



## Mr. Alvin Henry Hill

May 14, 1940 - July 3, 2023

Alvin Henry Hill was born on May 14, 1940 at St. Agnes Hospital in Raleigh, NC to the late

Thelma Christina Hill and the late Alvin Hamilton Powell. He was lovingly reared by his

maternal grandmother, the late Lizzie McKinnon Hill in Fayetteville, NC and godparents, the

late Fellington and Maggie Bethune. He spent many summers in Harlem, NY with his mother

and extended family. He transitioned on July 3, 2023 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC.

Alvin attended public schools in Cumberland County and graduated from E. E. Smith High

School in 1958. He joined the US Army and served 3 years as a Medical Specialist before being

honorably discharged in 1961. Alvin was a lifelong learner who loved politics, reading, and

creative writing. He was a historian, evident by his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and

Social Studies, which he obtained from North Carolina College at Durham in 1965. Continuing

his studies at NCCU, he pursued a master's degree in Social Studies. He received his minister's

license from First New Horizon Baptist Church in Clinton, Maryland. To know Alvin is to recognize his love for the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, where he served as undergraduate Dean of Pledgees at NCCU. His 'brothers' affectionately called him "Papersack."

Alvin and Jacqueline Jones met at NCCU and married on July 2, 1966. They moved to Craven County, NC where he was employed as a social worker at the Department of Social Services.

After a short time, he joined fellow civil rights workers who founded the Coastal Progress Community Action Program. While there, he managed the Neighborhood Youth Corp Program under President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty initiative to develop the economical capacity of local youth in the community. Alvin was later invited to the Robeson County Community Action program to help provide opportunities for young minority law enforcement recruits.

Extensive experience in the community led to his further work in Chapel Hill where he participated in the NC Manpower program as a community organizer. After that program was defunded, he applied for a position through the federal registry and was selected. With this appointment, Alvin moved his family to the Washington, DC area and began his career as program specialist in the Administration on Aging with the US Department of Health and Human Services. His work entailed the management and administration of grants for the

Western states of Washington, Colorado, and the Reservations in Arizona. Alvin's career ended when he suffered a stroke in 1994. But God! He survived for 29 years.

This life-changing event affected his ability to continue his most prided ministry as church

organist. He was trained and grounded at Friendship Baptist Church in Fayetteville. He was the

organist at numerous churches in North Carolina: Synama Grove Missionary Baptist Church in

Creedmoor and Russell Memorial CME in Durham. In Maryland, he found great delight in

playing for various churches: Westphalia United Methodist, Union Bethel AME, and Antioch

Baptist Church to name a few. He was appointed the Minister of Music at Mt. Ennon Baptist

Church, where he organized the gospel and male choruses.

Singing and playing to the glory of God was his lifeline

Alvin leaves to cherish his memory, wife of 57 years Jacqueline Jones Hill; son, JaJa Kenyatte

Hill (Uranus); grandson, who was the "light of his life," Abijah Benjamin Cohen-Hill (whom he

named); Brother-in-law, Martel Jones (Patricia) and Sister-in-law, Pauline Jones Gore;

sibling-like cousins, whom he adored and helped to rear: Gwendolyn Holloman, Kenneth Jones,

Sandra Morrissey, Linda Jones, Gary Jones, Wanda Foster, Cheroyl Moody, Pat Dyette, Beverly

Wyche, Stephanie Dyette Taylor, Thomas Powell, and Steve Powell; a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins, and friends.



# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
118 Johnson St  
Fayetteville, NC 28303

## Funeral

JUL 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
118 Johnson Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28303  
(910) 868-2770

## Burial

JUL 10 (ET)

Rockfish Memorial Park  
4017 Gillespie Street  
Fayetteville, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Alvin Henry Hill



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - July 07, 2023 at 05:17 PM

MW

*This is a beautiful tribute. I met Alvin when he agreed to fill in for me at my church when I was on maternity leave. He stayed on for many years playing for two of our choirs. What a joy he was and an awesome musician. We stayed in touch until he moved back to NC. He made an indelible impression on my life. Condolences and prayers to Jackie and JaJa. He was a great guy and I am better to have known him. I know he is tearing that organ up in the Heavenly choir playing and singing of God's grace.*

*Marilyn Walls*

Marilyn Alexander Walls - July 20, 2023 at 01:11 AM

LB

“ Dear Jackie & JA, sorry to hear of my Brothers Home going, A loving Friend & Brother, I really missed our times together (always some church singing for the Lord) after you relocated. The Lord blessed Him with a great gift, and He never held back in sharing His gift with the community/everyone he met, and letting the Lord know how grateful he was. He is now with the HEAVENLY CHOIR, save a seat for ME!! Your Little Sister friend, Lillie Brown, Clinton MD (I'm still trying)

LILLIE D. BROWN - July 11, 2023 at 12:13 PM

TT

“ Tommy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Alvin Hill



Tommy Thomas - July 10, 2023 at 02:14 PM

MF

“ Jackie, you have have my sincere condolences in the lost of your husband. "BUT GOD" will definitely see you through.



Mary Fennell-Williamson - July 09, 2023 at 08:45 AM

SD

“ To the family of Alvin Hill you have my deepest sympathy in your loss, May God comfort and strengthen you all at this difficult time. Alvin and I were friends for many years when we lived in Clinton, MD. We visited each other quite often. He would come over and play the piano and we would sing our school Alma Mater, NCC. Back at NCC he was known as the Paper Sack. We were members of Union Bethel AME CHURCH in Brandywine, MD where Alvin was the Director of the Choir. I have a lot of fond memories of Alvin and I will genuinely miss him.

Sorrowfully Submitted

Saunders E. Davenport

Saunders E Davenport - July 08, 2023 at 07:46 PM

MA

“ Alvin was a stellar student in my Sunday class as a young boy at Friendship Baptist Church. As he grew into manhood, we would meet and share those days of yore. My deepest sympathy Jacquelyn and family. Maxine Andrews-McCALL

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**Maxine Andrews-McCall** - July 08, 2023 at 04:18 AM

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“ Theolive Bettye Mobley-Washington lit a candle in memory of Alvin Hill



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**Theolive and Bettye Mobley-Washington** - July 06, 2023 at 12:40 AM