

## Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr.

September 4, 1943 - June 9, 2020

Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen Jr. was called from labor to reward on Tuesday, June 9th at Maryview Medical Center after a long illness. Rev. Allen was born September 4, 1943 to the late Horace S. Allen Sr. & Ollie O. Allen in Portsmouth Virginia. He was affectionately known to his family as Bay-Bro short for baby brother. He was the 2nd of seven children. He received his formative education through the City of Portsmouth Public Schools and was a graduate of I.C. Norcom High school. Immediately after high school he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served in the Vietnam War. Upon his return he began dating and shortly after married his childhood crush, Helen Smith, and they were united in matrimony in September 1967. To their union three children were born, Lori, Monica and Rodney. He and his bride began worshipping together at Holy Light Church of Deliverance where they both accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Rev. Allen became an ordained minister shortly thereafter pastoring Mt. Sinai RZUA church followed by New Hope United Church of Christ. In 1988, Rev. Allen founded Strait Gate Evangelistic Baptist Church. He was later called to pastor Trinity United Church of Christ and St. John United Church of Christ in St. Louis Missouri until 2005. Rev. Allen returned to his home where he continued to pastor Strait Gate until his retirement due to his illness. During his ministry he received his Doctorate of Divinity/Theology from Virginia Union and Regent University. Rev. Allen was also gainfully employed with Norfolk Naval Shipyard as a Contracting Specialist and took an early retirement in 1993 to dedicate himself

full time to the ministry. Rev. Allen was dedicated to the work of the Lord and will be remembered by many as their Pastor, Counselor and friend. He leaves an awesome legacy of love, service and devotion and will be sorely missed.

Rev. Allen was predeceased by his parents, Horace S. Allen Sr and Ollie O. Allen, sister, Barbara A. Brantley and brother Bruce O. Allen. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of 52 years, Helen E. Allen of the home, two daughters, Lori L. Allen of Alexandria VA, Monica M. Ross(Paul) of Kearneysville, WV, one son, Rodney O. Allen Sr.(Monique) of Portsmouth, VA, two sisters, Shirley Stephenson of Stafford, VA, Bonnie Barnes(Phillip) of Suffolk VA, two brothers, Wayne Allen(Brenda) of Ellenwood GA, Grayland Allen(Tatiana) of Cumming Georgia, five grandchildren, Ayana Allen, Rodney O. Allen Jr, Cameron Ross, Kaylin Allen and Ameena Allen, godmother Fannie Olivia Haskins, his loyal and best friend Bishop Carlton R. Upton Sr., a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many other special friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr.*

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 16, 2020 at 03:50 PM

*Sincere condolences to the entire Allen family. May God continue to bless and comfort you.*

*Much love,  
Barbara Bourne and family—St. Louis, Mo*

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**Barbara Bourne** - June 16, 2020 at 06:05 PM



*My heart is heavy with sorrow in the passing of cousin Horace. He was a loving, caring, intelligent, and generous soul. He will be missed deeply. My sincere condolences go out to the immediate and extended family and friends. May he Rest in Peace. He will suffer no more.*

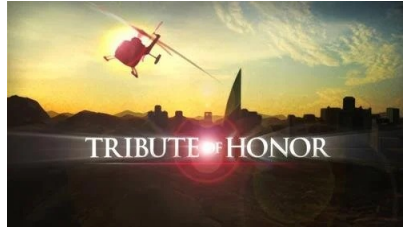
*- Donnell Harris*

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**Don Harris** - June 17, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 16, 2020 at 03:00 PM

B(

*I am so sorry for the loss of your father, ,praying for you and the family .love you cuz .*

BarbaraAutery. (Ann) - June 16, 2020 at 09:22 PM



*Beautiful tribute to Rev Allen. Gone but not forgotten. My love and condolences to the family.*

Brenda Walston - June 17, 2020 at 09:11 AM

VA

*We are truly saddened by the death of our Brother in Christ and longtime family friend. We pray that the God of all comfort will give you peace during this difficult time of grief.  
Valeria, Davida, Vidal, Onieka and Family.*

Valeria - June 17, 2020 at 11:57 AM

LS

*My sincere condolence to Grayland and the entire Allen family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Linda Sumner - June 17, 2020 at 03:00 PM

GB

“ Wayne and Brenda, I send my condolences to you and the entire Allen family. I pray God will comfort you comfort and give you peace during your time of grief. May God continue to bless you. Love you, Gayl

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**Gayl Hobbs(Willie & Barbara)** - June 18, 2020 at 11:01 PM

PC

“ Rest In Peace To This Great Man Of God Rev. Dr. Horace Allen This Man Loved The Lord I Had A Pleasure Of Meeting Him In 2010 What An Honor It Was I Also Had The Opportunity To Play For The Choir At Straitgate Baptist Church Also Use To Come And Play At Mid Week Wednesday Worship Rest Well Sir Prayers Sent For The Allen Family.

*Effective Change Ministry  
Prophet-Randall M. Cuffee  
Prophetess- Tania M.Cuffee*

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**Prophet- Randall M. Cuffee** - June 17, 2020 at 05:54 PM

VK

“ Rev. Allen, was the minister at New Hope UCC at the time. Rev. Allen, was very engaged with the youth of the church and they felt comfortable talking with him. Thanks for caring enough to take care of us as a leader no matter what age. To the family my prayers and condolences for your lost.

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**Vyone Key** - June 17, 2020 at 10:12 AM

MA

“ Helen and family I am so sorry for your loss. I will continue to pray for comfort for you and the family. Love you, Sis. Marian Ash

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**Marian Ash** - June 17, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr..*



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June 17, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ *Dear Helen and Family*

*Our dear friends our hearts are with you. May God as only He can continue to sustain you during this difficult time.*

*Love Marlene and Denise Vaughn*

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**Yasmin d Vaughn** - June 17, 2020 at 06:31 AM



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*Love Marlene and Denise Vaughn*

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**Yasmin d Vaughn** - June 16, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr..*



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June 16, 2020 at 06:50 PM

ES

“ My prayers and condolences to the Allen family in this time of sorrow, may God strengthen, comfort, and keep you as only he can.

*Earl and Michele Simpson.*

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**Earl and Michele Simpson** - June 16, 2020 at 06:16 PM

HM

“ Mrs. Helen, you and your family are in our prayers during this time. Our prayer is that strength, peace, and comfort would attend you during this time of transition. I am grateful to have met Dr. Allen and you through the connection and bond shared by my family. Though it was rare that we had a chance to talk, I will forever cherish the ministry tips and lessons he was able to share with me. Rest well Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr, see you in that morning.

*Hugo Morrison on behalf of the Walker Family*

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**Hugo Morrison** - June 16, 2020 at 04:11 PM

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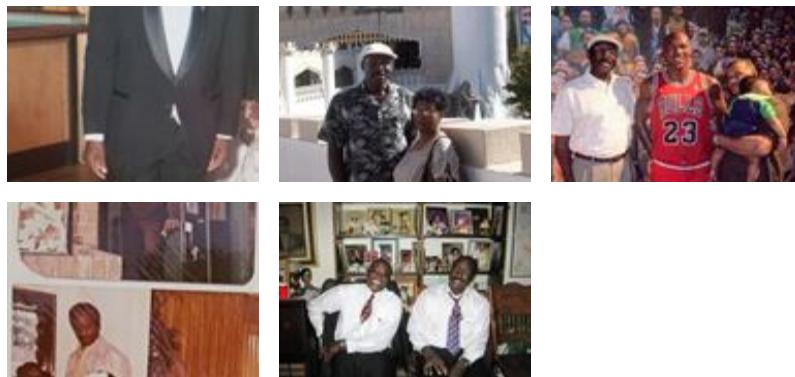
LP

“ Hello cousin Helen, I just want to send my condolences to you and family. I know that you're a woman of God. I pray that God will give you the peace you need . I love you and hope to talk to you soon. Love from the Patillo and uncle Charlie family.

Linda Patillo - June 16, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 16, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr..



June 16, 2020 at 09:58 AM

LP

“ To the entire Allen Family,

*Rev. Allen is the first Pastor I knew after moving to Virginia. I have so many memories of him and the song he always sung when opening the doors of the church.. "Where He leads me; I will follow." This was a man that loved his wife and his children and man after God's own heart. I have nothing, but the upmost respect for him and his family. The Allen Family will always be in my heart and in my prayers. I pray that Rev. Allen memories will put a smile on your faces during the difficult times and the peace and comfort from God will pull you through. My deepest condolences to the Allen Family.*

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**LaQueta Powell** - June 15, 2020 at 01:04 PM

LP

“ La Queta Powell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr.



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**La Queta Powell** - June 15, 2020 at 12:52 PM

NW

“ Nathaniel & Marcia Watson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr.



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**Nathaniel & Marcia Watson** - June 15, 2020 at 08:51 AM

LA

“ To Mrs. Allen and Family, Monica and I were classmates and walking buddies during high school. My deepest condolences, may your dad's soul rest in Abraham's bosom until we all are called upon in God's time. Peace in Christ 🙏  
From Larena Rascoe Anderson

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**Larena Anderson** - June 14, 2020 at 10:41 PM

RL

“ My wife, Rev. dee and I offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Bro. Rev. Allen, Jr. Rev. Allen was a pastor who served the people of God faithfully and lived true to his calling. Rest in peace man of God for a job well done.

*Rev. Dr. James Edwards, III  
Retired Pastor of New Rose of Sharon /Author*

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**Rev. Dr. James Edwards, III** - June 14, 2020 at 09:29 PM

BW

“ Dr Horace Allen will be greatly missed. My prayers and condolences to the family of this wonderful Man of God! Be encouraged family. Love you. Brenda Richardson Walston 🙏

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**Brenda Walston** - June 14, 2020 at 04:52 PM

BB

“ My brother was an intelligent humble man I loved and admired very much. He too gave me a first when returning from Vietnam, my first and only Barbie Doll. I still have her but I lost her wigs and had to replace one arm. Came to find out in the last few years he was also quite the comedian 😊. He never judged and always gave very rationale advice when asked. I will miss my big brother. In his last days he referred to me as his little sister. He talked about how he had to take me to the babysitter in the hot sun so many blocks away from home 😊. Rest my brother your legacy will live on 🙏❤❤



Bonnie Barnes - June 14, 2020 at 12:55 PM

KY

“ Mrs. Allen and family, there are no words to express the statue and impact Rev. Allen has on my family’s life. Your family remains in my heart and prayers.



Karen Yancey - June 12, 2020 at 06:31 PM

KJ

“ Rev. Allen and Sis Allen mean so much to the Johnson family. Dr. Allen was a wonderful Pastor, role model, mentor, and friend. One of the best teachers of the Word of God on this side of heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, but we are confident that this great man of God has gone from labour to reward. We the Hosanna Christian Fellowship Family are here for you and we appreciate the life and ministry of Pastor Allen.

Kelvin Johnson - June 12, 2020 at 03:46 PM

RH

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY !YOU AND IN OUR PRAYERS. MAY GOD BLESS & TAKE CARE OF YOU! 🙏🙏

Rachel Hawkins - June 16, 2020 at 07:42 AM

 Bridget Poteat

“ They were introduced to me as Uncle Horace and Aunt Helen. And from that day on, they have been just that Uncle and Aunt to me "Family." Uncle Horace always made me feel at home when we visited. He had such a sweet spirit and a heart of gold. Uncle Horace will truly be missed. Aunt Helen and family, you have my heartfelt sympathy and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Much love to you Aunt Helen.



Bridget Poteat - June 12, 2020 at 03:43 PM

TL

“ Gm this is hard for me Rev.Allen was a very wonderful Pastor he married me and my first marriage and he baptized my children he ordained my dad as a Deacon years ago he did my mom's funeral and I thank him he will always be remembered and Sis Allen and Lori,Monica, &Rodney you all will always be in my prayers love Tabitha L.Jones

Tabitha L.Jones - June 12, 2020 at 09:33 AM

RC

“ Prayers and Condolences to the Family I remember the Church's fellowships each year with my husband the Late Pastor Gregory Thomas and First Baptist Elm Ave Portsmouth VA Pastor Allen was a Great man of God and will be missed Many Blessings to the Family God Knows God Sees God Cares about you All 🙏🙏🙏❤️  
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Renita Cherry-Thomas - June 12, 2020 at 08:09 AM

RC

“ *Renita Cherry-Thomas lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Horace S. Allen, Jr.*



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**Renita Cherry-Thomas** - June 12, 2020 at 08:03 AM

MG

“ *Rest in peace Baybro, a job well done! My prayers are with you and the entire family.*

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**Michelle Green** - June 11, 2020 at 10:35 PM

CG

“ *Helen and Family, My heartfelt sympathy is with you as you go through this difficult time. Rev. Dr. Allen was a great man who loved the Lord, who times witnessed to me about the Lord and his goodness. I live in the Chicago area, I had the pleasure of having him and fort lady Allen over for a visit when they had some church affair to attend. We will miss Rev. Allen, I am praying for the family that our Lord will give you all comfort and strength. In Jesus name 🙏🙏🙏*



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**Carolyn & Neal Glover** - June 11, 2020 at 11:01 AM