



Mrs. Rita H. Allen

February 18, 1946 - January 13, 2018

Rita H. Allen was born on February 18, 1946 to Evelyn Hayward Manning and is granddaughter of Gussie Hayward Manning of Winter Park, Florida. Her early education was obtained in Deland, Florida and Robert Hungerford High School in Eatonville, Florida Class of 1964 and graduated from Seminole High School. She received a diploma of Practical Theology from International Seminary in 1991. Between 2002-2008 she received her Master of Pastoral Counseling and Doctorate Degree of Christian Psychology from Faith Bible College.

She Married her husband, Cecil Allen December 22, 1963 to this union a daughter, Cecilia Allen was born May 11, 1965 and a son Reginald Allen was born March 4, 1966. She owned and was the Director of Little Saints Daycare in Eatonville, Florida. She also worked for the State of Florida as a Social Worker. Rita was Part Owner, VP and Financial Secretary for Allen Construction Company. She retired at age 62 and traveled and enjoyed life with her husband, her son, grandchildren, great-grand's and family.

In her time served, she started the A.G.A.P.E. (African-American Girls Actively Pursuing Excellence) Young Girls Group and was active until her health began to fail. She was a member of the Ideal Woman's Club in Winter Park, Florida, where she initiated and chaired the "I Know Something Good About You" Annual Fundraiser. In her early childhood she attended Mt. Moriah Baptist

Church and after marriage she joined the Church of God By Faith in Winter Park, Florida and was currently a faithful member of Church of God By Faith in Sanford, Florida.

On Saturday, January 13, 2018, the Lord deemed it timely to call our beloved Rita to her eternal resting place; her departure is a deep and personal loss to her family, friends and all the lives she touched over the years. She will be greatly missed and her legacy will live in all of us.

Rita was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Hayward Manning , her daughter, Cecilia Allen and one stepson, David Morris, her grandmother, Gussie Manning, Mother-in-law, Wilhelmena Allen and Grandmother-in-law, Viola Hazel, Brothers-in-law: John Curtis Allen, Jr, Sydney Alfred Allen, Curtis Eugene Allen and William Frazier Allen.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories to her, Husband, Cecil B. Allen; Son, Reginald Allen, Step Daughters: Denise Kenon and Bridgett Howard; Grandchildren: Brittany Allen, Stephanie Allen Grant, Reggie Allen, Jr. and Ashley Allen (Alahni). Three Greatgrands; Sisters-in-law: Donna Allen, Emilie Allen and Rose Allen; Brothers-in-law Bennie G. Allen, Edwin L. Allen (Cora), Carlton A. Allen (Izetta); Aunts: Earline M. Blue and Ernestine M. Ingram; Uncles: Ernest Manning (Ramona), Winston Grey, Lonnie Walker (Amanda), Jellont Walker, Henry Walker and Jimmy L. Howard; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, twenty godchildren, extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Eatonville Memorial Gardens

600 South Wymore Road
Eatonville/Maitland, FL 32751

Previous Events

Visitation

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

United Church of God By Faith
800 Symonds Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Service

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rita H. Allen*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *SweetJ lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita H. Allen*



SweetJ - January 19, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *The Beacham family is greatly saddened by the passing of Mrs. Allen. She has been a friend for many years and was a source of joy and love to our lives. Our prayers are with Deacon Allen and the entire family. Bishop David & Pastor Elaine Beacham*

Elaine Beacham - January 19, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ *Gloria Dennis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Rita H. Allen.*



Gloria Dennis - January 18, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita H. Allen.*



January 18, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ *The Lemon Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Rita H. Allen.*



The Lemon Family - January 18, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ *JESUS said Let not your Heart be Troubled, Believe in God and also in me. Please know you are in Our Thoughts and prayers. J.C. and Family*



Vernita and Carlos - January 18, 2018 at 06:56 AM



Cecil, the Allen & Manning Family,

Our Sincere Prayers & Love Go Out to You! It's difficult at such a time to know what words to say, But understanding thoughts and prayers are there with you all today and always. May the Love you shared keep you, she was a beautiful and caring lady.

Hungerford Class of 1962

Mary R. Daniels '62 - January 18, 2018 at 10:16 AM

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This beautiful woman has been a part of my life for almost 40 years. Back to the days of the Sunlights at church to the Little Saints child care where she became second mom to all my children. This family will always have a special place in my heart. Rest in Peace now Rita. Cecil and Reggie, I pray that you both will feel the comforting arms of God wrapped around you during this season. God is the source of our strength

Love and Prayers always, Evelyn McKnight

evelyn Williams - January 19, 2018 at 12:30 PM