



Dr. Alvin Bennett Ellerby

October 19, 1949 - June 4, 2020

Rev. Dr. Alvin Bennett Ellerby, 70, formerly of Chattanooga, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2020 at his residence in Mobile, Alabama. He was born October 19, 1949 to Samuel and Nannie Ellerby of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He graduated from Riverside High School Class of 1967. He holds degrees from UCLA with a BS and a MS degree in Mechanical Engineering, a MS in Theology from Virginia Union Theological Seminary and Doctorate in Theology from Westminster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. He married Callie Ellerby and had one son. Callie preceded him in death. He married Linda Ellerby in 2004 and was also introduced to her three children. He was an ordained Baptist minister and Pastor. He preached and pastored in Carolina, Delaware, Virginia, Florida, and Oregon. He moved to Portland, Oregon in 2006. In 2010 he founded, Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and Greater New Hope Family Services in Portland, Oregon. He worked as the CEO of Greater New Hope Family Services and was the founder of Solid As A Rock (a non-profit organization dedicated to delivering FREE goods and services to families). He leaves to cherish, wife, Linda, children: Joshua Ellerby, Kadontreal Hutcherson (Reggie), Felecia Wright, and Augustreal Montgomery. His sister, Debra Merrill and her children; Lauren Leak Merrill (Willie), Brandon Merrill (Chatsoni) and Nicholas Merrill. His First Cousin and Second Mother, Shirley Head Jackson and her son, Luke Jackson Jr. He has several longtime, close friends: Howard Roddy, Albert Fields, Ron Bish, Larry Hengesh, John Malone and Pastor James Favorite as well as a

host of other cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Live Stream on Monday, June 15, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.

Facebook: Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga (Be sure to 'Like')

To View the service later: Go to the Tribute Wall below

Cemetery Details

Hamilton Memorial Gardens

5351 TN-153
Hixson, TN 37343

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUN **14**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411
(423) 622-8152
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

Family Service

JUN **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Rest in Peace, Dr. Ellerby. You were a giant in spirit and heart; I admired your passion and brilliance for many years. Mrs. Linda, deepest sympathies and love to you. Amy Bunker*

Amy - September 07, 2020 at 05:02 PM

MW

“ *District 2 Child Welfare and the Family Services Team sends out deepest sympathy for the loss of Dr. Ellerby. We had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Ellerby over the years with his organization, Greater New Hope. Dr. Ellerby had a strong heart and passion for serving families in need, and seemed to have a special place in his heart for Child Welfare involved families and to address disproportionality and help families create long term stability. Dr. Ellerby has inspired and reflected how each individual can change the trajectory of our communities to one of self-efficacy, compassion and resiliency. Thousands of people have been touched through his advocacy and innovation. His impact on us and the community will be long lasting and he will be truly missed.*



Max Seiler & D2 Child Welfare - June 26, 2020 at 08:07 PM

MT

“Pastor Ellerby was the pastor at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church following Pastor Jointer. We, the Gospel Christmas choir had our rehearsals there and he was allowed to play his instrument(flute, or saxophone?) both during our rehearsal there and at the dress rehearsal at the Schnitzer and with the Oregon Symphony. I also visited is church and had prayer for him after he fell ill one Sunday afternoon; he was at True Vine at that time. He was a man of God who loved his family and the church family and we know that he is now resting in the bosom of God. I am praying for his family and loved ones to be comforted by the Holy Spirit in this time of grieving. God bless you all.

Mariah Anne Taylor - June 19, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“Godly Woman”

When sadness comes, she takes time to smile. When tired, she finds time to relax and rest. When she's angry, she takes time to cool down. She reads and always meditates the bible. Above all these, she always prays. Prayer is her priority and her shield. Lord continue to give her strength and rest, praying for the family.

MS Linda,

Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Delilah Yeggins-Banks and Wille Banks

Blessings!

Delilah Yeggins - June 19, 2020 at 09:08 AM

LH

“ *Leah Hall lit a candle in memory of Dr. Alvin Bennett Ellerby*



Leah Hall - June 18, 2020 at 05:49 PM

ME

“ *We would like to express our gratitude to you Dr. Ellerby for your tenacity in your life's work. It has truly been a privilege to be counted as an ally and work alongside you, Linda, and all the others dedicated to the causes. Thank you for your inspiration, dedication, and heart. You will truly be missed. May the legacy of your work continue to create change and touch lives for generations to come.*



- Melissa & Terry on behalf of Wolf Pack

Melissa - June 18, 2020 at 03:12 PM

LA

“ *Rest in peace Pastor Ellerby. You will be greatly missed in the Portland community*



LaNae - June 18, 2020 at 02:49 PM

MB

“*Dr. Ellerby was one of the most kind, genuine people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing and working with. He and Linda have done so much for our communities and all with Love, Grace and Mercy.*

I will miss hearing his stories about when he was young living in the country and eating squirrels on occasion lol - I'm not sure if that really happened or he was just trying to make me laugh but I loved it just the same.

He will be missed greatly for who he was and all he did for so many. Love to all the Ellerby's, especially my dear friend Linda.

*With much love,
Melanie Boyle*

Melanie Boyle - June 18, 2020 at 11:34 AM

RS

*Alvin was Marketing Manager for a Delaware Engineering firm in the mid 90's. I was the Engineering Manager and became best friends as we went out on sales calls together. He was a very competent and well liked guy. I knew Calli but never met Joshua who Alvin mentioned many times. My funniest memory was on a trip to Chattanooga. We went to his favorite ribs spot and ordered enough ribs for 6 to go. We had some time at the Airport and got a table and a few beers and started eating ribs. People kept asking where they could get these ribs. (they smelled great) and Alvin kept giving them directions to his rib spot in Chattanooga. When we checked in we had to get the ribs through security and he had all the TSA agents asking about these ribs. It was hilarious. Every time I eat ribs, I think of my friend Alvin Ellerby. I was so sad to find out Alvin was with his Saviour, but so thankful I had those several years with Alvin Ellerby as my friend. My condolences to family and friends.
Bob Shoemaker*

Robert Shoemaker - March 09, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - June 16, 2020 at 10:05 AM

AA

Beautiful services. May his soul rest in perfect peace. May the Lord grant the family comfort, peace, and strength in Jesus Mighty name. God bless you, Ms. Linda. Abosede Adesida

Abosede Amy Adesida - June 18, 2020 at 12:14 PM

B-

“ *Brenda Harper -Conrod lit a candle in memory of Dr. Alvin Bennett Ellerby*



Brenda Harper -Conrod - June 15, 2020 at 02:31 PM

KP

“ *Karen PhillipsJarrett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Alvin Bennett Ellerby*



Karen PhillipsJarrett - June 15, 2020 at 01:33 PM

CW

“ We wish there was something we could do to take away your pain. Although it may seem he is no longer here, his memory will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of everyone who loved him. Whenever you think of him he'll be at your side ready to love and assist you. Kisses and hugs from the Celestine and family.

Celestine Thomas Walton - June 15, 2020 at 12:21 PM

JM

“ Earth cries, Heaven Smiles as God welcomes you into his Kingdom

Jocelyn Morgan

Jocelyn Morgan - June 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM

AJ

“ As children playing in a vacant lot on the corner of Willow and Walker in Churchville ; this big gentle giant walks up. In fear of his size, he puts you at ease. One beautiful soul. I'll forever see the kindness proceed the man as an angel of love, Thoughts of an old childhood friend. Admired and loved, continued on another plain. Family and friends ; may I join you in sorrow and the joy of being blessed with him in our lives. Deep Emotions; Lil Jr aka (Abraham Ellis Jr)

Abraham Ellis Jr - June 13, 2020 at 10:06 PM

JS

“ I was saddened and shocked to hear of Alvin's death. I spent quite a bit of time with Alvin and Deborah growing up. Alvin was so funny and smart we thought he could do Anything. He had a gift for imitation and would have us rolling. Rest in peace cousin. Much Love
Johanna Shropshire.

Johanna Shropshire - June 13, 2020 at 05:08 PM

PG

“ Alvin is my first cousin on my Dad's side of the Family "Eberhart's", my heart is heavy as I recall countless hours of fond memories of our childhood. Those were the best of times I will treasure always. He was always ambitious and fun loving a Great Man of God. I take pleasure in knowing he is united with My Dad and his Parents in all Eternity.....



Patricia "Eberhart" Glover - June 13, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JJ

“ John Malone Jr purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Alvin Bennett Ellerby.



John Malone Jr - June 12, 2020 at 05:51 PM

JW

“ Sending my condolences to Deborah and the Ellerby's family from VA. We love you very much and are praying for you to be comforted by Jesus.



Jackie Jones Wood - June 11, 2020 at 06:07 PM

KP

“ Karen Phillips-Jarrett purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Alvin Bennett Ellerby.



Karen Phillips-Jarrett - June 11, 2020 at 08:16 AM

DB

“ To the Ellerby Family,
God bless you,
Alvin was a dear dear soul to me for 36 yrs, we studied theology, played music and worked as engineers together in Charlotte. I would speak to Alvin at least three times a week for years....every new book we bought, we had to break it down. I will truly miss my brother, I know he is running around heaven as we often talked about.

Family, stay strong, Joshua we love you, Ms. Linda and family be encouraged.

We will see him again, maybe sooner than we think.

Sincerely

Dr. Ronald Bish,

6/11/2020

Dr. Ronald Bish, - June 11, 2020 at 12:16 AM

ST

Before I really knew what a teenage-years-mentor was, Alvin would show me how a professional, energetic musician would conduct himself, on and off the stage, including my still-active dissection of music theory/chord progressions in popular music.

Including immersing oneself in extensions of that life, such as Alvin's interest and eventual involvement in engineering. No surprise that Alvin would also eventually immerse himself in theology. A great thinker unafraid to express that soul to others.

Schuyler "Sky" Traughber

schuyler traughber - June 18, 2020 at 08:21 AM