



## Alcee L. Bourn

November 11, 2017

### OBITUARY OF ALCEE L. BOURN

Alcee Louis Elliot Bourn was born Nov. 28, 1938 in Hattiesburg, Miss., to the late B.F. and Arlena (Otis) Bourn. Alcee departed his earthly home on Nov. 11, 2017 with his wife and daughter at his side.

At an early age, he joined the Priest Creek Missionary Baptist Church. He graduated in 1957 from Royal Street High School in Hattiesburg, Miss. He continued his education at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio where he graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and history. Alcee earned a master's degree from the City College of New York, and completed his doctoral studies at The New School of New York City.

Alcee, like his father, was active in the Civil Rights Movement. While at Central State, Alcee participated in sit-ins to integrate the lunch counters in Xenia, Ohio and was once jailed for his beliefs.

In the early sixties while working for the City of New York, Department of Social Welfare and studying for his master's degree, Alcee was drafted into the United States Army where he served in the Army Intelligence Services. He returned to New York two years later to once again work for the social welfare department. Over the course of his 30-year career, he worked for various departments within the city and retired as Supervisor of the New York City Department of Probation. Passionate about youth and wanting them to have a real second chance, Alcee strongly advocated for them in the judicial system. Alcee enjoyed the quieter things of life like growing his own vegetables,

traveling, reading, and collecting African American history books. He loved jazz music of the 1960s and was known to throw a party or two. He was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and became a proud brother of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on Dec. 9, 1960.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cruz Ventura Bourn and beloved daughter, Elaan Bourn. In addition, he is survived by one sister, Helen T. Bourn of Charlotte, N.C.; and two brothers, Rayford (Alberta) Bourn of Hoover, Ala.; and Wilmer H. Bourn of Charlotte, N.C.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Charlene B. Owens, and brothers B.F. Bourn, Jr., Booker T. Bourn, and Jewel E. Bourn. Family hour will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16. The service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 17 at Hungerford & Clark Inc. Funeral Home's chapel, 110 Pine Street, Freeport, N.Y. 11520. Interment will follow at Washington Memorial Park.

# Tribute Wall



“ Provide comfort for the family by sending flowers or planting a tree in memory of Alcee Bourn. Show You Care By Sending Flowers  
Guaranteed hand delivery by a local florist

November 12, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ Wilmer H Bourn uploaded photo(s) Alcee's Brothers and Sister.

Wilmer H Bourn - May 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Wilmer H Bourn uploaded photo(s) Al and his cousin in Prentiss, MS.

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“ Wilmer H Bourn uploaded photo(s) Al and family member on the family farm in Kelly's Settlement, MS.

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“ Wilmer H Bourn uploaded photo(s) Al's childhood home, Hattiesburg, MS

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“ Wilmer H Bourn uploaded photo(s) Al, Wilmer & Helen, in the family home yard, Hattiesburg, MS.

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“ Wilmer Bourn uploaded photo(s) Wilmer and Alcee outside a Restaurant in Hattiesburg.

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**Wilmer Bourn** - December 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wilmer Bourn uploaded photo(s) Alcee at a cookout in Hattiesburg, MS.

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“ Wilmer Bourn uploaded photo(s) Alcee at his parent's grave in Hattiesburg, MS.

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“ Wilmer Bourn uploaded photo(s) Cruz and Alcee at a cookout in Hattiesburg, MS.

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“ Wilmer Bourn uploaded photo(s) Alcee and Rayford at a cookout in Hattiesburg.

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“ Wilmer Bourn uploaded photo(s) Rayford and Alcee on the farm in Kelly's Settlement, Hattiesburg, MS.

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**Wilmer Bourn** - December 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Good News posted a condolence I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible gives a hope that we will soon be reunited with our loved ones again. “Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.” John 5:28, 29 (NWT)

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**Good News** - November 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ James Burns posted a condolence May God place a great comfort over your family during this time. Revelations 21:3,4

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**James Burns** - November 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Albert Cooper posted a condolence Wish God love on you

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**Albert Cooper** - November 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Cheryl Curtis posted a condolence To the Bourn family, you have my deepest condolences. Sympathy and prayers go out to you in the loss of your courageous father, brother, uncle, husband.

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**Cheryl Curtis** - November 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ DENNIS DAHMER posted a condolence Condolences to the family. The Bourn & Dahmer families have been friends, business associates and advocates for Civil Rights for several generations. While I did not know Alcee on a personal basis, it is an honor to be associated with this family, again, I offer my condolences to the bereaved.

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**DENNIS DAHMER** - November 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ *Otha Sullivan posted a condolence Condolences to the family.*

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**Otha Sullivan** - November 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Charles & Penny House posted a condolence Helen, we are deeply sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Prayers of comfort for you and your family during this time of grief. Please know we are here for you and continuous prayers for your family. Love you, Charles & Penny House, Charlotte, NC*

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**Charles & Penny House** - November 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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