

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

ALVESTER

WINDELL WOOLFOLK, SR.

JUNE 16, 1960 - JUNE 21, 2025

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

9:30 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES®
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BISHOP JOHN A. CHERRY, II - PASTOR

OBITUARY

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" II Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

Alvester Windell Woolfolk, Sr., affectionately known as "Windy" to his family and "Al" to his loving wife and close friends, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 21, 2025, at his home surrounded by those he loved most.

As the cherished firstborn child and only son of the late Alvester Woolfolk and Hallie Woolfolk, Alvester's life was one defined by quiet strength, unwavering love, and heartfelt service to others. He was a man of great character and humility. Alvester grew up in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Anacostia High School in Southeast, D.C., as well as DeVry Institute of Technology in Chamblee, Georgia.

Alvester's time in Georgia proved to be life-changing, as it was there that he met the love of his life, his Georgia Peach, Tanja, whom he affectionately called, "Granny." They would go on to share 40 beautiful years of marriage, raising and home educating five beloved children: Alvester Jr., Ariel, Joshua, Nicholas, and Joseph. Alvester was a devoted husband who treated Tanja like a queen, cherishing her with undying love, respect, and care. As *Proverbs 18:22* reminds us that, "*He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord.*" (NKJV) He was a provider and protector, building a life rooted in faith, family, and hard work. He shared a deep and loving bond with each of his children, leaving an indelible mark on their lives. They carry many of his qualities, including his entrepreneurial spirit, determination, strong work ethic, and discipline.

Alvester was a loving and present father and grandfather who delighted in the time spent with his children and grandchildren. Whether taking family vacations, fishing with his kids, attending car shows, or simply enjoying quiet days at home, he found joy in the everyday moments spent with those he loved most.

He was a brother, a son, and a friend whose loyalty and love knew no bounds. He found great joy in the simple pleasures of life: spending time with his mom watching soap operas, having lunch, and joking around with her; and laughing with his sisters, Kimberly and Crystal, who often playfully debated who was his favorite. The way he loved his family was a reflection of God's own love. As written in *I Corinthians 13:7-8*: "*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...*" (NKJV)

He had a lifelong passion for cars, whether he was building them, racing them, or restoring them. From his first Nova to the legendary '57 Bel Air he purchased in the late 80s, his dream project car, he worked on each with care and pride. That Bel Air became known as his "forever project" because, for some reason, he could never quite finish it. Later, he purchased another '57 Bel Air, this one a convertible, which he proudly cruised in on weekends, top down, chauffeuring his family in style.

Alvester was a true car enthusiast, proudly rebuilding and racing a 1970 Chevy Nova at the local racetracks and racetracks in Virginia and later adding a 1967 Nova to his collection. He loved attending races; and as a teen, he enjoyed street racing in D.C. His love for the craft and the memories created along the way are a lasting part of his legacy, especially through his sons who continue to walk in his footsteps.

Alvester's faith was the foundation of his life. He began his Christian journey, by being baptized at Second Baptist Church in Ruther Glen, Virginia, at an early age. On June 22, 2003, he joined From the Heart Church Ministries (FTHCM) in Suitland, Maryland, where he became a devoted member. He found joy in participating in the Men's Fellowship and serving in both the Homeschool and Physical Stewardship Ministries.

Professionally, Alvester was dedicated and well-respected, retiring after 32 years of service with the Department of State, a role that allowed him to travel the world for decades. He was deeply valued by his colleagues who frequently sought his expertise and guidance, even reaching out to him on his days off for advice. Following his retirement, he continued to work as a contractor for an additional 8 years until his passing. In addition to his government career, Alvester took over the family business, WT Septic & Excavation, after the loss of his father and eventually started his own company, B&W Trucking, with his close childhood friend. He cherished the friendships and camaraderie he built throughout his years in both the trucking and government industries.

Though a man of few words, those who knew him cherished his quiet wit, kind heart, and the wisdom he often wrapped in humor. He was known for saying, "There's always a deal," his go-to phrase when advising against impulsive purchases. He would playfully tell his children, nieces, and nephews, "go ahead and buy what you want—don't worry about saving your money," even though they all knew he was the most financially responsible one in the room. His gentle humor and grounded presence left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered.

He leaves behind a legacy of love through his devoted wife, Tanja Woolfolk, and their five beloved children: Alvester Woolfolk, Jr. (Deanna), Ariel Woolfolk, Joshua Woolfolk, Sr. (Selyna), Nicholas Woolfolk, and Joseph Woolfolk; his cherished grandchildren: Joshua Jr., Ezekiel, Shiloh, and Nova; his loving mother, Hallie Woolfolk; beloved sisters, Kimberly Robinson (Winston) and Crystal McDonald (Clayton); brothers-in-law, Juan Johnson (Pamela), and Jacques Johnson; sister-in-law, Chiquita Horton (James); six aunts; five uncles; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, and treasured friends.

Alvester lived a life of grace, integrity, and deep love for family. His presence was a gift. Though he has physically left this earth, his legacy will live on in the hearts of his wife, mother and sisters, the laughter of his children and grandchildren, and the quiet strength of a family bound tightly by love. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8
New Testament: John 3:16-17

Prayer of Comfort

Selection..... Mr. Nathaniel Brown and Mr. Donald Summons

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Reverend Rudolph Waddy, Cousin
Mr. Andrew Shuster, Colleague and Friend
Minister John B. Coffie, Jr., Friend
Mr. Joshua Woolfolk, Sr., Son

Obituary (*Read Aloud*) Mrs. Theresa Parham

Song of Preparation Ms. Nia Thomas and Mr. Elvin J. Thomas

Message of Hope Minister Vance Page

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment

Second Baptist Church
26725 Ruther Glen Road, Ruther Glen, Virginia 22546
Date: July 18, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
Bishop Arthur N. Werts

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

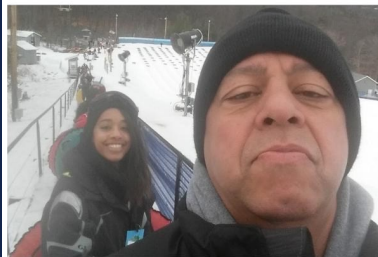
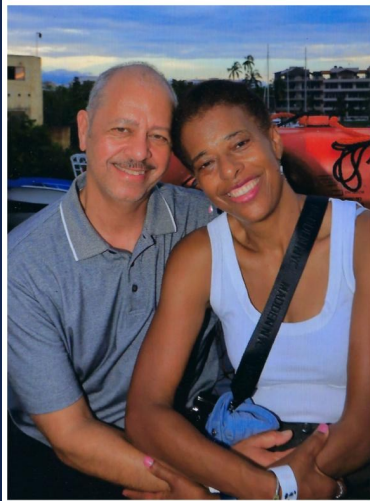
*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long,
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

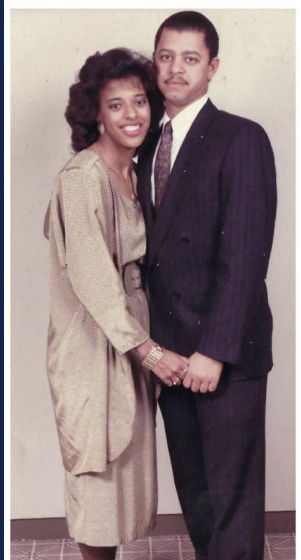
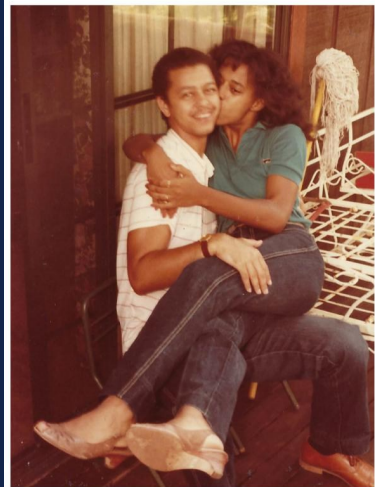
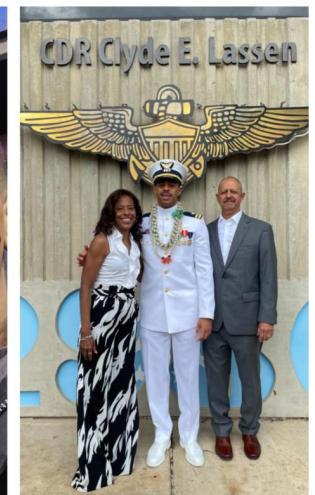
Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

Chorus





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With grateful hearts, we thank Bishop John A. and Reverend LaWanda M. Cherry, II, and the From the Heart Church Ministries (FTHCM) family for your prayers and supportive presence during our time of loss. Your love and encouragement have meant more to us than words can express, and we are truly grateful.

We deeply appreciate the dedicated medical staff who cared for Al, especially the compassionate team at Johns Hopkins. Your skill, kindness, and support brought comfort and hope, and we are truly grateful for the dignity and care you showed him.

We also would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our friends and family for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, and comforting presence have brought us strength and peace, and we are deeply thankful for each and every one of you.

PALLBEARERS

*Alvester Woolfolk, Jr., Son
Stacy Anthony, Cousin
Robert Duffy Jr., Cousin
Jamie Horton, Nephew
Stacey Howard, Cousin
Stewart Johnson, Nephew*

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

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