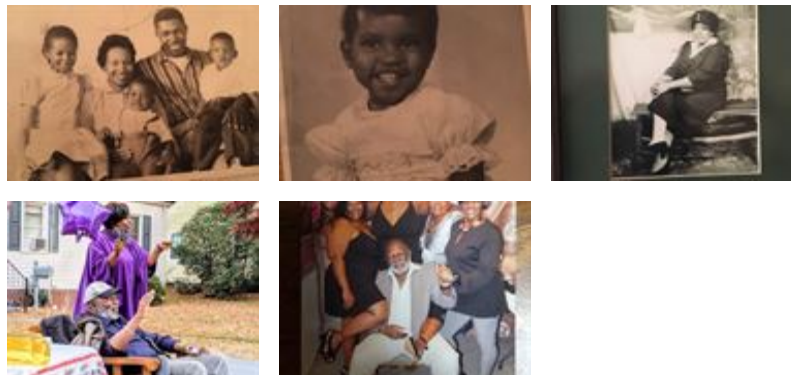


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**Ava Merritt** - February 26, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - February 26, 2023 at 10:13 AM

PW

“ Pernell Whitfield lit a candle in memory of Alton Cortez Hatten, Sr.



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**Pernell Whitfield** - February 25, 2023 at 07:35 PM

JC

“ *Mr AL was a very kind compassionate man..We really enjoyed his company on our short trips to the casino. Our sincere condolences to his family.*  
*David Sug White and Joann.*

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**Joann V Cooper** - February 25, 2023 at 09:05 AM

JC

“ *Joann Cooper lit a candle in memory of Alton Cortez Hatten, Sr.*



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**Joann V Cooper** - February 25, 2023 at 09:00 AM

RB

“ *Romeo & Thressa Bullock purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Alton Cortez Hatten, Sr..*



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**Romeo & Thressa Bullock** - February 22, 2023 at 03:00 PM

GB

“ *G.A. Brown. American Legion Post 199 Praying for the family. Will miss you my Comrade*

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**Geravis A Brown** - February 22, 2023 at 12:29 PM

MS

“ I will miss his smile, laughter it was contagious He always had nice things to say and encouragement, I will miss him so much. To the Hatten Family you were the most loving family, along with great friends. 🙏❤️❤️

Moscow Spencer - February 22, 2023 at 01:08 AM

BV

“ Barbara Cross-Jones. Hampton, VA purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alton Cortez Hatten, Sr..



Barbara Cross-Jones. Hampton, VA - February 20, 2023 at 03:00 PM

LC

“ praying for the family



Lydia Campbell - February 20, 2023 at 09:48 AM