



## Alphonso Hines

July 16, 1952 - March 12, 2021

Alphonso Hines was born on July 16, 1952 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina at his home on Matthew Street. He was born to and preceded in death by mother Willie Mae Hines and Willie Macon. He was the 2nd oldest of 13 siblings. He was educated in the Edgecombe County School System in Rocky Mount, NC. At an early age he began to work and help rear his siblings alongside his grandmother, Cora Hines.

He moved to Washington, DC in 1974 with family. At this time he began working at a local store, Normandy's in SW DC, and later moved on to a delivery position at Peoples Drug Store. He also worked at Arlington Cemetery in the landscaping department. Alphonso enrolled in Bladensburg Barber School and later became a master barber in 1998. His barbering career lasted over 45 years as he was most noted for his barbershop on Martin Luther King Jr Avenue in Southeast D.C. It was here, at Troyitt's Barbershop, that many long lasting relationships were formed. He was dedicated to his proprietorship at the shop and maintained the upkeep as early as 6am most mornings. Other shops include, but are not limited to, Travitt's on Sheriff Road, Smokey's on H street, Bowties & Barbers, and most recently LA cuts on MLK Ave until the forced closure due to the pandemic. Al provided free haircuts to people in need whether it was at the shop, at home,

or at nursing homes and hospitals. He also would cook and take food to “the Avenue” and feed people for free.

Alphonso was a fisherman. He would leave early in the morning and head to the shore with his “fishing buddies”. Destinations include but certainly are not limited to Solomon’s Island, Delaware, and Kent Narrow. He would fish and bring fresh fish home to scale, fry, and serve. If you were lucky enough he would give you a free bag of fresh fish. He made friends with the captains and would often pack a care full of guys to ride to the shore with him.

Alphonso prided himself in his appearance and was a sharp dresser. He owned a lot of suits, hats, and shoes. He began to teach his grandsons how to put clothes together as well as groom hair. His favorite store to shop for clothes was Macy’s. He loved to watch cooking shows and “experiment” in the kitchen. He noted cooking alongside his grandmother at an early age as an inspiration and was very heavy handed in the kitchen by making big meals for his family. Alphonso loved to travel around the city and North Carolina visiting friends and family and oftentimes was not empty handed. He enjoyed stopping at his favorite stores in NC to bring country sausage, BBQ, and hush puppies back to DC. He enjoyed spending time with his grandsons and would drop everything if they needed him.

Everyone was deeply saddened by the passing of Al and a huge void will be felt amongst family, friends, and customers. Alphonso leaves to cherish his memory; wife of 49 years Ophelia Grimes-Hines, that he affectionately called

“Fran”. From this union a daughter, Candice B. Hines(Charles) and three grandsons Cashton Hines, Casen Dunlap, Chance Dunlap. A son, Khaleel Shakir and his twin sons, Deon and Tayon. Siblings, Otis Hines, Kathy Hines, Peggy Hines, Sharon Hines, Phyllis Hines, John Calvin Hines, Jeffrey Hines, and Ricky Andrews, and God-Family the Grimes family. He was preceded in death by siblings Donald Ray Hines, Joe Ann Hines, Sylvia Hines, and Robert Lee Hines. He was also preceded in death by great-grandparents Cora and Handy Hines, grandmother Effie Hines, and mother Willie Mae Hines.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Temple of Praise  
700 Southern Avenue SE  
Washington, DC

## Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Temple of Praise  
700 Southern Avenue SE  
Washington, DC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alphonso Hines*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Hello, it's Fran celebrating your 69th birthday because you are not with me I celebrate alone. Always remembering you with lots of love and memories. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. Never goodbye always hello to my Moonhanger.*



**Ophelia Grimes** - July 21, 2021 at 12:40 PM

OP

*Hello today is August 16. I miss you so much. Your spirit shines on. Forever my moonhanger.*

**Ophelia** - August 16, 2021 at 10:43 AM

OG

*Hello Moon hanger. Thinking of you today. The music, the silence, rustle and bustle of the traffic, trees, sounds of your life are forever here with me. Your image is with me. Love you 🥰*

**Ophelia Grimes-hines** - October 25, 2021 at 09:51 AM

SB

*How sweet Auntie Francine 💕 he's with you everyday because you carry him in your ❤️ Merry Christmas to you too!!love you*

**Sophia Battles** - December 25, 2021 at 06:40 AM

DT

“ Rest in peace cousin, until we meet again ❤️



Dannie Taylor - March 29, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Alphonso Hines.



March 29, 2021 at 10:08 AM

RW

“ Rosemarie Walton lit a candle in memory of Alphonso Hines



Rosemarie Walton - March 26, 2021 at 05:06 PM

OG

Thanks my good friend Rosemarie!

ophelia grimes-hines - April 01, 2021 at 11:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alphonso Hines.



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March 25, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ On behalf of the Grimes family (God Siblings) we are deeply saddened by your passing. However we know your rejoicing with the Lord....“To be absent from the body , is to be present with the Lord!” Fran, Candice, Khaleel and the grandchildren you all are in our thoughts and prayers. We’re praying that God provide you all the Peace, Guidance and Understanding needed to endure these difficult days ahead. Alphonso will greatly be missed.... he never missed a event, and Fran he always made sure he was right behind you! 🙏



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**Grimes** - March 24, 2021 at 08:53 PM

CH

“Daddy, i miss you already! There's nothing like a fathers love. I watched you work everyday to provide for us and to give to people in need. You were sowing seeds and today I see your harvest. You impacted a lot of lives and I will forever respect you for that. I still feel your presence and hear everything you told me. I smile because you was truly preparing me without even saying word. I truly appreciate the time we spent together over the last 8 months. I kept thinking "everything happens for a reason". I broke my arm and was with you for 3 months straight recovering. You asked me, "was i gonna be alright?" and now I see God was bringing is closer because you'd soon be leaving us. I see you working up there, already(and im gonna do exactly what you asked). Im as strong today as I have been all my life because you didnt raise a weak woman (you made sure of that)! I love you daddy and I'm gonna do everything in your honor, Love Apple!!!



Candice Hines - March 23, 2021 at 08:53 PM

DL

I'm touched by this comment you posted to your dad. Mr. Al had been cutting my hair for over 20 years and can say not once was I disappointed. I pray for your family and I know you're smiling looking down on everyone. RIP, Deborah 🙏🙏🙏

Deborah Latimer - April 12, 2021 at 07:22 PM

CA

Thanks Ms Deborah

Candice - April 14, 2021 at 12:30 PM

"R

“ This is "Kitty". I have fond memories of years of knowing Al. He will be sorely missed by me. I loved him like a brother. Fond memories of coming to DC and him cooking that good food. I think I fondly remember him cooking at the Church. Love to his Lovely Daughter, Candice and his Lovely Wife, My Cousin, Francine. Al was "crazy" about his grandchildren. "Fly on" Al. I guess you will be cutting hair up there. Love "Kitty" Rhodes.

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**"Kitty" Rhodes** - March 21, 2021 at 09:21 PM

BR

*One of the greatest barber's in history..long live mr Al.*

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**Bryan T Russell** - March 23, 2021 at 09:36 PM

MI

“ To the Hines Family I extend my condolences and prayers to each of you. I will always remember Al he was a gentleman always greeted you with a smile. A father, grandfather and friend that would go above and beyond to help anyone. Another soldier has been call home to be with the Lord he fought a good fight. Rest In Peace until we all meet again in Heaven. Love Mildred DeGroate(Debbie)

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**Mildredlovesthelord** - March 21, 2021 at 08:55 PM



Christina  
Alexis

“ My heart, my love, my prayers, go to my extended family at this time. Know that God is with you and will will keep you . I love you!!! Always....

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**Christina Alexis** - March 21, 2021 at 03:51 PM

S&

Uncle Al I am truly going to miss you 💔💔💔 Not being able to see you on the Avenue when I am in the area No more hearing girl take this \$10 and take yourself to the subway and get home 😭😭 No more of you saying man that's my niece she do not need no boyfriend 😭😭 you was funny, sweet, and oh don't let me leave out the holidays when you would stop by with all kinds of goodies.. I love you forever 💔💔💔 Grateful to have had a Uncle like you.. GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN ❤️🙏🕊️ TAKE YOUR REST WE LOVE YOU BUT GOD LOVED YOU BEST 🕊️🕊️💔

Sophia Battle the niece of Alphonso!! ♥ - March 24, 2021 at 10:14 AM

HS

“ My deepest condolences go out to my friend Ophelia, Candice and family. I will always remember Al for the packages he shared with me from his fishing trips and the hair cuts he gave my nephews Joseph and Johnathan. REST IN PEACE MR. AL UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. HARRIET SOMMERS.

Harriet Sommers - March 21, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Alphonso Hines.



March 20, 2021 at 11:28 PM

MT

“ Ophelia and Candice: My heartfelt condolences on your loss husband and father. I understand your pain and numbness. Kayeen and Daniel share in praying with you for comfort. Marilyn Thomas



Marilyn Thomas - March 20, 2021 at 11:23 PM

OH

“ *Ophelia Hines lit a candle in memory of Alphonso Hines*



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**Ophelia Hines** - March 19, 2021 at 08:58 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me, We Love You*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - March 17, 2021 at 02:25 PM

SD

*Rest Easy Uncle Al you was a smooth and Cool Guy you made life look good always kind and loving my condolences to Aunt Fran and Candice and the rest of the family.*

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**Suzette Dillard** - March 20, 2021 at 09:31 AM

OH

*Thanks for the condolence*

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**Ophelia Grimes Hines** - June 02, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ 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.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - March 16, 2021 at 06:46 PM

CB

*My sincere sympathy to the family. I know you'll miss Al, miss him with love. Trust God. Will keep you in my prayers.*

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**Catherine Boney** - March 20, 2021 at 06:21 PM

RF

*To Fran & Candance,  
I'm sorry to hear about Al's passing. It was a surprise to us all , we all loved him as you did he was a loving man ..  
May God Rest his soul...  
Rest In Peace. Al  
From your Cousin, Ruthie Flythe !*

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**Ruthie Flythe** - March 21, 2021 at 06:27 PM

OG

*Thanks to all who shared their love with us.*

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**ophelia grimes-hines** - April 01, 2021 at 11:49 PM

OG

*Al, you are always on my mind. Every hour I am thinking of all the love that you poured onto me and Candice and the grandboys. They miss you so much and of course Apple and I. I have so much to say but you already knew. Rest on my Moonhanger. Rest on!*

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**ophelia grimes-hines** - April 01, 2021 at 11:56 PM