



Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.

May 2, 1955 - April 14, 2022

The family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr., age 66, wishes to announce his passing which occurred at his home in Durham, North Carolina, with his family by his side.

Al received his youth education in New Hanover County public schools, where he attended Williston Junior High and John T. Hoggard High School. He entered the United States Marines Corps on August 17, 1973, until March 31, 1976, when he received an honorable discharge. During his time of service, he received the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge and National Defense Service Medal. Al also served in the kitchen as a Cook, culminating in his love for cooking family meals. He was a proud Marine who protected his country, family, and friends.

Al valued education immensely. Following his years of service, he received two associate degrees: one in Electronic Engineering from Cape Fear Community College and the other in Business Administration from Durham Technical Community College. Al later completed his bachelor's degree in business administration from North Carolina Wesleyan College. After many years in IT, he developed a passion for clinical research and earned a third associate degree in Clinical Trials from Durham Technical Community College. Al believed in higher education and always took advantage of learning new skills, trades, and things of his interest.

Al was a private family man who opened his heart and home to many. He was honest, fair and loved mentoring those he could help. He enjoyed fishing, problem-solving and spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents Alford Charles Messick, Sr. and Beatrice Fullwood Roberts.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Ruby Smith Messick; three daughters, O'Mechia Messick, Raquell Messick and Racqwell Messick; three sons, Garry Marshall, Alford Charles Messick, III, and Roger Burroughs; bonus mother, Rosa Messick; sister, Sharon (Diane) EIDorrado (Bernard); five brothers, Warrell LaVerne Messick (L'Toynya), Kirk Messick, Charles Kevin Messick, Gregory (Greg) Messick and William (Billy) Roberts (Demeika); five grandchildren, Dwanya, Kadeshia, Gregory, Rachel and Destin; four great grandchildren, Bryan, Jr., Ivory, Kylie and Jariah; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Public viewing for Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr. will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

Funeral services for Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr. will take place on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 12:00 noon, at Russell Memorial CME Church, 703 S Alston Avenue, Durham, North Carolina 27701, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr. will be laid to rest in Greenlawn Memorial Park, 1311 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, North Carolina 28412, on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

1311 Shipyard Blvd.
Wilmington, NC 28412

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettffh.com/>

Visitation

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Russell Memorial CME Church
703 S Alston Ave
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-2523
adrian@russellmemorial.com
<http://www.russellmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life

APR **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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703 S Alston Ave
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-2523
adrian@russellmemorial.com
<http://www.russellmemorial.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Alford, Jr. was Loving and Kind. Truly A Gentleman!*



Gladys Fullwood and Virginia Fullwood - April 23, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *William And Gladys Fullwood Hewett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



William and Gladys Fullwood Hewett - April 23, 2022 at 12:17 PM



Our Sincere Condolences to Our Family, in the Home going of Our Dear Cousin 🙏 Thoughts and Prayers are with You All 🙏 May God Strengthen You, In Times Like These!

William and Gladys Fullwood Hewett - April 23, 2022 at 12:20 PM

PC

“ *Pstr Jackie Omotosho & Jesus City Church purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



Pstr Jackie Omotosho & Jesus City Church - April 23, 2022 at 11:30 AM

CJ

“ *Our most sincere condolences to your family. We are glad Heaven is a real and better place. May God heal every broken heart like only He can do. May He give you His peace and may you be comforted by His Spirit.*
Clyde & Sheila Long

Clyde Long Jr. - April 23, 2022 at 07:17 AM

MW

“ *Russell Memorial Sports Ministry TeeBall Team*



Marilyn Womble - April 22, 2022 at 11:34 PM

MW

“ *Thinking of you at this difficult time. We pray that God's peace gives you comfort.*

Womble family



Marilyn Womble - April 22, 2022 at 11:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 22, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 22, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 22, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ *Walter, Scarlett and the entire Small family shares in the celebration of life regarding Alford Messick, Jr. He is remembered with love.*

Walter D.Small, Sr - April 22, 2022 at 11:52 AM

MA

“ Prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Continue to put your hand in God's hand and He will see you through. Praying for you always.

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Alston



Mr. & Mrs. Herman Alston - April 22, 2022 at 08:41 AM

EH

Our prayers, love and condolences to you during this time. God will see you through. Hold on to the memories.

Prayfully

Elijah and Linda Henry & Family.

Elijah and Linda Henry - April 23, 2022 at 03:52 AM

JC

Sorry for your loss. James Covington

James Covington - April 23, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..



April 21, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..



April 21, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 21, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 21, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Karen Sanford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Karen Sanford - April 21, 2022 at 06:01 AM



“ *Kristen and Eunice Sanders*



April 21, 2022 at 01:40 AM



Sending our love, prayers, and condolences.

April 21, 2022 at 01:41 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of Jr my sincere condolences to the family he was truly love. ❤️
Treby Clark Greene and family*



Treby Clark - April 20, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 20, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr.
Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 20, 2022 at 04:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 20, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Condolences to Messick Family*



Mary Jordan - April 19, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr..*



April 19, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Sending condolences to Ruby and family.*

Missing you big brother but I know you are God's hands.

Reese (Durham)



Spring Reese - April 19, 2022 at 08:53 AM

MS

“ *Melaine Shoffner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Melaine Shoffner - April 18, 2022 at 10:48 PM

AH

“ *ABBIE S. HICKS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



ABBIE S. HICKS - April 18, 2022 at 08:30 PM

ST

“ *Shirley Tedder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Shirley Tedder - April 18, 2022 at 08:19 PM

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Shirley Tedder - April 18, 2022 at 08:17 PM

KG

“ Charles was nice person to know will be passed my goes out to the family.



Keith W Gilchrist - April 18, 2022 at 12:03 AM

SS

“ Susie Shire lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.



Susie Shire - April 17, 2022 at 09:44 PM

PP

“ Paulette Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.



Paulette Pennington - April 17, 2022 at 08:51 PM

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“ Paulette Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.



Paulette Pennington - April 17, 2022 at 08:50 PM

WE

“ *Wanda Evans-Basden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Wanda Evans-Basden - April 17, 2022 at 05:27 PM

GL

“ *Gail Pigford Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Gail Pigford lockhart - April 16, 2022 at 12:44 PM

WA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Family. I will remember his smile forever.*
Wanda Amons



Wanda Amons - April 16, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JF

“ *Judge Ernest Fullwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Judge Ernest Fullwood - April 16, 2022 at 08:23 AM

AL

“ *Angela & Ernest Leonard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Angela & Ernest Leonard - April 15, 2022 at 09:53 AM

TG

“ *Tyra Felicia Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Tyra Felicia Green - April 14, 2022 at 11:08 PM

I&

“ *Irma Price &family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Irma Price &family - April 14, 2022 at 11:06 PM

PD

“ *Plummer Dillahunt &Moreni Jones Dillahun lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Plummer Dillahunt &Moreni Jones Dillahun - April 14, 2022 at 11:04 PM

PW

“ *Princess Thompson Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Princess Thompson Woodard - April 14, 2022 at 11:02 PM

MJ

“ *Marixa Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Marixa Jones - April 14, 2022 at 10:58 PM

DJ

“ *Diana Speller Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Diana Speller Jones - April 14, 2022 at 10:57 PM

KW

“ *Kelvin Wilder &Chanta Wilder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Kelvin Wilder &Chanta Wilder - April 14, 2022 at 10:55 PM

CW

“ *Conrad Jerrell Wilder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Conrad Jerrell Wilder - April 14, 2022 at 10:54 PM

T&

“ *Tinyea Wilder Smith &family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Tinyea Wilder Smith &family - April 14, 2022 at 10:52 PM

KW

“ *Katrecia Monique Wilder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Katrecia Monique Wilder - April 14, 2022 at 10:51 PM

KW

“ *Kenneth Wilder&Eva Wilder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Kenneth Wilder&Eva Wilder - April 14, 2022 at 10:49 PM

CW

“ *Conrad Wilder&Clarrice Wilder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Conrad Wilder&Clarrice Wilder - April 14, 2022 at 10:48 PM

TW

“ *Tyrone Green &Felicia WilderGreen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Tyrone Green &Felicia WilderGreen - April 14, 2022 at 10:46 PM

DW

“ *Dawn Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alford Charles Messick, Jr.*



Dawn Walker - April 14, 2022 at 12:57 PM