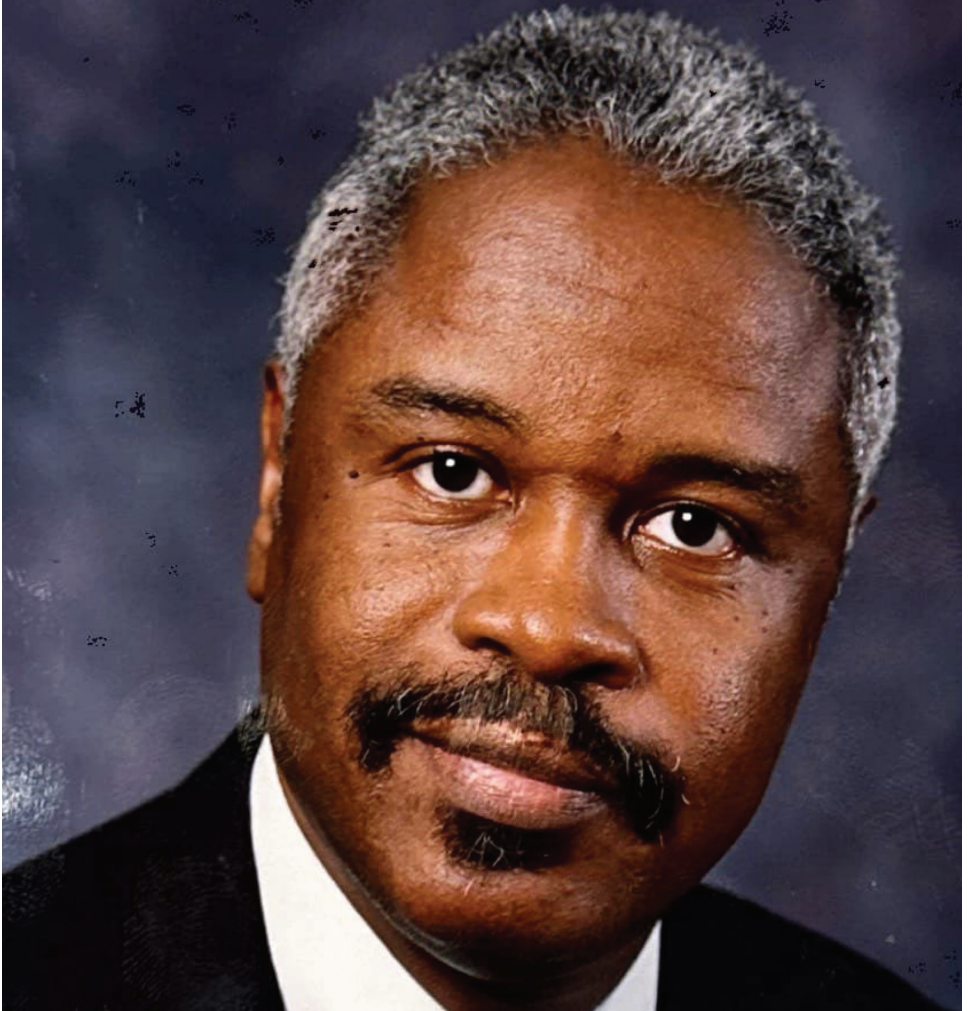


Celebrating the Life of
William Allen, JD

September 2, 1947 - January 5, 2024



Community Praise Church

1400 Russell Rd., Alexandria, VA 22301

Pastor Melvin Warfield, Officiating



Celebration of Life

Musical Prelude	Canon in D
Processional	Clergy and Family
Scripture Readings	Victor Wallen Psalm 19:1-14 – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Prayer of Comfort	John Nixon Sr.
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Melvin Warfield Senior Pastor, Community Praise Church
Congregational Hymn	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #100
Poetic Tributes	Grandsons
Reflections	Yvonne Shelton, Kevin Allen, Gilda Allen
Musical Selection	Marlon Reid "Agnus Dei"
Obituary	Elaine Oliver
Video Tribute	
Reflections	Maceon Grayson, Elton Lester, Alan Kirschner
Musical Selection	John and April Nixon "With Hope"
Eulogy	Timothy Nixon Senior Pastor, Ephesus SDA Church
Musical Selection	(Joe Herrera) "It Is Well"
Benediction	Melvin Warfield
Recessional	"Till We Meet Again"

Life Sketch

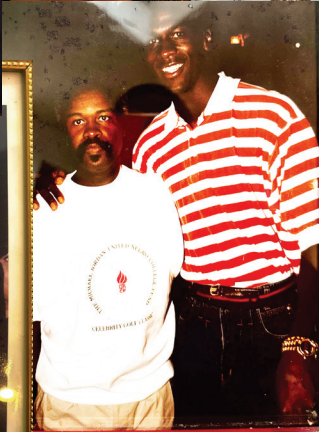
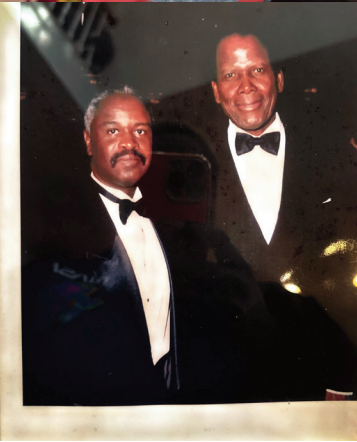
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William Anthony Allen was born on September 2, 1947, in Durham, North Carolina, to the late William Anthony Allen and Mary Elizabeth (Bell) Allen. He was the fifth of seven children. Three of his siblings preceded him in death: Robert and Ruth who both died in childhood, and Brenda (Barber) the youngest of the Allen siblings, who died in 2022. In 1948, the Allen family migrated to Brooklyn, New York, where William spent his formative years. He attended P.S. 121 for grades one to six, where he was in a program for intellectually gifted children; Manhattan Elementary School for grades seven and eight; and Northeastern Academy, where he sang with the choir and from which he graduated in 1965. In 1969, he received a baccalaureate degree in history with a minor in English from Atlantic Union College (AUC), in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. He was a member of the AUC intercollegiate College Bowl team.

While at AUC he met the love of his life, Andralyn Watson, and they became engaged. William was a student at Boston University School of Law when he and Andralyn were married on August 8, 1971. He graduated from Boston University with a Juris Doctor degree in 1972. William and Andralyn were blessed with three children: daughter Camille and twins Kevin and Corey.

William's first em-



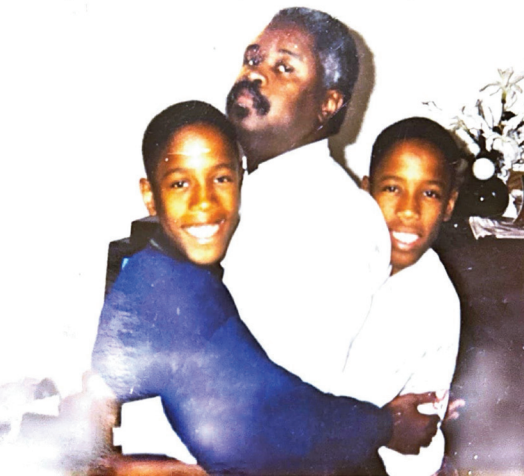
ployment upon gradu-

ating from law school was as an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, New York, which was followed by a position at a law firm in Manhattan. He then initiated an association with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), which was to be his professional home for almost two decades. He began as Fundraiser and Legal Counsel at the UNCF office in Newark, New Jersey. He then moved to the main office in New York City where he served as Executive Vice President and Legal Counsel. He moved with his family from New York to Warrenton, Virginia when the UNCF relocated to Fairfax, Virginia.

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During his tenure at UNCF, William supplied the creative impetus and driving force for many of the national initiatives that raised hundreds of millions of dollars for the scholarships and financial resources that the UNCF provides for historically black colleges and universities in the United States. His notable achievements in this area included such annual events as the Lou Rawls Parade of Stars, which made the UNCF the first African American charity to reach a national television audience; Magic Johnson's Midsummer Magic all-star basketball game; and the golf tournament supported by Michael Jordan. William was instrumental in providing UNCF scholarships to many students at Oakwood University over the years. He led in the successful effort to admit the UNCF to the Combined Federal Campaign and the United Way, making the UNCF the first educational charity to participate in both of these payroll deduction campaigns. He also negotiated the UNCF's admission to numerous state, local, and corporate payroll campaigns. After leaving the UNCF, he continued to serve this organization as a consultant. He also was a member of several corporate boards. William retired in 2009 from the Joint Center for Political Studies and Economic Research, a Washington, D.C., think tank that provides technical assistance to Black elected officials in creating effective policy, as well focusing on job creation and workforce development.

Early in life, William attended the Mount of Olives Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church in Brooklyn, New York. In his youth he participated in the annual Bible Bowl competitions sponsored by the Northeastern Conference of SDAs. As an adult, he served as a Sabbath School teacher at the Community Praise SDA Church in Alexandria, Virginia. He often spoke at schools, churches, and universities, for graduation ceremonies and education days. He also served on church school and church-related university boards. William supported a number of charities, including Kids in Need of Desks (K.I.N.D), in Malawi, Africa; Saving Orphans Through Healthcare and Outreach (SOHO), in eSwatini, Africa; Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), an international organization that supports community development and provides disaster relief; and Heifer



International, a project that alleviates poverty through the provision of livestock and

training for people in developing countries.

Known for his outgoing personality, William frequently engaged friends and acquaintances in witty conversation and debate. He enjoyed traveling with his family and celebrating holidays with family and friends. Over the years, his travels took him to London, England; Paris, France; and Belfast, Ireland; as well as to Scotland, Senegal, Puerto Rico, and many Caribbean islands, such as St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. Maarten. He sailed on his final voyage to the island of Bermuda in July of 2023. Even though he loved to travel, he cherished the time with his family the most.

William Allen departed this life on Friday, January 5, 2024. He is survived by Andralyn, his loving wife of 53 years; children Camille Richards (Winston) and Kevin and Corey Allen; grandchildren Justin, Koi, and Kai Richards; siblings Theresa Allen, Jean Wallen (Victor), and Gregory Allen (Carol) and a host of relatives and friends.

He will be truly missed.

Lyrics for Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness
Oh God my father
There is no shadow of turning with
Thee Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever will be
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

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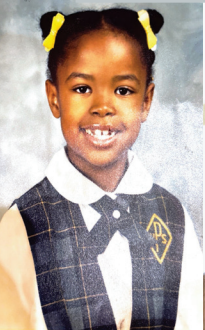
Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside
Great is Thy faithfulness
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Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me
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Dear Daddy

Thank you for a wonderful life. You prayed for me, taught me, protected me, provided for me, supported me, laughed with me, stayed strong for me, and loved me. I tried to do everything to reflect the love that I was given. Our relationship was one that could never be broken. Our bond will last forever. I can't wait to sit at that welcome table with you, mommy, our family, and friends. We're going to feast on milk and honey one of these days. Sleep well, Daddy.

*Love you,
Camille*



Acknowledgments

"We the family of William A. Allen would like to thank all of you who have reached out to us in our time of sadness. Your kindness and generosity has not gone unnoticed. We also would like to thank Moser funeral home for their professionalism and care."

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*Anthony Wallen
Winston Richards
Kevin Allen
Corey Allen
John Wallen
Justin Richards*

"in lieu of flowers, please donate to the UNCF at uncf.org."



