



## Ali Abdul Rahmaan

January 28, 1953 - June 5, 2020

Ali Rahmaan passed peacefully at home in his sleep on June 5, 2020. He was born Oliver E. White on January 28th in 1953 to his parents Roland O. White and Dorothy S. White in Annapolis, Maryland. He was the youngest of two children. As a young man, he converted to Islam. He was educated in the Baltimore, Maryland schoolsystem and graduated from Forest Park High School. After graduation, he attended Morgan State University and was employed by the Social Security Administration.

At the age of nineteen, he was united in marriage to Shuron Burton and from this union, 5 children were born.

The entrepreneurial bug hit him around this time and he opened his first restaurant called, Ali's Sandwich Palace, located in East Baltimore.

Ali became another business owner during the '80s and 90's when he converted a movie theater in Landover, Md into a highly successful night club named 'Club Distinction'. Later he expanded and renamed the nightclub 'Utopia'. Utopia would feature up and coming comedians such as Chris Rock and musical entertainers such as Evelyn Champagne King before they became household names.

He later opened a restaurant in Laurel, Md called, What's Cookin', and made a return to Baltimore where he opened a restaurant near the Inner Harbor called Pizzazz. He loved being in business for himself and spent much time studying it. He also loved multi-level businesses and was involved in many. His ultimate goal was always to make sure that he provided for his children whom he loved so much. He was preceded in death by his wife who died at an early age giving him the full responsibility of caring for his five children.

In the early 2000's he switched gears and launched a successful deck and patio company in Prince George's County called Capital Deck Builders. Most recently he was the co-owner of another successful company, ACE Fences, Decks & Patios.

Ali later converted back to Christianity and was a follower of T. D. Jakes.

He reached many people and touched many lives. He was always there to empower and motivate. He was a firm believer in owning your business and was instrumental in encouraging others to do the same. Ali was an outstanding man and father. His time spent living on earth was very well spent and he will never be forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shuron. He leaves to cherish his memories with love: his three daughters, Akinah, Aaliyah, and Aneesah; two sons, Ali and Hassan; His mother, Dorothy S. White; his devoted sister, Linda White Andrews, brother-in-law, Robert Andrews. His grandchildren - Daquan, Ruqayyah, Kareem, Kaniya, Marcus, Hassan Jr, Amani, and Jase (Chase:)). He also leaves a host of extended family members and numerous amounts of cherished friends.

# Cemetery

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## King Memorial Park Cemetery- Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.

Baltimore, MD, 21244

# Events

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**JUN 12** **Wake** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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March Life Tribute Center -  
Randallstown

5616 Old Court Road,  
Windsor Mill, MD, US

**JUN 12** **Service** 10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ Love and miss you Cuz Ali. I remember one summer spend in Richmond you made a rocket propelled by the red tipped matches. And it actually flew. I also remember the pranks you Neil and Timmy played on Gregory and I called the box. There was a box in the back of this long closet in one of the bedrooms. One night you guys came out in the middle of the night with glow paint on. You came to our room and told us the box the box the box wants you. I miss the conversations that we had whenever we met. Talking business ventures personal ventures and family. Wish we had more time together.

**Keith Howard** - June 30, 2020 at 03:54 PM

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“ I will always remember Dad a strong, loving and caring person. I remember when Aunt Linda saw the struggles i was having when i stepped out on faith and started my OWN hair salon. I was everything.....the Human Resources, marketing, social media, material ordering person and sometimes when hands on in the salón. I was so overwhelmed. Aunt Linda recommended that i talk to Ali to get a little help in the marketing area. Without having to ask twice, Ali gladly opened his home to me and we chatting for about two hours about his entrepreneur experiences and ideas he thought would help me in my struggles. As i was still in Dad's house it was so nice to see how he had a space for everything. So clean and tidy for a man! Lol! I'm going to miss you Dad. Seeing you for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I love you and promise to be her for my sister Akinah always!!! Muuuuuuah!!!

Claudina

**claudina mesa** - June 26, 2020 at 11:38 AM

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“ I will truly miss cousin Ali's laughter and the joking around about football. It was truly a delight growing up and seeing his growth in business with Club Distinction to Club Utopia. I have a lot of memories there from New Years celebrations to it being my place to party all weekend. Ali and Sharun took great care of me with the club. They introduced me to the bouncers and bartenders and told them he owns the place so take care of him and they did. This was the hottest mature spot in the DMV area. Although he has gone on to join those before us he will definitely be one we will miss hearing when our family comes together once again in celebration. He will never be forgotten and he will always be missed.

To his children now adults... It is okay if a memory brings you to tears. It is not unusual. It is nothing to be ashamed of for it is love. It is the love between you and your father.

**Cousin Gregory Howard** - June 25, 2020 at 07:30 PM

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“ Ali was more than a first cousin but more so my baby brother whom I have had the fondest memories over the past 66 years. He was always kind, thoughtful, loving and caring to me and his family. I cherish the pictures I have of him when it was 3 cousins and sister who is my sister to. We traveled and spend so much times as kids loving life between our homes in Maryland while also in Richmond VA and a military base in California with our Grandparents. Ali was a strong and mentoring father who also was a Entrepreneur. During his Homegoing Service I spoke how life, can be turned upside down at times. He certainly knew how to turn it Right Side Up while smiling and offering that hand to help you Right Side Up in times of need. I can still picture him approaching me always steadying his feet with a bright smile to extend his hand to say hello. The suddenness of his transition still brings tears to my eyes, but after a pause I can smile knowing he is right side Up. He is with our Father God, Jesus Christ our Savior and enjoying time with our family in Heaven keeping and eye on Us. Amen.

**Timmy Howard** - June 25, 2020 at 04:31 PM

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“ My time shared with you might have been few but I can recall being surrounded by your love at Akinah's baby shower. It was such a joyous occasion and the smiles were endless. I vividly remember that day and finally getting to see the amazing father and man you were. There was something unique and different that would leave an impression with me forever. I know your love and spirit has left an imprint on the many lives you touched. May God comfort your children and family and keep memories close to their hearts forever.

Hillary Wood - June 24, 2020 at 12:20 AM

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“ As Salaam Alakium, Ali we go way back to the Nation of Islam in 1971. During that time, we were very close to each other. Great love, respect and concern was instilled in us for each other and humanity. As time went by, we all ventured into different areas with our families and careers. It saddened us to hear of Ali's passing. However, we know that from Allah we came and unto him we return. May Allah forgive him of his sins and accept him into Paradise. David and Maryam Ali

Maryam Ali - June 23, 2020 at 09:14 PM

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“ While I’ve been in your presence only a few times, I remember the pride in your eyes and the smile you had at Akinah’s baby shower. I could see how much you loved your family and I could, also, see how the feeling was mutual because they loved you, too. Akinah would talk about the businesses you had and how proud she was of your entrepreneurial spirit. She gets that from you. I pray that your influence and love for family continue to permeate through the entire Rahmaan family. May your love always be felt. Rest In Peace.



**Traci Brown** - June 23, 2020 at 07:47 PM

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“ May the precious memory, fierce love, infectious smile, and incredible resilience of Ali Rahmaan continue to live on in each and everyone of his offspring and loved ones. I send all of my love and prayers of comfort to Akinah and each and every family member.



**Patrice Williams** - June 23, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ I’ve only been around you a couple of times, but felt like I’d known you forever through Akinah. She would light up talking about you. I remember us all at Jase’s dinner last year having a great time. It was a ball! What stood out the most about that evening was how happy Akinah was that you were there to celebrate with them. My heart goes out to your children, Nana, aunt Linda, Kelly, the grands and EVERYONE who loves you. I’ve heard and seen the impact you made on so many. May your light and God’s Grace be upon them all.



**Car Ferguson** - June 23, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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“ My favorite memory was looking at your face and then Akinah, Ali, & Jase and being so amazed at how you marked your family. Not only physically but also internally. You’ve left your mark and every time I look at Akinah, Jase & Ali I will always see your wonderful smile! I’m so blessed to be able experience the love from your Family you will be missed but never forgotten. XOXO Gia & Nori

**Gia Williams** - June 23, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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“ Big Ali (my name for you) I want to thank GOD for your life and the impact you have had on so many. My fondest memory was when I looked back in the court and saw you standing there with Aunt Linda!! You have been so supportive of me.. my family.. and I will remain supportive of your entire family for as long as God gives me breath!!

**Topeka K Sam** - June 23, 2020 at 01:30 PM

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“ Mr.Ali

I never had the opportunity to meet you, but Akinah always talked about you being her hero! Everything that she said of you is a huge reflection of who she is today!!! Akinah this experience is never easy. However just know you and your siblings are loved and supported.

REST EASY SIR!!!

Love

Tania

**Tania Wesley** - June 23, 2020 at 01:30 PM

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“ Ali.....u will truly be missed !!!! I'm gonna miss u at my Thanksgiving dinners telling me how good the food is and how u can't believe I can get Jase to eat all his food ! U were always there for me! U were like a father to me when I was young and a big brother when I got older ! U always made me feel welcomed and loved.....even when I invited myself to move in with U, Shuron and the kids .....still u welcomed me with open arms ! THANK YOU ALI for all that u were to me!!!! Rest Peacefully with Shuron and know that I will carry the “torch” now (Insider)

Love,  
Kelly



Kelly Blackwell - June 23, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ The torch has been passed to no one more deserving than you Kelly. You have been an Earth Angel to all of 5 of us. Know that both Ali Sr. And Shuron rest peacefully, knowing that TWO queens now lead the family..You and Ms. Dorothy White. I love you Daddy, and will forever carry you in my spirit

Ali - June 23, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ DADDY!!!!!! I miss you profoundly, and the pain that we all feel is indescribable..I remember as young boy, you'd read "Foot Prints" to Hassan and I, telling us the significance of how even though you only see ONE set of foot prints, its because God is carrying you (Hassan and I) through our darkest hour. I need for those set of "Foot Prints" to sometimes be you carrying your first boy. Thank you for giving me a childhood, many could only dream of....thank you for teaching me how to be a MAN. I will carry your name with Great Pride and Honor. Rest in Peace Daddy, and give Mommy a kiss for me!! I LOVE YOU DADDY

Ali - June 23, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Love & Light to the Rahmaan Family!



Dionne Cross - June 23, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of your passing. Beyond being a big man, your spirit and impact seemed larger than life. Your impact on Akinah and Ruquyyah were evidence to me of how deeply you loved them and all of your children and grandchildren. I pray your large presence remains in their lives for time to come. Amen With love, Khalilah Harris

**Khalilah Harris** - June 23, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ To This Loving Family  
I'm so very sorry for your lost!  
He is now you all Angel and forever he will be with you All in Spirit  
Keep All of his memories close in your hearts.  
Amen with Love  
Dionne Cross ❤️

**Dionne Cross** - June 23, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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“ It's been a little over two weeks since we lost you and I MISS YOU SO MUCH. Life will never be the same. My anchor, my friend, my cheerleader, my world, my dad. I am grateful to God that in whatever way it's determined who our parents are, that I had you. I got the luck of the draw! You are the most amazing man I've ever known. Loving, strong, industrious, vulnerable, a leader, optimistic, courageous, compassionate, protective, forward-thinking, kind, giving, funny, honorable, proud, resilient and a consummate student of life. You mastered the art of the pivot. Never letting fear hold you back from change. You always got back up, never stayed down. The forward thinker, always. I am a proud product of you. I see you in me in so very many ways - and that makes me smile. To look at my son and see your fingers and your legs! Lol Makes my heart smile. When losing someone we begin to speak of them in the past tense but I'm not sure about that. You live on through us - your 5 children and 8 grandkids. And so goes the circle of life. You owned nightclubs and restaurants and many other businesses but your business of FATHERHOOD was your very best. Thank you for that. ...Not seeing you in the earthly realm is an unbearable pain right now. I think back 2001 when mommy passed, you stepped up to the plate, and as a single father, you were there for us in every way. I went away to college while you Aaliyah, Aneesah, Ali, and Hassan lived together. You had just experienced a downturn with your successful nightclub business and was starting again. But that didn't stop you. You were willing to do whatever it took to provide for your family - even if that meant working as a manager at Roy Rogers, which you did - with honor. You, of course, bounced back and opened your own business once again - Capital Deck Builders. Through CDB, you helped many learn and launch their own businesses. All the while, I watched in awe and SO MUCH PRIDE. That's my Dad! You always made me proud. Everyone who knows me knows that I said this often.

I am so heartbroken right now, but I know that having you here for the time we did is a blessing. I just keep hearing you say "I'm Fine, Akinah"...as you always did when I attempted to "parent" you. Haha. So as your grandson said to me, "Mommy, think about the good memories," words of wisdom that I am sure were sent by you. I will do just that. I am thankful we have so many memories - a very present father you were. A father, a dad a motivator, and my friend. I will hold you in my heart and make sure that your memory never fades. I love you, daddy, forever, and always.

#DaddysGirl - Your oldest, Akinah

Akinah - June 23, 2020 at 11:15 AM

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“ With Love, Rachel Watanabe-Batton & Family purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Ali Abdul Rahmaan.



With Love, Rachel Watanabe-Batton & Family - June 11, 2020 at 03:29 PM

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“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ali Abdul Rahmaan.



June 10, 2020 at 01:53 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ali Abdul Rahmaan.



June 10, 2020 at 01:45 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ali Abdul Rahmaan.



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“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ali Abdul Rahmaan.



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