



Rossie Alfonze Bratten Jr.

August 18, 1931 - May 31, 2021

ROSSIE'S LIFE

Rossie Alfonze Bratten, Jr. was born on August 18, 1931, to the late Elisabeth (Broughton) Bratten and was fortunate to have two mothers. From the age of six (6), he was nurtured by Rossie and Catherine Bratten in Patchogue, New York. In his early teens, he moved to Snow Hill, Maryland to live with his grandmother.

When he neared enlistment age, Rossie joined the military and served four years with the United States Army. During his tour, he successfully completed his medical course for Operating Room Technician in the 33rd Medical Holding Company in France and assisted in the operating room. He received two medals, the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Once honorably discharged from the Army, Al, as he was affectionately called, went to school in Baltimore, Maryland to become a barber. He soon became a Master Barber and proprietor of Al's Barbershop on Main Street in Salisbury, Maryland for thirty (30) years. He was also an independent school bus owner and driver for the Wicomico County Board of Education. After thirty (30) years of working as a Master Barber, he felt it was time for a career change. He learned the art of installing carpet, ceramic tiles, hardwood floors, and marble

tiles and formed Al's Flooring business which flourished with customers from Pennsylvania to the Carolina's.

Rossie loved the Lord and spent his life sharing the love of God with whomever had a need for comfort and desired a better understanding of God's word. He was a faithful servant and member of the Salisbury SDA Church and continued to serve at New Life SDA Church on Adventist Drive in various capacities including Pathfinder club counselor, Men's Ministry leader, Bible School Teacher, and Head Elder.

Rossie leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of forty-nine (49) years, Catherine Bratten; two sons, Billy Blake (Lumarzell) of Fort Washington, MD and Rossie III of Manassas, VA; three daughters, Pamela of Bowie, MD, Valerie of Windsor Mill, MD and Rosalind Carter (Carlton) of Fort Washington, MD; two sisters, Sylvia Rider (Allen) and Doris Bratten and one brother, Edward Bratten, all of Salisbury, MD; eight grandchildren, Omar, Tatanesha, Aisha, Fatuma, Rossie IV, Raquel, Keyana, and Vaughn, as well as other relatives that include great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

GONE FROM OUR PRESENT SIGHT BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN
LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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**Live Stream Broadcast* Benniesfh Salisbury on Facebook Sunday, June 6, 2021 @ 1:00 PM*

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Hey Valine..

We the ladies of the bridal party send our love and support as you mourn the passing of your father. Are prayers are with you and we know you know God has you.. We are here for you always.. Love you so much...

Seana

Patty

Linda

Nadine

Janice

Clovia

Cynthia

Evie

Angela

Susan

Kim

Seana Jefferson - June 10, 2021 at 07:31 PM

SJ

“ *Sending Love, Hugs and Prayers to the Bratten Family. Can't wait for that Great gettin up mornin!!*

We We All Get To Heaven!!! Your loss is ours too...

Mr and Mrs Walter Howard sr.....(Seana Jefferson-Howard)

Mr and Mrs Warren Jefferson...

Seana Jefferson - June 10, 2021 at 07:25 PM

CS

“ *Praying for the Bratten Family. The Spencer Family.*



Cynthia Spencer - June 07, 2021 at 04:48 AM

RB

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Bratten family. Elder Bratten was a very special person to me. I meant him at St. James AME church as a young person. He would speak to us at Sunday School. The topic I most remember was on obedience (to God). Later in life I meant him again at the Salisbury SDA church, on Jersey Road (now known as New Life SDA Church). It was such a surprise and treat. Elder Bratten has been a consistent Christian and family man.*

I pray the Lord will continue to hold the family in His mighty hand and give you peace and contentment as you go through the grieving process.

*Love
Ruby Blake*

Ruby Blake - June 06, 2021 at 11:19 AM

DJ

“ *The memory of Elder Bratten`s caring and supportive heart will long speak for him. His volunteer, professional services as well as his encouraging words in the installation of beautiful carpet in the basement level early childhood classroom and stairs for the former Faith Elementary School of Dover, De. was an ongoing source of pride, beauty, and comfort for students, staff, and guests at it's McKee Road, Dover, DE campus.*

*Sincere Condolences to Sister Bratten and family,
David and Oclivery Jones, Founder and Co-founder*

David L Jones - June 06, 2021 at 05:57 AM

KI

“ *My sincere condolences to Sister Bratten, Sister Bratten, Valerie, Rosalin, Pam, and Vaughn and the rest of the family. Elder Bratten was a mentor to me and my family since I moved to Salisbury and started attend NLSDA church. He was a servant of the Lord and I pray that the Holy Spirit will comfort his family during this difficult time. Keep his memory alive in your hearts and in your daily lives.*

Kimand Binns, Twynette Binns, Zhane, Devin, Zoe, Rylynn, & Aubri

Kimandi - June 05, 2021 at 05:25 PM

BF

“ *Beaubrun Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rossie Alfonze Bratten Jr..*



Beaubrun Family - June 05, 2021 at 08:19 AM

AV

“ *Agape Embassy Ministries - Alexandria, VA purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rossie Alfonze Bratten Jr..*



Agape Embassy Ministries - Alexandria, VA - June 04, 2021 at 09:11 PM

TT

“ *When we all get to heaven...what a day of rejoicing that will be! I am truly lost for words after hearing of the passing of such a powerful man of God. I can still hear his warm voice reaching over the pulpit, teaching us about the comfort of being in God's family. Rest in Jesus until we meet again Elder Bratten. Sis. Bratten, Rosalind, and all the family...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guide your hearts and mind.*
The Bright/Brown/Tilghman Family (Rowena and Tanya)

Tanya Tilghman - June 03, 2021 at 10:12 PM

BG

“ *On behalf of Victory Faith Worship Center, we extend our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*
Apostle Matthew and Bishop Cora Brown

Barbara Gumby - June 03, 2021 at 10:03 PM

HS

“ *By the grace of God, a powerful man with a big voice and a big heart, who loved people. He loved to read and to teach—I don't know which he loved most! I do know that he had a tremendous burden on his heart for the entire New Life SDA Church family. I am grateful for his impact on my life for the last 50 years.*

*Lovingly Submitted,
Helen Steele*

helen steele - June 03, 2021 at 04:01 PM