

## Honorary Pallbearers

Greater First COGIC Men's Sunday School Class

## Active Pallbearers

Walter Crockett, Jr.

Eldred Pegues

Charles Slay

Roderick Crockett

J. Ray Crockett

Akil Parnell

## Flowerbearers

Ladies of the Knoxville District

## The Day God Called You Home

God looked around his garden and He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering. He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw that the road was getting rough. And the hills are hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you that day that God called you home.

~Author Unknown

## Acknowledgments

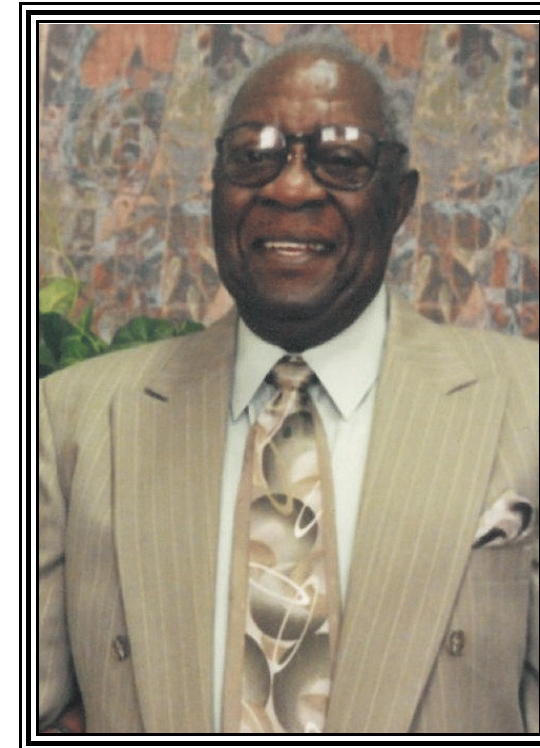
Through words cannot convey the tender thoughts and depth of thankfulness we hold for you. The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to their friends for being in spirit with them as you join them in this homegoing celebrations. To celebrate the life of their beloved Deacon Booker T. Allen.

May Peace, Love and Joy follow you throughout your life. Please continue to lift our family up in prayer.

~The Family~



## Celebrating the Life Of Booker Talifero Allen



*Sunrise*  
May 12, 1925

*Sunset*  
June 18, 2011

## Service

**Saturday, June 25, 2011**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Children of God Ministries Church of God In Christ**

**309 Deaderick Street**

**Knoxville, Tennessee 37921**

**Reverend Dr. Donald Lee Derrickson, Sr., Officiating**

May 12, 1925 - June 18, 2011

*His Savior, His Family, and His Church were the pillars a of life well lived*  
~ **Booker Talifero Allen** ~

Born to the late Elder Charles Henry Allen and Emma Lillie Fain-Allen in Donora (Creighton), Pennsylvania.

His family later moved to Knoxville, Tennessee where he married LulaBell Arnwine-Allen (*deceased*) and affectionately became known to many as *Uncle Book, Booker T, Book* and *Deacon*. Being blessed to find love again, he professed his love, proposed and married Carol M. Grant-Allen in November of 2000.

Being the son of a minister much of life revolved around the church and foreshadowed his later years as he professed his faith and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. He often prayed and studied the Word of God. He became an Ordained Deacon at the *The Monroe Avenue Church of God* (1966) under the leadership of Elder JW McDowell. As he began to diligently seek the Lord, he became a member of *Rock Temple Church of God in Christ* and was ordained a Deacon in the Church Of God In Christ (1969) under the leadership of Elder Donald Lee Derrickson, Sr. When *Rock Temple*'s name changed to *Greater First Church Of God In Christ*, Deacon Allen continued to be a faithful and loyal servant until his death often attending and supporting local, district and jurisdictional church services. At Greater First Church of God In Christ, he served on the Finance Committee, Van Ministry, a Vacation Bible School Helper, a Trustee and an active member of the Deacon Board until he later became Deacon Emeritus. He loved his church, the members and was a very close friend to the Pastor and his family. Deacon and Pastor Derrickson would work tirelessly together at the church and had many long talks.

Booker was a loyal worker where he served two tours of duty in the United States Navy in World War II; worked briefly at K-25 in Oak Ridge, TN, worked diligently for a Knoxville clothing store, General Electric Lighting Company, and retired from St Mary's Hospital and Tennessee Valley Authority.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife and son - Donell Bazzell; sisters, Emma Pauline Parnell and Rosemary Allen.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Carol M. Allen; son, Henry (Sonny) Carter; loving step-daughter, Christina Grant; brother, William P. Allen all of Knoxville, TN; devoted niece, who called him daily, Roxann Asbury of *Willoughby, Ohio*; godsons, Gregory Garrett of *Murfreesboro, TN* and Jaurice Pegues of *Knoxville, TN*; father-in-law, Elder Walter Crockett, Sr. and wife Hattie of *Clarksville, TN*.

He will be sorely missed by many to include nieces and nephews in Ohio, Antonio Parra and wife Letita, Alexander Parra, Antonette Smith and husband Dwayne, Adrianna Parra, Andrea Parra, Angela Newman and husband John, Vinette Parnell and Roxann Asbury and husband Richard; cousin, Daisy Lee McAlister of Florissant, Missouri; a host of other relatives; brother & sister in laws to include, Walter Crockett and Roderick Crockett of Knoxville, TN, William Crockett and wife Claudia, Dorothy Marie Stem, Joe Crockett and wife Delores, Johnny Ray Crockett and wife Patricia, and Arthur Paul Crockett and wife Carole all of the Nashville, TN area, LaFreda Cole and husband Raymond of Jackson, TN, Vivian Smarr and husband Torrell of Fredrick, MD, Lisa Crockett of Memphis, TN, Bonita Cummings of Killen, TX; many devoted and close friends to include, the Slay, Arnwine and Isom Families, Mary Sawyer, Jackie Garrett, Jerelene Clark, Faye Wynn, Jannice Clark, Tracye Jenkins and the Members of Greater First Church Of God In Christ.

After a brief illness, the man -- short in stature but a giant in heart & wisdom:

**Deacon Booker Talifero Allen**

moved to a place not made by man on Saturday evening, June 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.

## Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Donald Lee Derrickson, Sr., Officiating

Selection ..... "Hld To His Hand

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalms 91:1-2

New Testament - St John 14:1-3

Prayer

Congregational Singing ..... "He'll Make A Way

Church Resolution & Acknowledgments ..... District Missionary

Solo ..... Jaurice Pegues

Silent Reading of Reflections ..... (Soft Music)

Words of Comfort ..... Ministers (2 - Minutes)

Selection ..... "I Must Tell Jesus

Eulogy ..... Dr. Donald Lee Derrickson, Sr.

Closing Prayer

Recessional



### Interment

Monday, June 27, 2011

11:30 a.m.

**Tennessee Veterans Cemetery**

5901 Lyons View Pike

Knoxville, Tennessee 37919