



Raymond Alston

July 14, 2019

Raymond Alston, Better Know as "Uncle Ray" Mr. Fix it" Gadget Man" Ramon" "Raydo" "Bunchie" was born on August 10th, 1944, in Baltimore, Maryland to William Alston and Velma Alston. At the ripe age of 4, Ray, his two older brothers Ricardo and Robert and the younger Sister Janet went to North Carolina to live with their Grandmother Agnes Bouton. Ray started school 1st and 1/2 of the 2nd grade. After living with his Grandmother for 1 1/2 years. Ray his two brothers and his sister were sent to live with their mother and father in Jamaica, Queens. Ray attended P.S. 50 Elementary school. The school said that he was too smart for the 2nd grade, so the promoted him to the 3rd grade. After living in Jamaica, Queens for three years his family moved to Brooklyn, New York there be attended PS 129 elementary, PS 35 Jr. High School and Boys High School. Several years later Ray met his Soul Mate the apple of his eye Joyce V. Woods-Adair. They got married shortly after and into a two bedroom apartment in Brooklyn, New York. They remained in Brooklyn for a few years. Until he aspired to achieve the American dream of purchasing his own home and starting and family of his own. In February of 1976 the Alston's moved on up from the East side to Freeport, Long Island in Sterns Park they were the first African Americans to move onto the block during a time when segregation was very big in Freeport. Their they raised their granddaughter from a knee duck Kyshawnja K. Adair-Williams A.K.A. "Bird" Bird Feather or just "Ky". Ray always bragged about how smart and beautiful a young lady she turned out to be. Ray worked for

NYC Parks Department & Sanitation for over 20 years under Mayor Ed Koch, Ray had a love for music he was born into a musically gifted family. Ray also sang in a Gospel Group called the Crown Miracles and sang back ground and lead vocals. They recorded several songs the one song that Ray produced and sang lead on was "Guide Me". That song everybody loved that song was played over and over on the radio. The group performed all over in numerous locations such as the world famous Apollo Theatre in Harlem, New York. They also shared the stage with famous acts like Shirley Caesar just to name a few. Ray was very good with his hands he had a knack at fixing things he could take any Electron item that did not work and repair them. He had no formal schooling or training in the field it was a God given talent. Years later in 1988, Raymond sustained an on the job injury and developed a spinal cord injury which caused him to be in and out of the hospital for several surgeries throughout the years. This hindered him from doing things that he loved to do. On July 14th, 2019 Raymond succumbed to heart failure and passed away in his sleep. Leaving behind two daughters Alicia & Carolyn and spouse Joyce V. Alston and granddaughter Kyshawnja K. Adair-Williams and several grand and great grand children. Step son Glenn O. Adair and grandson in law Danya A. Williams "Danny", two sisters Mary Greene and Janet Anderson and brother Robert Alston brother in law Al White. And many nieces and nephews cousins and family and friends. Ray you will be missed.

Tribute Wall



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

November 12, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ Jessica posted a condolence Uncle Ray... Thank you for all the talks and the laughs. The weekends, toys and jokes. Thank you for staying on the phone a little to long and never caring if I just stopped bye. Thank you for letting me sneak over to your house on thanksgiving. I'm sorry I haven't been around. I think of you and Aunt Joyce often. I do I really do. Thank you for genuinely accepting my family. Aunt Joyce and Ky I'm so sorry.

Jessica - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ caramia ward lit a candle

caramia ward - July 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Becky Lloyd-West & Family posted a condolence To Joyce and the entire family, we are praying for you during this your time of bereavement. Know that God is more than able to see you through this difficult time. "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted". I was so sorry to hear of the passing of one of my favorite cousins...he would always make me laugh when he would share his life's adventures.

You have our prayers, love and sincere condolence.

Becky & Nina!

Becky Lloyd-West & Family - July 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *The family of Raymond Alston uploaded a photo*

July 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Loretta S.Marshall posted a condolence To the Alston Family- I was saddened to learn of Mr. Alston's passing. You have been our neighbors for so many years. Among the memories I have of Ray are: his very warm smile, his gestures which spoke deeply of a truly kind and generous spirit and his ever present friend - his harmonica. A few weeks ago, Ray treated a couple of us to several tunes, which he played on his harmonica with skill, energy and determination. Little did we know that would be Mr. Alston's last gift to us.
To a wonderful gentleman and a treasured neighbor, Rest In Peace !*

Loretta S.Marshall - July 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM