



Cecil B. Allen

July 17, 1942 - August 12, 2022

Cecil Bernard Allen was born in Winter Park, Florida, to parents, John C. and Wilhelmina Hernandez-Allen. He and his nine siblings were raised in the quiet, tree-lined street community of the Westside of Winter Park. He grew up in a Christian home that was full of love, laughter and respect for one another. During his childhood, the family attended Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church. Cecil's early education years were at Hannibal Elementary in Winter Park and the historic Hungerford High School, in Eatonville, Florida. He also attended Jones Business College in Orlando, Florida.

After completing high school, Cecil proudly enlisted in the United States Army. He was stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia and Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. He was trained as a radio teletype and crypto operator. On December 22, 1963, he married the love of his life, Rita Hayward. Their union was blessed with two wonderful children. They united with the Church of God by Faith, in Winter Park.

Upon leaving the military, he was employed by James Fownes (a Winter Park millionaire). His interests turned toward the Construction Industry. His grandmother, Viola Lemon Hernandez-Hazel, played a major role in Cecil being the business man that he was. He gained a wide wealth of knowledge from her. Cecil started out in the Swimming Pool Industry and soon moved on to Commercial and Residential Construction. He worked as a laborer and

quickly moved up the ranks to become a General Contractor. His first company, Allen Masonry was established in 1971. In 1984, he started Cecil Allen Construction, Inc. He built custom homes, single and multi-family homes, churches, commercial facilities and Eatonville's first shopping center throughout his career. His motto was, "Quality in Building."

Cecil always felt the need to do more. His love of community and the betterment of his fellowman couldn't be more evident. He was actively involved in the Robert E. Hungerford Chapel Trust, from 1984 until his demise. During his 37 years of dedicated service, he held positions such as Chairman and Treasurer. Among his many accolades, he was one of the founding members of the notable "100 Black Men" Orlando Chapter, from 1991 until his demise. Cecil Bernard Allen, had the distinguished honor of being a member of the prestigious "100 Black Men" of America as well. "To whom much is given, much will be required." Luke 12:48

After retirement, Cecil enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was also an outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting gardening and watching his favorite football teams on the gridiron. Although Cecil had many passions, he had no greater love than for the Lord and his family. He was an active and faithful member of the Love Center New Beginning COGBF, in Sanford, Florida, under the leadership of Elder J. Irving, where he served as Deacon. He was also a member of the National Finance Board for the Churches of God By Faith, Inc. The wellbeing of his family was of utmost importance. He was truly devoted and found great joy and pleasure in spending cherished time with them.

On Friday, August 12, 2022, God in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Cecil Bernard Allen, from his earthly labor to reward. His passing is a very deep and personal loss to his family, friends, acquaintances and the Central Florida Community at large.

Cecil was preceded in death by his Wife, Rita H. Allen; Daughter, Cecilia Allen; and a Son, David Morris; Mother, Wilhelmina Hernandez-Allen; Father, John Curtis Allen, Sr.; Grandmother, Viola Lemon Hernandez-Hazel; and Brothers: Curtis E. Allen, Sydney A. Allen, John C. Allen, Jr, and William F. Allen.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: Son, Reginald Allen, Sr., Daughters: Bridgett Howard and Denise Kenon (Alonzo, Jr.); Grandchildren: Brittany Allen, Stephanie Allen, Reginald Allen, Jr., Ashley Allen, Donovan Gant, Tevin Gant, Tarelsha Barnes, Parris Coleman, Dwight Coleman, Alondra Miller (Dai'Quarrius), and Alexia Kenon; Four Great Grand-children; Siblings: Bennie G. Allen, Donna E. Allen, Edwin L. Allen (Cora), and Carlton A. Allen (Izetta); Two Uncles: Jimmie Howard and Lonnie Walker; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, twenty Godchildren, extended family, and friends.

To view the service via Facebook Livestream use the link below:

<https://m.facebook.com/ZandersFuneralLIVE/>

Cemetery Details

Eatonville Community Cemetery Association

600 South Wymore Road
Maitland , FL 32751

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Redeeming Light Center Church
109 West Washington Avenue
Eatonville, FL 32751

Service

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Tribute Wall



“ *Cecil B. Allen*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Mr Cecil Allen was a
Winter Park Fla Neighbor
Of mine growing up there
Together, At that time in our
Young lives I can still recall
All the caring and love he gave to his neighbors then,
Which had followed him all
His natural life up till his passing, which had Benefited us all
Who has known him .May
The Almighty Lord Jesus take
Him with open arms in his
Mighty kingdom for all of
Eternity hence forth To rest
In Peace.*

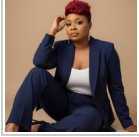
Joseph Moore jr - September 20, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Cecil Allen.*



Cynthia D Jackson - August 20, 2022 at 06:15 AM



“ *Angela Adkins Outlaw lit a candle in memory of Cecil B. Allen*



Angela Adkins Outlaw - August 19, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Praying for the Allen family*



Vernon Woolridge - August 18, 2022 at 07:59 AM



“ *Ocala District Churches of God by Faith, Inc, sends our condolences and prayers to the families and friends of Deacon Cecil B. Allen.
Sincerely,
Ruling Elder & District Superintendent, Dr. James T. Ware*

LETICA HARDY - August 17, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Temple Church of God by Faith Family extends our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Deacon Cecil B. Allen.
Sincerely,
Ruling Elder & Senior Pastor Dr. James T. Ware*

LETICA HARDY - August 17, 2022 at 01:20 PM

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“ *New Divine Church of God by Faith Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cecil B. Allen.*



New Divine Church of God by Faith Family - August 17, 2022
at 01:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil B. Allen.*



August 17, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God give You's strength during your time of bereavement.*
Joe and Ann Hill



Annie Hill - August 17, 2022 at 09:05 AM

EC

“ *Eziepher Coleman lit a candle in memory of Cecil B. Allen*



Eziepher Coleman - August 16, 2022 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Rhonda Zeigler lit a candle in memory of Cecil B. Allen*



Rhonda Zeigler - August 16, 2022 at 12:10 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family! My brother, friend, classmate, and prayer partner will truly be missed. Rest In Peace my brother!*



Cynthia Ball Robinson

Cynthia Ball Robinson - August 16, 2022 at 01:04 AM