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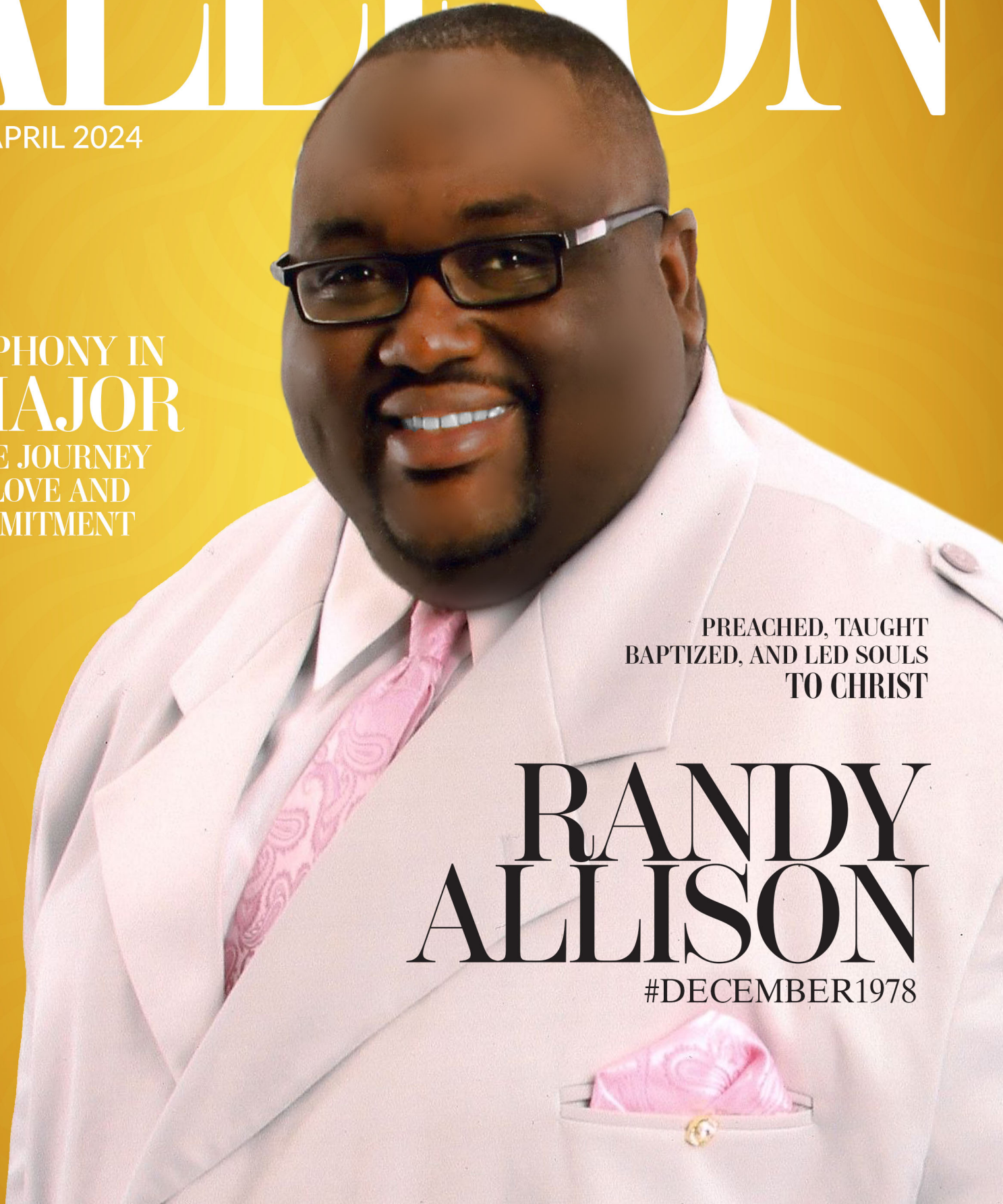
SYMPHONY IN C MAJOR

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TO CHRIST

RANDY ALLISON

#DECEMBER1978



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CELEBRATING RANDY FANELL ALLISON'S SYMPHONY IN C MAJOR: A LIFE JOURNEY OF LOVE AND COMMITMENT

A preacher, a teacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a lover and creator of music. Randy lived, loved, breathed, and ate the Word of God; as well as MUSIC!! His life was a symphony: defined as a large-scale orchestral work made up of 4 movements and defined by contrasting moods and tempos; each having its own distinct character.

First Movement of Randy's Symphony: "In The Beginning"

December 21, 1978, a baby boy made his appearance in South Central Los Angeles to parents Randy Sr., Carol, and the Allison family. He was nicknamed "Little Randy", not because of his size, but for the convenience for Mama Carol who had two Randy's now to keep up with...Randy Sr. and Randy Jr! Mama Carol ran a tight ship, and those who sailed on her ship had to sail right or get off!! Her discipline made Randy Jr. one of the most respectful and respectable young men in the community. Soon after, the stork brought Porsche and the family of four Allisons started to make their own history. Randy Jr. spent his childhood doing what he loved...making Porsche cry on the way to school and church! He also longed to get close enough to the late great Jimmy Smith, just to wipe the sweat off of his face while playing the organ! He attended Sunday School every Sunday and his teachers, Sis. Moore and Mother Monroe really enjoyed him in class! He sang in the world-famous Pastor's Choir and Boys for Christ under the direction of Mother Andrews, Avis Powell and Cheryl Johnson. For many years his signature songs were "Im Yours Lord" and "I'll Be a Witness for the Lord". He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was baptized by the late great Pastor H.P. Rachal. Randy Jr. loved preaching as a child; it was his favorite thing to do. His love for music was kindled by the first keyboard that he received as a gift from Bro "Uncle" Albert Greene and he played and banged on it late at night and early in the morning, to the dismay of his parents. He and Jay McCool sneaked on the piano at church as much as possible, until they were run off by Mother Biggs and Mother Gentry! Randy Jr. was the musician for Sunday School and he played one chord and one key, but he got better...he started receiving lessons from Mama Andrews, then Sis. Metcalfe. He played the piano anytime he got a

chance! Grandmother Ruthie Allison gave him his first piano and he played it morning, noon and night! Randy Jr loved music, but he loved preaching more! He loved to imitate Pastor Rachal and would preach to animals, cars, kids, and anyone who would listen.

Second Movement of Randy's Symphony: "School Days, and the Call to Preach"

Mama Carol and Randy Sr. did NOT play when it came to education! They instilled in their children a love for learning, respect for teachers, and the educational process. One day Randy Jr. "lost" his report card in 2nd grade; Mama Carol "found" it and the "seat of education" was applied to our dear Randy Jr. He never lost another report card! He asked question upon question upon question in school, prompting one of his teachers to give him a daily limit... "5 questions Randy, that's it and that's all!" He soared like an eagle in school and was a top student. He was a proud graduate of Washington Preparatory High School and was the only student that had a whole school bus to himself thanks to Mama Andrews! He served the school in many capacities: member of the marching and world-famous jazz band, Student Body President, Honor Roll member; and he received many accolades and certificates too numerous to mention. His dream was to attend Grambling State University and become a Fighting Tiger. That is exactly what he did! He played for the Grambling Gospel Choir, Voices of Faith and several churches in Louisiana. He also made Mount Zion Baptist his church away from home. 4 years later, his large "FAN CLUB" from Los Angeles journeyed to Grambling in December of 2002 to see him cross the stage as he earned a B.A in Public Administration. His love for learning continued at Azusa Pacific where he earned a Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies. Randy Jr felt a tugging and calling on his soul, and that was God calling him to preach the word!

On February 5, 1995, at age 16, he preached his very first sermon at Greater New Unity. There was standing room only and the spirit had its way! Dr. H.P. Rachal licensed him to preach on May 31, 1998, and was the overseer of his Ordination,

along with the Pastors and Leaders of the Providence District Baptist Association. Rev. Randy Allison emerged and he preached, sang, served and preached some more! God gave him a gift to spread the gospel and he did exactly that.

Third Movement of Randy's Symphony: "Carrying the Torch" and "Love is in the Air"

On November 27, 2006 our beloved Pastor, Dr. H.P. Rachal went home to be with the lord. Dr. Rachel had been training Rev. Allison to be a leader since he was a child, and Rev. Allison served as his Assistant Pastor for 3 years. In God's order, Rev. Allison accepted the torch that was passed to him and became the 8th Pastor of Greater New Unity on February 4, 2007 at the tender age of 29. To God be the glory for the training and teaching he received, and the prayers prayed over him as he took the reins of Greater New Unity.

In January 2007 Pastor Allison joined Victory Baptist Church under the leadership of W. Edward Jenkins. Nothing was more important to Randy than God, Greater New Unity, the piano/organ, singing, family and friends. UNTIL....February 21, 2003 when Rev. Allison fell in love. Oh yes, he fell and her name was Tiffany Brown; it was a beautiful courtship. He popped the question and of course she said YES!! On July 21, 2007 Randy and Tiffany were united in holy matrimony and he was one of the happiest men on earth! We were all so very happy they had found love and vowed to make each other happy for life.

Fourth Movement of Randy's Symphony: "The Grand Finale"

For the past 17 years, Pastor Randy Allison Jr. preached, taught, baptized, and led souls to Christ. He served his community, fellow clergy as the Executive Secretary, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Moderator of the great Providence District Baptist Association, and faithfully attended the Baptist Ministers Conference. He was gainfully employed as a school principal, teacher, hospice chaplain, and shared his musical talents with various churches, groups and artists that are too numerous to mention. He played with integrity and to the GLORY OF GOD, not to the adulation of man. His last time on earth was spent with his flock fellowshiping, laughing, eating, and having a great time! For the

last time, he entered the sanctuary and helped the men at choir rehearsal, correcting, suggesting and trying, as always, to get the music perfect; again to the glory of God!

So why is the Symphony in C Major? C Major because the C stands for CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and that is what he has received....The Conductor of his Symphony has been the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and he has helped our beloved Pastor Allison make beautiful music his entire life by leading souls to Christ; comforting the grief stricken and supporting those who needed it most. On April 21, 2024 the Conductor waved his baton at Pastor Allison signaling him to slow down the tempo, play a few more chords, and then that golden chariot swung real low and came and got Pastor Allison just as he played his last note. His Crown of Righteousness was waiting. Well done and bravo Pastor Allison...Bravo!!

Preceding him in death: his father and #1 fan Bro. Randy Allison Sr., Dr. H.P. Rachel; his Grandparents: Sport and Ruthie Allison; Joseph and Johnnie Norwood II; Aunts - Flossie Lovall, Alberta Trotter; Uncles - Carnell and Donald Allison and Mother in Love Helen Brown. Cherishing his legacy of love is his Wife Tiffany Allison; loving Mother Carol Allison; Sister Porsche L. Allison; Nephew Aiden Marin; Great Aunt - Lydia Johnson; Aunts - LaTisha Allison and Angie Tyner; Uncles - Joseph Ronald, Donald Norward, Eldridge (Jr. Sport) Allison Jr; Wayne Allison; Father in Love Billy Brown Sr and the Brown/Glover families; Godparents Mr. and Mrs. Lee and Avis Powell; Godchildren: Mia Jones, Essence Douglass, Jonathan Osborne, Unique Lewis and Nylah Thomas Giles; Adopted Son; Steven Fleming, 3 God Sisters; Farah Khademi, Leah Powell, Deshonay Howard; Adopted Grandmother Mother Norma J. Rachal; Brothers from another mother Maurice Osborne, Rev. Adrian McConnell and Pastor James McCool; a loving, grateful church family Greater New Unity Baptist Church, sister churches of the Providence District Baptist Association, and his Victory Baptist Church Family; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, adopted uncles and aunts, friends, family, community members, Washington Prep and Grambling Alumni Associations.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant.....Pastor Warren G. Henderson

Processional.....
Ministers, GNUBC Family, Family

Scripture.....
Old Testament - Proverbs 3:5-6 - Pastor James McCool
New Testament - Romans 12:1-2 - Elder Adrian McConnell

Prayer.....Pastor Calvin Cressel

Remarks.....(2 mins).....
Presidents

California State Baptist.....Pastor Welton Pleasant II

Baptist Minister Conference.....Pastor K. W. Tulloss

Providence Baptist Assco.....Dr. William H. Dandridge III

Selection.....

Remarks.....(2 mins).....
"School Life"

Music Teacher - Peary M.S.: Ms. Patsy Payne
9th & 12th Grade English Teacher: Mrs. Natilia Roundtree
Overseer of Leadership W.P.H.S.
Anew Life Bible Institute: Chief Apostle Mary Odom

Violin Selection.....Bro. Aiden Marin

Obituary.....Sis. Sheila Murphy

Acknowledgements/Cards.....Sis. Arlene Andrews

Resolutions.....Sis. Jerryl Stallworth
Grambling Alumni of Los Angeles

Selection.....

Remarks.....(2 mins).....
Pastor Elton Johnson, Metropolitan Baptist Church
Bishop Byron Smith, Gethsemane Christian Love
Bishop Alex Toussaint, St. Andrews Baptist Church
Rev. Welton Pleasant III, Christ 2nd Baptist Church

Selection.....

Remarks.....(2 mins).....
Family & Friends

Randy's God Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Lee Powell
Best Friend: Mr. Maurice Osborne
Trustee Chairman: Bro. Jimmy Sparks
Trustee: Min. Eric Andrus
God Daughter: Essense Douglass

Selection.....

Words of Comfort.....Pastor W. Edward Jenkins
Victory Baptist Church

Recessional.....

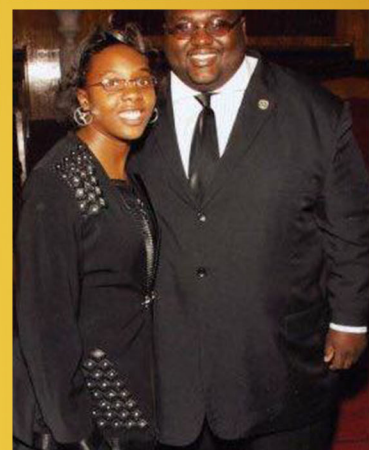
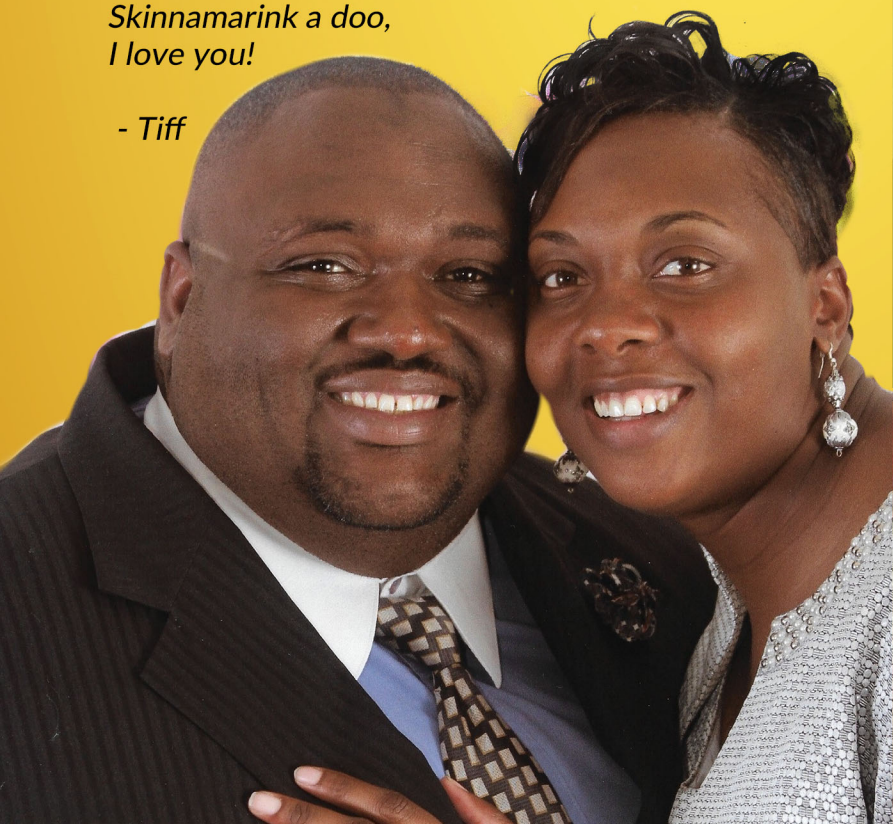


TO MY MUSICIAN MY LOVE MY PARTNER MY BEST FRIEND

Skinnamarink a Dink a Dink

*Skinnamarink a dink a dink,
Skinnamarink a doo,
I love you.
Skinnamarink a dink a dink,
Skinnamarink a doo,
I love you.
I love you in the morning.
And in the afternoon.
I love you in the evening.
And underneath the moon.
Skinnamarink a dink a dink,
Skinnamarink a doo,
I love you!*

- Tiff



RANDY SR. & JR.



THE FAMILY

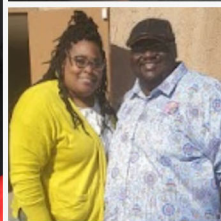
*My brother, My Mentor, My Friend
What pain I feel my dear brother, mentor, my friend I also have joy knowing without a doubt that heaven you live.*

*I think of you often and always will.
As we shared so many memories all of those who love you truly know how I feel.
Your big smile and humbleness always showed.*

Through it all I never thought you would go. This is the hard part, saying goodbye for now for we will meet again.

My brother, mentor, and my friend

*P.S. You hated to be called lil Randy!
Porsche*



Dear Godfather Randy when I heard of your passing it was a hole in my chest. I remember us calling each other letting each other know what we've been up to. Then going out to eat when I'd come to visit. Godfather Randy, I'm writing this to you to say thank you. You shared wisdom and life lessons with me, whether the lessons were on what to do in life and what not to do, and the outcomes that come with it. I'll miss our chats. I'll miss our hugs. I'll miss our daps, I'll miss your love. I will continue to make you proud, as you watch me from above. I'll continue to step forward marching on with your love.

Love,
Jonathan

*God Daddy
What you mean to me?
You are my God Daddy, you are my Pastor
you are my teacher, you are my friend
You are my protector, you are my king
You are my warrior, you my everything
I know you up there in heaven watching me from the sky. I just want to say I love and good-bye*

Your last God child
Love Nylah

*Many knew you as Pastor Allison, Rev. Allison, Little Randy, but I simply knew you as my Godfather. You've been in my life since I was around 8 years old when you would come play the piano or organ at my home church, Victory Baptist Church. I remember how you played those keys so well and the music was always rocking! That is something I have always admired about you, your love for the music and your love for Jesus.
As I look back over our time together, I am reminded of many choir rehearsals, many Vacation Bible Schools, many church services, and many laughs. I am also reminded of the many conversations we had, especially the one when you threatened to come up to my school because I wasn't doing what I was supposed to be doing. You've been physically present for so many monumental events in my life and it's hard to believe that this is the new reality. What I do know for sure is that while it is and will continue to be tough not having you here with us physically, your spirit, your teachings, your music, your laughter, your legacy will be with us to help us smile when all we want to do is cry.*

In my heart forever. Your Goddaughter,
Mia Jones

This is really hard for me to take in this is a tragedy. I'm hurt but I remember when my Goddad let me spend a night over his house one weekend. Before we went to his house, we stopped to get breakfast and I wanted French toast. He told me if I wasn't going to eat it don't get it. I didn't finish the French toast I threw it in the trash but I lied to my goddad and I told him that I ate the French toast. He found out I lied and disciplined me by whooping me while calling my name letter by letter. I never ate French toast again. The last day I ever spoke to my goddad I told him I was doing good in school. He said he was proud of me and I told him "I love you" and he said "I love you too". I told him I would call him back and I never did. I regretted it so much because those were our last words to each other. My mom told me my Goddad asked about how I was doing in school without me not knowing he was going to take his last breath on April 21st. I just keep the bad and good memories in my heart but he's in a better place. He will forever be missed.

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ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Donald Allison Jr.
Jason Glover
Quincy Johnson Allison
Stephen Hicks
Antuan Brown
Douglas Nelson Jr.
X-Zavier Brown
Richard Reeves
Brandon Clarke
Robert Williams Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Boys For Christ
Raymond Tyner Jr.
Justin Brown
Men of Unity B.C.
Gods Property
Men of Victory B.C.
Steven Allison
Larry Thomas

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to say Thank You for all of your support during these difficult times. During the days and weeks following Rev. Randy Allison Jr. passing we have been blessed with the loving embrace of family and friends. We greatly appreciate all of your kind words, food, monetary donations, generous giving of your time and the beautiful floral arrangements we received. You have a special place in our hearts, and through our precious memories Randy will live on forever. "Precious memories Oh how they linger oh how they ever flood my soul. In the stillness of the midnight sacred secret will unfold."

Special Thanks to the McKay's Family Mortuary for your compassion and care in the time of our Bereavement.

Interment

Inglewood Park Cemetery
Chimes, Sanctuary of Eternal Peace (Florence side)

Repast

Greater New Unity Baptist Church
9719 S. Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90003

Extended Parking at

Gethsemane Christian Love MBC
9616 S Avalon Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90003
Bishop Byron Smith, Pastor