

Honorary Pallbearers

Rueben E. Hodges Jr
Justin Woodhouse
Eddie Hobson

James Strong
Patrick Fletcher
Toussaint McCastle

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Celebration of Life Repast

Regency Manor & Banquet Hall
25228 W. 12 Mile Rd,
Southfield, MI 48034

Arrangements Entrusted to



Haley Funeral Directors
24525 Northwestern Hwy,
Southfield, MI 48075

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

We, the family of our beloved Allen Wade Venable III are thankful for your presence here today. We acknowledge you all with grateful appreciation and we would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, visits and other acts of kindness shown during these difficult times.

- The Family of Allen W. Venable III

Special Thanks To:

Pastor David Lucas -Prayer Praise Power Ministry
Paster Donovan Burks - Greater Metropolitan C.O.G.I.C
Pastor Fredrick Fletcher - New Community Fellowship Church
Prince Hall Masonic Temple



Obituary by
Brightest and Best Creations
Kayla Tyus 248.733.5768

Homegoing Celebration of

Sunrise: December 3, 1974

Sunset: February 24, 2025



Allen Wade Venable III

Service to be held:

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Service Time: 11:00 a.m.

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The Life and Legacy of Allen Wade Venable III

Allen Wade Venable III was born in Detroit, Michigan to Allen Wade-Wright Venable II and Renee Sr. on December 03, 1974. Allen was the first of three children born to their union. Allen made his heavenly transition on February 24, 2025.

He received Christ at an early age under the leadership of the late Fredrick G. Sampson of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Allen leaves to cherish his memories, his Parents, Allen II and Renee Venable Sr.; sisters Renee Venable (James Strong) and Krystal M. Venable; Nephew, Rueben E. Hodges Jr.; God children, Taylore and Brooke Woodhouse and Jallon D. Murray; Aunts, Rossalind Woodhouse, Victoria Fletcher, Barbara Ajayi, Vanessa (Victor) Anderson, and Arleta Robinson; Cousins, Justin (Debbie) Woodhouse, Erin (Geramy) Slayton, Patrick Fletcher, Jasmine and Victor Anderson Jr., Nairah Richardson, Minyong (Brian) Lopez, Billie Tolbert Jr, Tommy Echoes Jr., and Lamar Richardson, Dominique Richardson, Ralph Richardson, Catrissia Baxter, Diamond Rogers and a host of other family and friends to cherish his memory.

Allen was preceded in death by Uncles- Donald Woodhouse, Charles Tolbert, James Fletcher, Bobby Richardson and Ralph Richardson Sr.; Aunt- Sandra Richardson and cousin Carlotta Richardson.

Allen loved his parents dearly. He often visited them, watched movies with them, and joined in family outings and trips. As the firstborn and only son, he was a natural protector for his two sisters, Renee and Krystal. He was their defender, their hero, and—on occasion—their self-appointed boss. His youngest sister, Krystal, frequently visited him while he was attending Michigan State University, later following in his footsteps to become a Spartan graduate. Renee followed his lead as well but went on to earn her master’s degree from the University of Michigan. Allen deeply valued education and wanted his sisters to succeed—leading by example every step of the way.

Allen was charismatic, proud, and full of life. As a child, he was involved in Cub Scouts, Detroit Police Athletic League, and basketball—following in the footsteps of his father, who played on local teams. His family even built a full basketball court in their backyard, where Allen sharpened his skills.

Allen’s academic excellence showed early. His sharp intellect led to a double promotion, setting him on an accelerated path. As he progressed through middle and high school, he found a passion for music. He and his friends spent countless hours in recording studios, attending shows, and performing at open mic nights around Detroit. By the time he was a freshman at Michigan State, Allen was already managing rap groups and singers. Music was a powerful force in his life, and one of his favorite artists was Rakim. Though he was once offered a position in the music industry, Allen ultimately chose to pursue a career in law. Still, he found a way to integrate his passions, specializing in entertainment and contract law—ensuring that creativity and advocacy remained intertwined in his work.

Allen graduated from Henry Ford High School in Detroit, Michigan in 1992. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies of Social Science and Pre-Law from Michigan State University in 1997. He also earned his Master’s in Labor Relations and Human Resources in 2000. Allen later attended Howard University Law School earning a Juris Doctor in 2003.

His college years were marked not just by academic success but also by the deep, lasting friendships he built. He was a leader and an advocate, dedicating himself to socio-political, cultural, and grassroots community organizations on campus.

Allen was the managing member of Venable Law, PLLC, in Southfield, Michigan. For twenty years, he built a distinguished career specializing in corporate law, serving as outside counsel and general counsel while guiding businesses through entity formation, compliance, contracting, human resources, real estate transactions, and employment litigation.

A highly esteemed and talented attorney, Allen was recognized for his expertise and dedication to his field. Throughout his illustrious career, he earned numerous prestigious awards and held leadership positions or served as a trusted consultant for various organizations, businesses, and professional groups.

Allen was also a talented cook. One of his favorite recipes was salmon croquettes, a dish he learned to make at his paternal grandmother’s side. He had a sweet tooth for peach cobbler and always looked forward to his mother’s seven-layer salad.

Allen loved life. He had a sharp wit, a great sense of humor, and a love for spirited debates, especially with family and friends. He worked hard and played hard, but above all, he cherished giving back to the city that raised him. He was a proud son of Detroit, always striving to create meaningful change and positive outcomes for those around him. His impact, his presence, and his love will live on in the hearts of all who knew and respected him.

Leadership and Membership Positions:

Detroit Urban League
Miller Brewing Company Panelist
President Wolverine Bar Association
Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation
National Bar Association Regional Director
Augustus Straker Bar Foundation Inc.
City of Detroit Reparations Task Force
Bodman Law Group
State of Michigan
United States Small Business Administration
Detroit Executive Service Corps (DESC)
National Business League
Awards (Among many others):
Legal Aid & Defender Attorney of the Year
National Bar Association Distinguished Service Award
Wolverine Bar Association President’s Award for exemplary service

Order of Service

- Processional.....Soft Music
- Opening Prayer.....Pastor Fredrick Fletcher
- Welcome.....Trek Carethers
- Old Testament Scripture.....Justin Woodhouse
- New Testament Scripture.....Taylore Woodhouse
- Musical Selection....."His Eye is on the Sparrow"
- Obituary Reading.....Morenike Christian
- Messages of Love.....Dr. Rossalind Woodhouse
- Eulogy.....Pastor David Lucas
- Words of Reflection.....Friends & Family
- Acknowledgements and Condolences.....Debra Nance
- Closing Prayer.....Pastor Fredrick Fletcher
- Recessional.....Soft Music

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die”.

John 11:25-26

Messages of Love

In Loving Memory of a Special Son:
The day you left and gained your wings, our hearts just broke in two. We wish you could have stayed with us, but Heaven needed you. You left us with memories, and we love you dearly still. No matter how much time goes by, you know we always will. You were a very special person with kindness in your heart, and the love we had together will grow stronger now that we're apart. We know we cannot bring you back, although we wish for it every day. But a piece of us went with you, the day you went away.

-Love Mom & Dad



To My Irish Twin Brother:

You taught me everything I know. You always had my back. You were not just my brother, you were my friend, hero and protector. You smiled even when you were fighting through the pain. You showed up for everybody even when you were feeling so very tired. I know that God has prepared a place for you in heaven and until we meet again you will always be forever in my heart. I will always cherish your memory and continue your legacy.

-Love Your Sister Renee

To My Brother:

To the man who introduced me to Africa, books, and the power of loving myself. To the man who pushed me to strive for the best in life. To the man who blasted music beats so loud it shook my eardrums. You were always in my corner. I miss you so much already. Mom always says that “I’m the female you”. My hope is to one day be as greatly honored and loved as you were. I love you. I always will.

- Your Littlest Sister Krissy



To My Loving Uncle Al:

Uncle Allen, you always used your knowledge and skills to safeguard our family's well-being. You willingly set aside time to encourage, empower and give me opportunities. You had a shield for others when life rained arrows. You made us proud in every way. I love you and I will miss you every day until we meet again.

-Love Your Nephew Rueben



