





#### LIFE WELL LIVED

A life well lived is a precious gift, of hope and strength and grace, from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy, of joy and pride and pleasure, a living, lasting, memory our grateful hearts will treasure.

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#### Greetings ASU Ramily,

As we approach end of the year of 2021, it is indeed an honor for me to greet you on behalf of Albany State University National Alumni Association (ASUNAA). I know that many of our alumni have experienced various challenges throughout this year, including the transition of various loved ones. Therefore, ASU National Alumni Association has taken this opportunity to present a special 2021 Fallen Rams presentation to offer a special tribute to some of our ASU alumni who recently transitioned.

We hope this memorial tribute will brighten your day and provide some degree of comfort as you continue to embrace life without your beloved family member or friend. Even though they are no longer with us in the physical body, please know that their precious memories will always be remembered and cherished by the ASU Rams Family.

ASU National Alumni Association remains as a vital organization with the purpose of providing support to Albany State University, ASU students and alumni. If we can be of further assistance to you or if you need additional information about the Association, do not hesitate to contact us.

ASU Ram for life!

Sincerely,

Dr. TaKeshia Thomas, President

Albany State University National Alumni Association

## Lemmie Felton Reeves Bailey







Lemmie graduated from Albany State College in 1947 where she earned a B.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education. She began her teaching career in Sandersville, GA and served the Washington County School System for 42 years. Lemmie had life memberships in the Albany State University National Alumni Association, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, and the NAACP. She was an active member of the National Association of Retired Educators. She leaves to cherish her loving memories, three children, four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Lemmie loved her family, church and ASU!!

## Rev. William L. Battle, Jr.







Rev. William Battle, Jr, graduated from Albany State College in 1974. He was the son of a Charter Member of Delta Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Following his father's trail, he was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. William enjoyed his life as a Pastor, a husband, a father, and a grandfather.

### Dale L. Bell







Mr. Dale L. Bell was a 1968 graduate of Albany State College. Mr. Bell earned his heavenly wings on November 17, 2021. Dale wishes to be remembered for the abundance of love he gave and received throughout his journey, from his family, friends, schoolmates, church family, business and international travel associates. Mr. Bell was a dedicated trustee of the ASU Foundation.

## Darryl K. Bentley







Darryl was a 1984 graduate of Albany State College. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. During his tenure at ASU, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was an active and dedicated member of Macon Alumni Chapter and served in various other community organizations. Darryl was a kind and loving husband, father, brother and son.

## **Adonis Ross Butler**



**#57** 





Adonis was a Sophomore and a Linebacker (#57) on the Albany State University Golden Rams Football Team. According to several of his teammates, "he felt more like a brother and that he was a team player on and off the field." He was an ambitious, kind and caring person whose life was taken away entirely too soon. His life and legacy will always be remembered in our hearts and he will be forever missed.

## **Eunice V. Thomas Bryant**







Eunice graduated in 1962 from ASU (then ASC) with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She later received a Master's Degree from Clark-Atlanta University, and later retired from the Dekalb County School System. Eunice was a member of Atlanta Metropolitan Alumni Chapter for decades. She was also a Life Member of ASUNAA.

### **Earnestine Ulandra Smith-Colzie**







Earnestine attended Albany State College during 1964-1969. "Sleeping- -but not forgotten." He will wipe every tear from our eyes and there will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying or pain. Her memories will forever remain in our hearts.

## Michael G. Crawford







Mr. Crawford graduated from Albany State College in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education. He served in the U. S. Army from 1967 to 1970 where he was often requested to play *Taps* at military funerals. He was initiated at Albany State College, into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Chi Epsilon Chapter) in the Fall of 1972 ("*The Undisputed Nine*"). He worked many years with the U.S. Department of Transportation, later retiring from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Atlanta. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, a sister, a brother, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

# **Bettye Jean Johnson Dobbs**







Bettye was a 1975 graduate of Albany State College. She was a dedicated member of The Griffin-Crescent Alumni Chapter and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She will always be remembered in our hearts. We will cherish her memory proudly...until we meet again.

# **Argent Sue Pippen Gibson**







Mrs. Argent Gibson was a member of the Class of 1967 at ASU (then ASC). She was married to the Late Mr. Larry Gibson, who is also an alumnus of ASU. She is survived by a son and a daughter.

## Vermelle "Peggy" Harris Hall







Mrs. Hall was educated and taught in the Americus, Georgia School System before moving to Atlanta and teaching. She retired after 33 years in the Atlanta Public School System. She was a very talented pianist and was affectionately known as "Mama Hall". At her passing, Mrs. Hall was the only living and the oldest living graduate of Georgia Normal and Agricultural College (later ASC and now ASU). She was a proud graduate of the Class of 1938. She was a friend, confidante, and former teacher of many elected officials, and to the family of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She was a committed financial contributor and supporter of her Alma Mater.

# **Tracy Lorraine Hawkins**







Tracy, a December 2007 graduate of Albany State University, was a ray of sunshine-- beautiful inside and out. To know her was to love her because she never met a stranger. Tracy was studious, to say the least, and she took pride in all her work. She had three children whom she recruited to her alma mater along with the students she taught. She was so proud to be a graduate of ASU and wore her ASU apparel with pride. A true Ram who will be forever missed.

## Lee Marshall Howard, III







Mr. Howard received a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education at ASU (then ASC) in 1956. He also became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He received his Master's Degree in Administration from Atlanta University, and then retired from his Education career and became an Atlanta City Planner, from which he retired after 20+ years of service. He leaves behind his wife Mary, who is also an alumnus of ASU, three sons and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren.

## **Gregory Van Hunter**







Gregory was a standout member of the Track and Field team during his years at Albany State College. He participated on the Track and Field Team as a sprinter. Gregory was a member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, and he was a regular golfer. Gregory was a father of two and a grandfather of one.

## **Gracie Wooten Jefferson**







Gracie graduated from Albany State College in 1953. She earned a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education on a full basketball scholarship. She was a classroom teacher, pianist, basketball coach and principal in the Brooks County School System where she was employed for 37 years. She was very active in her community and served on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club for many years. She served faithfully at Beulah Baptist Church in Quitman, GA.

## James (Jimmy) Lee Lamar, Sr.







James Lamar graduated from Blanche Ely High School class of 1964, of Pompano Beach, FL. He attended Albany State College on a football scholarship and graduated with a degree in English in 1969. He was the first of 5 brothers to attend Albany State College. He and all of his brothers joined the Chi Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Albany State College. They were featured in Jet Magazine for establishing a legacy of all 5 brothers attending the same school and joining the same fraternity.

## **Terry Martin**







Terry was a 1981 graduate of Albany State University. He received a B.A. Degree in Sociology. Terry was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He was originally from Montezuma, GA but lived in Ft Myers, FL when he transitioned in November 2021.

## Maurice Wooten Mays







Maurice graduated in 1955 with a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education. She played college basketball as a Lady Ram. She worked as a classroom teacher for 31 years in the Thomas County School System. Maurice was a dedicated church member in her early years at Simmon Hill Baptist Church. She later attended Richland Baptist Church with her husband and children.

# Miranda "Tiny" Robinson

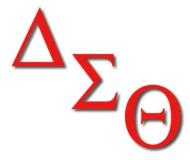






Miranda affectionately known as "Tiny", enrolled at Albany State College in 1985 and continued her educational studies through 1989. She was a powerful Gospel Singer with a strong alto voice that belted through the auditorium of Caroline Hall, and across the grounds of Albany State College/University. Her last performance on ASU's campus was in 2019 during the Classes of 1989 and 1990 Homecoming Brunch.

## **Barbara Martin Scurry**







Barbara was a 1969 graduate of ASU (then ASC). She also received her PhD. She was a member of Atlanta Metropolitan ASU Alumni Chapter, a Life Member of Albany State University National Alumni Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She had a life-long passion for learning and instilled this same passion in her daughters, two of which also have PhD's.

# **Frank Leroy Thomas**







Mr. Frank Thomas attended Albany State College for further study while teaching Social Studies. He taught in the Lanier County School System early in his career and taught 36 years in the Brooks County School System. He was known for his story-telling skills and love of history. He was a role model for the young men in his hometown of Quitman, Georgia. He served on the Board of Education for 20 years and involved himself in the local Democratic Party.

## **Allen Jerome Williams**







Allen, affectionally known as Al, attended Albany State during 1982 - 1983. He was a licensed barber, an excellent bowler and loved playing basketball with his friends. Allen participated on a bowling team that traveled all over the Southeast to compete in tournaments.

## **Evelyn Rucker Williams**

(95 years young)







Evelyn was from Hartwell, GA and a graduate of the Class of 1956 of Albany State College. She was a member of the Albany State Lady Rams Basketball team. Upon graduating from ASC, she taught in the public schools of Johnson County, Wrightsville, GA and retired after 33 years. She married Quinton Williams and they had 3 children (Quinton, Jr., Darnell and Dale). She enjoyed watching the Braves, Hawks, Falcons and ASU. She was an avid fisherwoman and an avid ASU supporter. At the age of 95, she only missed the last few years of ASU Homecoming/Classic Games. Now that's a true Ram!!!





"In memory of all other Fallen Rams whose names are not known at this time".







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## **Thank You**

Happy New Year!!!