



Allen Arthur Rider

November 22, 1935 - October 29, 2024

ALLEN'S JOURNEY

Allen Arthur Rider slipped away peacefully on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at his home following a long battle with cancer and congestive heart failure. He was born on Friday, November 22, 1935 to the late Maybelle Collins and George Rider.

Allen was formally educated in the Wilmington, Delaware public school system. Allen later joined the Armed Forces where he defended our country during the Korean War.

In 1965, Allen met the love of his life, Sylvia Ann Bratten, and fathered two children, Alan DeLon and Tonia Nadine. Allen and Sylvia married in 1978.

Allen began a long career with Sears in Wilmington, Delaware and Montgomery Ward until he retired at age sixty-two (62).

He was a member of the Masonic and Shriner's organizations. He was also an avid sports fan and loved to do crossword puzzles and watch game shows.

Allen was preceded in death by: his mother, Maybelle Collins Burton; his father, George Rider; three sisters, Shirley Byrd, Vilma Cheatwood and

Carolyn Grinnell; four nieces, Diane Cheatwood, Carolyn Lea, Robin Cheatwood and a special niece Kay Francis Brown and three nephews, Frederick Cheatwood, William "Blue" Grinnell and Brian Byrd.

Allen leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of forty-seven (47) years, Sylvia Ann Rider; his children, Alan DeLon, Tonia Nadine and an adopted daughter, Tracei Souell; his grandchildren, Printist Lamar Bratten (Jackie), Douglas Walker and Raynesha PettyJohn and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Enoch Holy Church
28055 Rockawalkin Ridge Road
Salisbury, MD

Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - November 16, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Allen Arthur Rider*



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MC

“ *Sending prayers and best wishes to Sylvia and family. Allen and his sisters were very dear to my late husband, Ivory Collins and his brother, the late R9dney Collins Rest in heavenly peace.*

Maureta Collins - November 27, 2024 at 12:02 PM

MD

“ *Marlon D. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen Arthur Rider.*

Marlon D. - November 15, 2024 at 07:30 PM

NN

“ *Nieces & Nephews purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Allen Arthur Rider.*



Nieces & Nephews - November 08, 2024 at 06:29 PM

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“ *Nieces & Nephews purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Allen Arthur Rider.*



Nieces & Nephews - November 08, 2024 at 05:46 PM

EC

“ *May God bless and comfort you so sorry for your loss family Brother Allen was a good friend and a good man sister Sylvia praying for you all*

Eugene and Barbara Cottman - November 01, 2024 at 02:01 PM

VT

“ *Sister Sylvia, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. Brother Allen was a wonderful person. He will be truly missed.*

Vannessa Townsend - October 31, 2024 at 09:13 PM