



Albert A. Dorner SR

December 2, 1944 - January 26, 2024

Albert Alexander Dorner was born on December 2, 1944, at Harlem Hospital in New York City. He was a beloved husband and a loving and admirable father to all his children. He was the first-born child of the late Alexander Dorner Sr. and the late Anna Marie Dorner. Albert was just “Al” to most who knew him but to his family, he was “Pogie”, an endearing nickname given to him by his late grandmother, Corrine Dowling. Albert would grow up and attend Samuel Gompers Industrial High School in the Bronx, New York where he became quite skilled in working with his hands. Being crafty, he would often play tricks on his six younger siblings - a memory I’m sure they delight in today. In high school, Al was a dapper young man and the envy of his peers which earned him the nickname “Batman” as he could often be found in all-black attire during those years.

At the age of 18, during the Vietnam War, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington for two years. Not one for confrontation and certainly not war, after his tour of duty, Al returned home and began a career as a transit police officer for the New York Police Department. By this time, he also started a family from which Albert Alexander Dorner, Jr., the eldest of his children, and Kaiya Lesha Dorner were born. Al loved serving his community as an officer of the law, however, an injury, or at least the perception of an injury, would cut his career short which led to a new chapter in his life. Albert relocated to Southern New Jersey, where he spent the next 10 years working for the U.S. Army Reserve, and General

Electric's Radio Corporation of America (RCA). During those years, Al welcomed two more daughters, Kesi Sakina Dorner and Tarika Yasmin Dorner and became a loving father to Sandra Lachonne Dorner.

In his final chapter of life, Albert married Sandy Dorner and would also become a loving father to Kenneth Johnson, Sheri Joi Johnson, and Nygel Knighton. He would spend the majority of 30-plus years in Bowie, Maryland with his dutiful wife Sandra, affectionately known to all as 'Sandy'. Bowie, Maryland would not only become where they made a home, but where they'd make their fondest memories, and eventually where they would leave their hearts. Al was the consummate provider for his family and therefore, reluctantly approached retirement. He eventually retired as a government employee for Homeland Security.

Al was a kind, quiet, reserved soul with a giving, fun-loving, and outgoing spirit. He was quick-witted and could be lightheartedly sarcastic. Al was highly proficient with numbers and mathematically inclined. He enjoyed music and singing, dancing, anything sweet, and any episode of the television program Law and Order or the Big Bang Theory. More than anything though he absolutely loved spending time with family. Later in life, he got to travel and experience the world and make beautiful lasting memories with his wife and family.

Albert Alexander Dorner, Sr. is preceded by his daughter, Kaiya Lesha Dorner, his mother, Anna Marie Dorner, his father, Alexander Eurchlin Dorner Sr., his brother, Alexander Eurchlin Dorner, Jr. (Goo Goo), and his sister Deborah Dorner. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Dorner, his sons Albert Alexander Dorner, Jr., Kenny Johnson, and Nygel Knighton, his daughters Sandra Lachonne Dorner, Kesi Sakina Dorner, Tarika Yasmin Dorner, and Sheri Joi Johnson, 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, his brother Frederick Dorner, his sisters Eleanor Bowman, Marie Meggett, and Yvette Dorner-Rogers and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham , MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Bethel AME Church
6810 Floral Park Road
Brandywine, MD 20613

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Sending love, light, and tight hugs. Love you all and Uncle Al will be missed. Love, Kaylan and Martin family.

Kaylan Martin - February 11, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ My uncle was the best uncle ever in the history and I didn't ever want I'm him to die but now he is so rest in peace my dear uncle

Ava king - February 10, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.



February 09, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Webb, Williams, and Camper Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.



Webb, Williams, and Camper Family - February 09, 2024 at 12:51 PM

GG

“ *Grandkids and Great Grandkids purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



Grandkids and Great Grandkids - February 08, 2024 at 04:19 PM

AC

“ *Albert Jr, Johnnie And Cherise purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



Albert Jr, Johnnie And Cherise - February 08, 2024 at 04:19 PM

BJ

“ *Billy/Shakir Johnson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



Billy/Shakir Johnson - February 08, 2024 at 05:29 AM

SP

“ *Sam Glenn Jr. and son, Perone purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



Sam Glenn Jr. and son, Perone - February 07, 2024 at 09:22 PM

SN

“ *Sonia, Sonya, Kris, Karis & Nico purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



Sonia, Sonya, Kris, Karis & Nico - February 07, 2024 at 07:38 PM

SN

“ *Sonia, Sonya, Kris, Karis & Nico planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert A. Dorner SR.*

Sonia, Sonya, Kris, Karis & Nico - February 07, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



February 07, 2024 at 01:34 PM

FB

“ *From Dad and Brenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert A. Dorner SR.*

From Dad and Brenda - February 07, 2024 at 01:34 PM

DV

“ *Dr. Michael Owens, U.S. Marine Corps Veterans purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



Dr. Michael Owens, U.S. Marine Corps Veterans - February 05, 2024 at 08:00 PM

WF

“ *Wilson & Pena Families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



Wilson & Pena Families - February 05, 2024 at 06:51 PM

MH

“ *Marcia Howard lit a candle in memory of Albert Dorner*



Marcia Howard - February 05, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.*



February 05, 2024 at 09:33 AM

TW

“ Tyrone wright. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert A. Dorner SR.

Tyrone wright. - February 05, 2024 at 09:33 AM

LA

“ I want to share my sincere condolences to the family. Al was a joy to be around. I have such great memories of growing up with him. To my God sisters (Kesi and Rikki) know he loved you all greatly. Rest well Al. 🌹
Leslie A

Leslie Arnold - February 02, 2024 at 06:39 PM

TD

Thank you, Leslie. We love you.

Tarika Dorner - February 05, 2024 at 08:12 PM

RT

“ Rae & Trey purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Albert A. Dorner SR.



Rae & Trey - February 02, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 31, 2024 at 04:43 PM

JD

My husband Alexander knew him from basic training in NY. They lost contact many years ago. My husband was recently thinking about him and looked him up and found his obituary. We send our love and hugs to all of you. My husband and Dorner shared many good times together. He would like his wife to text Alexander Dixon at 6097072614 and just connect and maybe share some wonderful memories with her. We live in South Jersey which is not far from you. My name is Jacquelyn Dixon. My number is 6097079859. Maybe we can come and treat you to dinner. God bless.

Jacquelyn C Dixon - February 05, 2025 at 07:44 PM