



Mr. Thurman Eugene Alley

October 21, 1934 - November 16, 2018

Thurman Eugene Alley, 84 entered the gates of Heaven in the warm embrace of his family on November 16, 2018. Thurman was born in Dolomite, AL on October 21, 1934 to Jesse Irene Riley Alley and Marvin Burton Alley. He attended Oak Grove High School, East Central Jr. College where he was a cheerleader, graduated from The Mississippi State University with a Bachelors of Education in 1962 and received his Masters Degree in Education in 1967 from Southern Miss. He spent most of his educational career in the community college environment. He taught High school briefly in Picayune, MS before becoming the Director of Vocational Education at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, MS He and his family resided in Poplarville for many years before accepting an Administrator position at Hinds Community College, in Raymond MS in 1974.

He called Raymond home until his retirement in 1991 at the age of 57. Thurman and Nancy moved to the reservoir area and established deep roots and relationships with their wonderful neighbors and friends .He spent a few years doing what he loved, spending time with his family, fishing, and hunting at the Alley Patch at Grenada Lake. The slow pace of retirement wasn't exactly for him so, he contracted with Nissan to coordinate training for employees at the new plant located in Canton.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner for over 50 years. He participated in several Masonic lodges throughout the state. Thurman had many friends he called his brothers, who spent endless hours conducting degree work. He loved the outdoors and "tinkering" with small engines. He rode the streets on garbage days looking for old lawnmowers and weed eaters to repair. Sometimes returning them to the owner almost new again. He once gave two young boys mowers and maintained them enabling the boys to have summer jobs for the payment of mowing a widow neighbors yard. He believed in paying it forward and everyone he met while making repairs he asked for a conversation and chance to express what God Blessed him with in lieu of payment.

Thurman's determination, strong faith and support from close family and friends carried him through difficult times, especially the loss of his wife, Nancy and his recovery efforts

after his stroke in January, 2018.

His amazing spirit and legacy will be cherished in the lives of his daughter, Alisa Alley Smith, son-in-law Ernie Smith, their children James and Lindsey Morrison, Carson Smith and Heather Bell, and Brittney and Derek Strong and great grandchildren, Ellery, Mary Michael, Henry Morrison and Beckett, Lila and Easson Strong. He will be united with those that have departed before him including his beloved spouse Nancy Lay Alley, his daughters Patricia Lynn Alley and Robin Alley Rogers, his parents and five siblings. He is also survived by a daughter Missy (Mike) McCain, six other grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, sister-in-law, Kathy Lay Stephens, a special caregiver, Josephine Course and many relatives in Alabama.

Thurman's life will be remembered in a Celebration service on Monday, November 26, 2018 at Pinelake Church in Brandon, MS with visitation from 12-1, with service following at 1 p.m.

Events

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Visitation

12:00PM - 01:00PM

Pinelake Church

6071 Hwy 25, Brandon, MS, US, 39047

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Celebration of Life

01:00PM

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Comments



“ Mr. Alley was my neighbor for several years in Bellegrove. He was the sweetest and kindest man. I can't name how many times he worked on my lawnmower. He was always willing to lend a hand or offer good advice to me as a single woman at the time. He and Nancy were wonderful neighbors. He will be missed.

Karen Martin Fagan

karen Fagan - November 26, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ I worked with Thurman through Miss. State and later at Hinds Community College. Thurman was a great guy, always a lot of fun. We shared many trips together bringing jobs and industry to the Hinds CC district. He was an original and along with Nancy were the best couple ever. Rest well old friend. You earned the passage through the Gates.

Dr. John J. Woods - November 25, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ I had the good fortune to grow up around Mr Alley and fished with him on many occasions. Rest in peace Alley Cat.

Terry Lee

Terry P Lee - November 25, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ I knew Thurman as a classmate at East Central Junior College many years ago. He was one of several students from Birmingham who came to a small Miss.town and livened things up. I remember his cheerful demeanor, acrobatic dancing in our student center, and obvious love of life. You always knew when he was present, and he was known, enjoyed and respected by all. May he rest in peace.

Bill Lovett, Forest, MS - November 24, 2018 at 09:02 AM



“ Brother Thurman Alley was an upright and noble citizen, a friend and companion dear to us all. His labors were always directed to the welfare and prosperity of our fraternity. He found great joy in fellowship with every brother and extended aid and sympathy at every opportunity. His life is a humble standard for all--well done here, my Brother, well done.

Ben B B Jones - November 21, 2018 at 11:43 PM



“ Thurman Alley was a dear and unforgettable friend, a Brother in Christ, and a brother in Freemasonry. None can disputes that this good man left a positive imprint on Planet Earth. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by legions of people. Jim Kitchens

Jim Kitchens - November 22, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ Brother Thurman Alley exemplified the meaning of friendship and brotherly love to everyone he met. He was a proud, but humble, servant of God and was happy to share his wisdom with anyone. All who had the honor of knowing him will miss him deeply. Ken Steed

Ken Steed - November 23, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was one of my favorite patients. We will miss seeing his always smiling face.

Kim - November 26, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ Brother Thurman was a pillar of many communities, he left a positive and lasting impression on people. He was also a respected teacher in the Masonic Fraternity who gave inspirational speeches. I am going to miss Bro Thurman, rest in peace my Brother. smib

Gerald Bowen - November 26, 2018 at 05:29 PM