



Alonza Anderson

June 14, 1934 - October 16, 2025

Alonza Anderson, 91, of Chattanooga, transitioned peacefully from his earthly body on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at home. He was born June 14, 1934 in LaGrange, Georgia to Rufus Anderson and Mozelle Burton Anderson.

Alonza was affectionately called “Lil Bro” or “Ba Bro” after his father who was called Brother. He attended Chattanooga Public Schools and worked at the KnitCo factory for many years prior to retiring from the City of Chattanooga after more than 30 years of service. He was an active member of the Park City and Jefferson Street Communities, as well as the Dogwood Manor, where he formed many long-term friendships. Being a proud member of the Southside Community, he also served on the Southside Reunion Committee for several years.

He loved sports but none more than the game of baseball – whether watching or playing. He loved recounting memories of traveling with the local Negro team and having the opportunity to play alongside Willie Mays before Willie Mays played professional baseball.

Alonza loved to share the story of his conversion when he became saved, was transformed, and never looked back. He was a faithful member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for more than 50 years where he served as deacon and ultimately became the senior deacon of the church. Known for

his love to sing, he was also a member of the New Hope Male Chorus where he used his melodious voice to praise God. Serving in these two ministries gave Alonza great joy and he took these service responsibilities very seriously. He would visit the elderly and sick regularly, taking communion and lifting them up with prayer and song. He was often called on by families to encourage them with a song during their loved one's homegoing. He loved to sing "Precious Lord" because that was his mother's favorite song.

Alonza was a kind man who loved declaring the Goodness of God. After greeting someone, he would often sing out "GOD IS A GOOD GOD!" He truly loved people and wanted them to know his LORD and Savior and have a relationship with the LORD, just as he did. He did not meet a stranger. Anyone who came into his presence and didn't know him, would certainly know him before they left his presence. Not only would they recognize his beautiful spirit, they would also recognize the attention to detail he would pay to his dress, his well-fitted suit with just the right tie, set off with just the right shoes and hat. He often said, "I'm an Anderson!" and he had to represent!

In addition to his parents, Alonza was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Anderson; daughters, Nellie Davis and Cheryl Wright; brothers, Rufus Anderson, Jr. and Chester McCloud; sisters, Ida Mae Thompson, Minnie Lee Wilkerson, Mary Ruth Anderson and Sylvia Anderson Leslie; and grandson, Esau Brockman.

Those left to cherish his memories include his sons, Harold Brockman, Phillip Brown, and Chester Wright; daughters, Phyllis Brown, Valerie Wright-Southers, Verna Wright-Gilbert; brother, Calvin McCloud; sisters, Lillie Wills and Valerie Anderson; grandchildren, Elder Marvin Roseberry, Janica Davis, Pastor Clinton Waller, Taneisha Brown, Antonio Shelton, Nikko Ashley, TonyRae Willingham, Terrance Brown, Tiffany Brown, Patrick Wright, Roderick Holloway, Tia Holloway, Desmond Gilbert, Yuri Wright, Ephrem Wright, Olesya

Wright; 34 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; caregiver and niece, Andrea Meadows Anderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends whom he loved dearly.

Alonza will be remembered for the Joy in his heart that he shared with his family, friends, and everyone he met.

Alonza will lie-in-state on Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday, October 27, 2025, at 1 p.m. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Wayne L. Johnson as the Eulogist. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

1954 Greenwood Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406-2658

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
3777 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1134

Burial

OCT **27**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Greenwood Cemetery
1954 Greenwood Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406-2658

Tribute Wall

FC

“ I will always remember Lil Bro ALWAYS sing about the Lord. His smile was infectious and never met a stranger. He will be missed by many and always have a special place in our hearts. Cousin take your rest and we'll see you on the other side. Much love, Your Cuz, Freida



FREIDA ANDERSON CORNWELL - October 28, 2025 at 05:10 PM

FA

“ Freida A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alonza Anderson.

Freida A. - October 28, 2025 at 05:03 PM

JF

“ Jo Ann Hilt And Family lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Jo Ann Hilt and Family - October 27, 2025 at 08:12 AM

AB

“ Heart felt sympathy goes to Alonza family. He never met a stranger, my family was truly blessed to have known him. RIP



Angela W Bush - October 26, 2025 at 08:34 AM

WP

“ *Wilma Poole lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Wilma Poole - October 25, 2025 at 10:44 PM

TF

“ *Ted Thompson. Lil Bro my spiritual father.*



Ted Thompson Lil bro my spiritual fath - October 25, 2025 at 10:36 PM

JJ

Everyone loved Him

Jacqueline Jones - October 26, 2025 at 09:52 PM

TF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ted Thompson Lil bro my spiritual fath - October 25, 2025 at 10:31 PM

AB

“ *My Condolences and Prayers to the Family*



Anna Butler - October 25, 2025 at 03:33 PM

DG

“ *RIH Lil Bro ❤️. You never met a stranger and always with a smile on your face. Heaven has gained a beautiful soul. Praying for the family*



Donna Garner - October 25, 2025 at 09:19 AM

SR

“ *Praying for the family especially, Valerie Southers and Pastor Clinton Waller. May God continue to bless and keep you. Love in Christ, Sheliah Rivers*



Sheliah Rivers - October 25, 2025 at 07:22 AM

JD

With sympathy to the family as you celebrate the home going of Deacon Alonzo Anderson. He touched so many lives in so many wonderful ways. He ways shared his testimony to help someone to change their life for the better. He very active at New Hope, he was a Senior Usher, a member of the Gospel Choir, the Senior Choir and New Hope Male Chorus. New Hope loved to hear him sang with such joy. He will be greatly missed. 🙏❤️💙

Joyce Douglas - October 25, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LJ

“ *Larry Jones lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Larry Jones - October 24, 2025 at 07:09 AM

MT

“ *Marshaneil Thompson lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Marshaneil Thompson - October 24, 2025 at 12:14 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Anderson family, love one's, and friends. 🙏*



Barbara Miller - October 23, 2025 at 08:19 PM

LG

“ *Lawanda Graves lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Lawanda Graves - October 23, 2025 at 07:40 PM

QC

“ PRAISE GOD from whom all BLESSINGS Flow... BLESS HIS HOLY NAME!!! The Queen Chapel Independent Methodist Church Family extends our Prayers, love, peace, comfort, and deepest Loving, Heartfelt CONDOLENCES to the Anderson family, friends, and associates. Today and the days to come... our Prayers are that the Anderson family will continue to look to GOD while holding onto the precious memories of RIH 🕊️ Gone, but not forgotten... the late Deacon Alonzo Anderson. 🕊️ In all things, may GOD, Our FATHER which Art in Heaven grant unto each of you HIS Divine Love, Peace, Understanding and Comfort. The LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD! 🙏💕
✝️ Pastor Louise Young Harris, Reverend Dr. Terry Owens, and the Queen Chapel Independent Methodist Church Family, Kingston, GA



Queen Chapel Methodist Church - October 23, 2025 at 06:11 PM



OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU in your time of need God bless all AUNT FEE FEE. And GIRLS

M Feeffe Johnson - October 25, 2025 at 11:39 AM

RJ

“ Rhonda Jean Jackson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alonza Anderson.



Rhonda Jean Jackson - October 23, 2025 at 03:56 PM

BW

“ *Barbara White lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Barbara White - October 23, 2025 at 03:05 PM

AB

“ *Anna Butler lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Anna Butler - October 23, 2025 at 11:22 AM

AB

My Condolences to the Family

Anna Butler - October 23, 2025 at 11:24 AM

SW

“ *Uncle Lil Bro will truly be missed by so many and he touched a whole lot of people lives. Growing up with my aunt's and uncles ... The Lane Family, he has always been there. He would often tell us stories about being down by the tracks all while he was singing. We loved to sing together every chance we got. May his soul rest in peace! I love you Uncle Lil Bro. (ALWAYS!). ❤️❤️*

Sharon Wadley - October 23, 2025 at 10:18 AM

MW

“ My condolences to the family . Lil Bro and my dad Edward Ammons were the best of friends and sang together. He watched me grow up and everytime he heard me sing , he always reminded me of how proud my parents and grandparents would be of me . Such a wonderful man . You are going to be so missed . Take your rest .



Minister Dyanna White - October 23, 2025 at 09:25 AM

YW

“ Summers seeing you will be missed



Yuri Wright - October 22, 2025 at 11:07 PM

CW

“ Chestet W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alonza Anderson.

Chestet W. - October 22, 2025 at 05:27 PM

PF

“ Preston Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Alonza Anderson



Preston Family - October 22, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SS

“ Stephanie Steele lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Stephanie Steele - October 22, 2025 at 12:21 PM

RS

“ Renee Sharp lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Renee Sharp - October 22, 2025 at 09:42 AM

AW

“ Anthenira Wadley lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Anthenira wadley - October 21, 2025 at 11:26 PM

AW

R.I.P. Uncle Lil.Bro Anderson whom, I Loved very much ❤️ ❤️ and now he's singing in the Heavenly Choir and he's with his family and friends including our beautiful Mother and our handsome dad, they all were childhood friends again much LOVE from, Piggy Wiggy 🙏🙏🙏

Anthenira wadley - October 21, 2025 at 11:30 PM

DF

“ *Diane Ellison Family lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Diane Ellison Family - October 21, 2025 at 06:01 PM

PR

“ *Pat Reynolds sent a virtual gift in memory of Alonza Anderson*



pat reynolds - October 21, 2025 at 03:39 PM

ME

“ *sending my prayers to the Anderson & Waller Family. praying for comfort and peace in this time of unimaginable sorrow.*



Min. John & Bettie Elder & Family

Min. John & Bettie Elder - October 21, 2025 at 02:25 PM

PC

“ *Peggy Corbin lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Peggy Corbin - October 21, 2025 at 09:14 AM

TI

“ I love you 🥺💔...Your Baby



Tia - October 21, 2025 at 07:24 AM

SS

“ Sonya Stiggers lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Sonya Stiggers - October 21, 2025 at 01:21 AM

EW

“ Ephrem Wright lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Ephrem Wright - October 20, 2025 at 10:19 PM

JJ

“ In loving memory of Mr A. LIL Bro Anderson
someone who brought joy to all who met
him,now u n Jaybird can play together
Be strong family God has got him now



James Ford Jr - October 20, 2025 at 08:32 PM

YW

“ *Lit a candle in Memory of Lil Bro from Jeffery & Yahunna Parker*

Yahunna Wadley - October 20, 2025 at 08:00 PM

DH

“ *Lil Bro, One of the (GODFATHERS) of the Jefferson St Community, A true friend to all & played a major role in so many lives, personally a huge part of my upbringing & a dear friend to my WHOLE FAMILY, I have a personal regret that I didn't complete, but the major role u personally made in my is Immeasurable, my grandson (Michael Lewis), told u yrs ago , how well u sung a song (U Kno U Sung that Song, will be no doubt (Missed)*

Dank Hawkins - October 19, 2025 at 02:17 PM

BM

My prayers goes out to the family of Dank Hawkins I remember him as a great follower of the third generation gospel singer God bless you all



Betty Morgan - October 19, 2025 at 09:35 PM

BM

Dan Hawkins

Betty Morgan - October 19, 2025 at 09:58 PM

CT

“ Uncle Lil Bro, it was only a few months ago you were singing/telling us how you learned "Precious Lort" (yes, I said Lort). The Patriarch of the Anderson/Thompson family is no longer with us! We'll miss you but we find comfort in knowing you're rejoicing with your mom and sisters. We were definitely planning to take you to see your mom's burial site one last time in Lagrange.

Your favorite nephew & niece (iykyk)
Roddy & Sharon

Charles & Sharon Thompson - October 19, 2025 at 01:48 PM

LA

“ Luella G Reed A lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Luella G Reed a - October 19, 2025 at 12:58 PM

MW

“ Melanie M. White lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Melanie M. White - October 19, 2025 at 12:11 PM

SL

“ Our condolences to the family. Mr LILBRO was family to us he was everybody's uncle, one of the nicest person you could have the privilege of having in your life. Love him always Boot, Linda, James, Jr and Tory

Silva Boot Little - October 19, 2025 at 10:44 AM

BB

RIH Big Daddy
Love 💕. Step Daughter
Ms Beverley Brown of Knoxville TN

Beverley Brown - October 20, 2025 at 12:20 PM

GD

“ Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in memory of
Alonza Anderson



Gloria J Daniels - October 18, 2025 at 08:18 PM

CP

“ Cora L Parks lit a candle in memory of Alonza
Anderson



Cora L Parks - October 18, 2025 at 08:02 PM

ES

“Alonza, affectionately known as 'Baby Bro', will always be remembered as a member of the New Hope Male Choir on the corner of Rossville and Read Ave. Alonza's passing marks the last of that great choir. They are all gone to their final resting place but for those of us who heard them perform I can truly say that they will never be forgotten! Take your rest my dear brothers in Christ for you have truly earned it! RIP

Euretha Shropshire - October 18, 2025 at 11:26 AM

MM

You will be truly missed Mr. Alonzo Anderson known as dad to me and my children and grandchildren known as Mr. Anderson. My heavily father needed another angel to sing in his choir rest in heaven dad from the Robinson, and Millsap family's . ❤️🕊️🌺

Marilyn (Robinson) Millsap - October 18, 2025 at 07:19 PM

CC

“Cardella Cummings lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Cardella Cummings - October 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

CA

“ To the family of Alonzo "Lil Bro" Anderson heartfelt condolences from The Children of Hazel Baskin(deceased) :Lee "Lil Bud" (deceased), Josephine(deceased), Doris(deceased), Eugene "Tic"(deceased), Wilbur(deceased), Robert "Pot", Kenneth "Kenny", Cassandra and Valencia "Noopie", The Jefferson Street Gang , Adam Street Gang, and Main Street Gang. Lil Bro you will be truly missed.



Cassandra - October 17, 2025 at 10:46 PM



“ Ody Wright lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Ody Wright - October 17, 2025 at 09:58 PM

LR

“ Lera Richmond lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Lera Richmond - October 17, 2025 at 09:49 PM

CW

“ *Chester L Wright lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Chester L Wright - October 17, 2025 at 09:47 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Sims lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



Brenda Sims - October 17, 2025 at 07:30 PM

VL

“ *VaTina Long lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



VaTina Long - October 17, 2025 at 06:13 PM

RM

“ *Robbie Marshall lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson*



robbie marshall - October 17, 2025 at 04:34 PM

BS

“ I am heartbroken 💔 to hear that Lil Bro has transitioned. He was like an Uncle to me, he always claimed our family as his family. Rest Easy 😭🙏😭 until we see each again 🙏🙏
🙏🙏🙏



Beverly Harris Silva - October 17, 2025 at 03:00 PM

JP

“ Uncle Lil Bro will be missed by all. He was Chattanooga's big uncle and truly loved the Lord. I praise God for placing him in my life over 60 years ago!



Jean Pickens - October 17, 2025 at 12:59 PM

GS

“ Glenda Faye Stoudemire lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Glenda Faye Stoudemire - October 17, 2025 at 10:56 AM

AD

“ Angela Deloach lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Angela Deloach - October 17, 2025 at 05:45 AM

SD

“ Sharon A Douglas lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Sharon A Douglas - October 16, 2025 at 10:55 PM

PM

“ Patriciia Mcintosh lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Patriciia Mcintosh - October 16, 2025 at 10:53 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Beverly Sales - October 16, 2025 at 06:34 PM

WM

“ Willie Mays lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Willie Mays - October 16, 2025 at 05:31 PM

DM

“ Dorothy Talley Mays lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Dorothy Talley Mays - October 16, 2025 at 05:29 PM

YW

“ Sending our condolences 🙏 to the family of Lil Bro from Cricket, Tasha, Ann, Lady, Valerie, Monyette, Scooter, Gary, BenBen the Wadley Family praying 🙏 and asking God to comfort 🙏 and strengthen the family during this difficult 🙏 time love ❤️ always.

Yahunna Wadley - October 16, 2025 at 04:43 PM

ET

“ Edna Talley lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Edna Talley - October 16, 2025 at 04:36 PM

VF

“ Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Alonza Anderson



Vickie Fielder - October 16, 2025 at 02:25 PM

VF

*Lil Bro will always be remembered, never forgotten! His kindness is etched in my memories!
My heartfelt condolences and prayers to his family. 🥹❤️👍*

Vickie Fielder - October 16, 2025 at 02:37 PM

NW

My condolences to the family in the loss of Lil Bro. May our heavenly Father give you peace and comfort at this time 🙏

Nettie Wright - October 16, 2025 at 05:54 PM

FP

Sending Condolences from the Pierce family.

Fran Pierce - October 16, 2025 at 06:54 PM

AD

My condolences to the family in the loss of our uncle lil Bro. He will be missed from Willietta, Audrey,(Angela Pretty Girl), Shannon and Derrick.Love Always Norma Jean ball kids. Take your rest Unc.

Angela Deloach - October 17, 2025 at 05:53 AM

BB

*RIH Big Daddy aka Lil Bro
Sadden to hear
From Step Daughter in Knoxville Tennessee*

Beverley Brown - October 20, 2025 at 03:38 PM