



James Alston Jr.

December 16, 1955 - May 4, 2021

James Alston Jr, son of late Ina and James Alston Sr was born on Dec. 16th 1955 in Brooklyn, NY. He transitioned on May 4th 2021 after a short battle with cancer.

He began his education at P.S.262 and then went to Stephen Decatur J.H.S.35.

He was a member of the Carter Cadets, then later joined the St. Rita's Brassmen where he played in the percussion section. Then he went on to receive his diploma at Franklin K. Lane high school. Following high school he joined the U.S. Army Reserves in 1976 and served five and a half years until 1981.

During this time James better known as Jimmy started taking some engineering course at Hunter College in New York city.

He had an undeniable love for music. Some of his favorites include R&B, House/Club Music, & Jazz. This love lead him to becoming a DJ in the late 70's to early 80's. He played at several venues, clubs, and block parties making a name for himself in the New York metropolitan area.

Shortly after his stint in the Armed Forces he began working for the United

States Postal Service. Jimmy was admired by his friends and coworkers alike. He worked several years spending time at post offices in Manhattan and the Bronx.

In 1994 Jimmy relocated to Baltimore, Maryland where he almost immediately became a pillar of his community. Serving as a mentor to many young men and women. Passing on his knowledge and experience to those who were in need of guidance or direction. Jimmy worked many jobs at this time as well as making a return to the postal service where he later retired in the early to mid 2000's.

He then went on to officiating school and became a referee. He worked his way up the ranks starting from the elementary level then moving up to the collegiate level as a basketball referee. After several years as a basketball official Jimmy also became a football referee. He had officiated a few high school football games prior to him falling gravely ill.

Jimmy made friends wherever he went. Whether on the job, officiating games, or in a casual setting. His friendly approach and warm smile made you feel as though you knew him for years even if you just met him.

Jimmy will be missed by many. Especially by his family and loved ones. He leaves to mourn his eldest son James Alston III, sons, Antoine Jacobs, Jeremy Hopkins; daughter, Neisha Bowling; sisters, Cecelia Blyden and Patricia Alston; brothers, Julian Blyden and Glanwell Alston Sr; grandchildren, James Alston IV(Trey), Eden Alston, Darrius Hopkins, and Brooklyn Alston; sister-in-laws, Wali Blyden and Gayle Alston; nephews, Adam Blyden, Brian Alston, Vanceto Blyden, Julian Blyden Jr, Glanwell Alston Jr; niece, Anjeanette Blyden, and a host of other family members as well as friends.

Cemetery Details

Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Boulevard
Calverton, NY 11933

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 20. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD

Wake

MAY 21. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for James Alston Jr., Please Click the Link below.



March Life Tribute Centers - May 18, 2021 at 07:49 PM

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“ James and I both attended JHS 35. He was in my 8th-grade graduation class. We both marched in the JHS's Decatur Cadets drum corps. Then we both marched in the Carter Cadets 1969. Later we both made our way to St Rita's Brassmen in 1970. We were part of the rookie corps members.

James reached out to me last month and told me about his health condition. I was lost for words. However, we reminisced about our glory days in the Brassmen.

A few got together at Eugen's home in 2018. Although I am sad, I'm blessed that at least I had one last good conversation with him. Rest in peace brother James. Formation A with the rest of the Brassmen angels.



Harold Craig Barber - May 24, 2021 at 12:54 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - May 18, 2021 at 01:21 PM