

To have known him was to love him.
To have worked with him was a pleasure.
To have realized the measure of his life was a treasure.
His life was one of service to God, family and friends.
A man of strength, wisdom and courage, a man oh so rare.
His heart was full of gold, with his hands, he would give and share.
A man of goodness and kindness, a man who knew how to care.

Floral Bearers
Former Students

Honorary Floral Bearers
Classmates

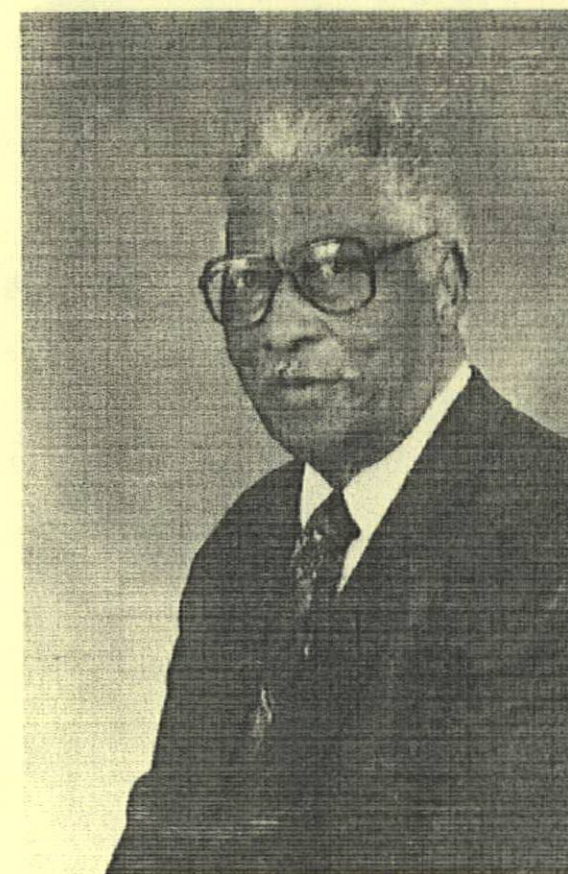
Pallbearers
Former Students

Honorary Pallbearers
Board of Trustees of Evans Chapel Church

Acknowledgment
The family acknowledges with grateful appreciation all
kind expressions during the illness and death of our
loved one.

Services Entrusted to:
Farrar Funeral Service
718 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Siler City, NC 27344
(919) 742-3134

Celebration of the Life of
Paul Odell Alston



November 22, 1924 - April 26, 2000

Sunday, April 30, 2000
3:00 p.m.
Evans Chapel A.M.E.Z. Church
Siler City, NC

Reverend Ridie Headen, Officiating Pastor

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Hymn Choir

Old Testament Scripture Elder Robert Siler

New Testament Scripture Rev. M.P. McCleave

Prayer of Comfort Dr. E.J. Alston

Solo Mr. Leon Alston

Acknowledgments

Obituary Read Silently

Remarks Dr. Mattie Walden
Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards
Mr. Darryl Johnson
Mr. Moses Carey

Hymn Choir

Eulogy Rev. Ridie Headen

Hymn Choir

Recessional

Interment Church Cemetery

Obituary

Peacefully, on April 26, 2000, at UNC Hospitals Paul Odell Alston passed away. Born in Chatham County, North Carolina, Paul grew up in Siler City as the eldest son of Romie O. Alston and Mary E. Alston.

He received his early education at Chatham County Training School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Master of Science degree in Education from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. He later received a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina. During World War II, he served in the United States Army Air Force in the 364th Combat Infantry 145 2nd Evacuation Command.

He served his community in many capacities. Paul worked for several years as a high school teacher in Chatham County. His concern for improving the quality of life for individuals in Chatham and surrounding counties led him to establish Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action and Orange-Chatham Comprehensive Health Services (Piedmont Health Services), where he served as director for both agencies.

As a member of Evans Chapel A.M.E.Z. Church, Paul served in the following ways: Trustee Board member, Director of Christian Education, Chairman of Finance Committee and Sunday School Teacher.

He is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Thalia M. Jackson. Paul leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Julia B. Alston; daughter, Mary F. Alston, Siler City, NC; three sisters, Lovelia A. Edwards, Chapel Hill, NC, Catherine V. DeBose, San Diego, CA, Elaine M. Knight, Siler City, NC; three uncles, Thomas C. Alston, Siler City, NC, Jesse Alston, Mebane, NC, Rossie Alston, Durham, NC; four aunts Sarah E. Alston, Chester, PA, Hazel A. Hester, Mebane, NC, Olivia A. Woolridge, Orange, NJ, Eloise A. Richmond, Long Island, NY; two grandchildren, Paula C. Alston, Siler City, NC, Parrish O. Alston, Atlanta, GA; great-grandchild, Natalia N. Alston, Siler City, NC; and numerous other relatives and friends.

His was a life of service. Very often he denied himself, but gave very generously to his family, church, friends and to worthy causes.