

When I Am Gone....

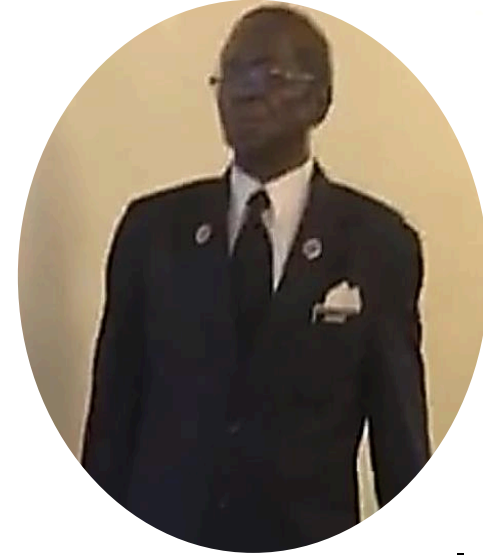
WHEN I COME TO THE END OF MY JOURNEY AND I
TRAVEL MY LAST MILE JUST FORGET IF YOU CAN, THAT
I EVER FROWNED AND REMEMBER ONLY THE SMILES
FORGET UNKIND WORDS I MAY HAVE SPOKEN
REMEMBER SOME GOOD I HAVE DONE FORGET THAT I
EVER HAD HEARTACHE AND REMEMBER I HAVE
FOUGHT SOME HARD BATTLES AND WON SO
REMEMBER IN LIFE IF YOU WANT THE RAINBOW, YOU
GOTTA PUT UP WITH THE RAIN

Acknowledgements

THE FAMILY OF WILBERT ALLEN, SR. DEEPLY APPRECIATES
THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE EXTENDED TO US DURING
THIS DIFFICULT TIME. MAY WE ALL WALK WITH
CONFIDENCE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE ALL
CHILDREN OF GOD.
MAY GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU

Funeral Services Entrusted To
SANDERS FUNERAL HOME

The Homegoing Celebration For



Wilbert Lee Roosevelt Allen, Sr.

Sunrise: January 25, 1945 | Sunset: April 4, 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Howell Chapel Church of Christ, DOC 214
East Preston Street, Selma, NC

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Viewing: 11:00 a.m. Homegoing Service:  
12:00 noon Repast: After Service  
**Elder Calvin Deans, Eulogist**



ORDER OF HOMEGOING Celebration For  
**Wilbert Lee Roosevelt Allen, Sr.**

**Eulogist: Elder Calvin Deans, Pastor**

**Howell Chapel Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ**

Viewing - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Prelude

Processional – Pastor Calvin Deans

Opening Selection – Howell Chapel Mass Choir

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament – Elder Cassandra Stancil

New Testament – Helen Allen Taylor (niece)

Prayer of Comfort – First Lady Shannon Deans

Acknowledgements

Obituary – ***Silently Read***

Personal Reflections - (**2 minutes**)

Family: Deacon Lorenzo Curtis  
(Oldest Grandson)

Song Howell Chapel Mass Choir

Eulogy – Elder Calvin Deans

Morticians Brief

Recessional

## Obituary

# Wilbert Lee Roosevelt Allen, Sr.

**Mr. Wilbert Lee Roosevelt Allen, Sr.** was born on January 25, 1945, to the late McKinley and Elizabeth Allen in Selma, North Carolina. He departed this life on Friday, April 4, 2025, at UNC Johnston Health Hospital in Smithfield, North Carolina.

**Mr. Allen** attended the Johnston County Schools until the sixth grade and later in life, he moved to Long Island, New York. He worked in the Engineering Department at Glen Cove Community Hospital where he met his surviving wife, Louise Allen and started a family.

**Mr. Allen** moved back to Micro, North Carolina and became a faithful member of Howell Chapel Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ in Selma, North Carolina where he served as a dedicated usher for more than seventeen years. He was named Howell Chapel 2023 Man of the Year and was the oldest male member of Howell Chapel since 2022.

**Mr. Allen** was preceded in death by his parents, McKinley, and Elizabeth; ten siblings, one bonus grandson, and a very special friend.

**Mr. Wilbert Allen** leaves to cherish his memories his three daughters: Michelle Allen of Raleigh, NC, Paulette Allen of Commack, NY and Farrah Allen of Wilson's Mills, NC.; One son, Wilbert Allen, Jr., (Latisha) of Massapequa, NY. Two bonus daughters: Paulette Sanders (Marcus) of Clayton, NC and Cynthia Forbes of the home. Three siblings: Doris Allen of Selma, NC, Joseph Allen of Four Oaks, NC and Freddie Allen of Princeton, NC.:one sister-in-law, FrancesAllen of Commack, NY.: seven grandchildren, two bonus grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a community full of friends.