



Livingston A. Albritten Sr.

October 17, 1931 - April 5, 2021

The Life, Loves and Legacy of Livingston A. Albritten, Sr.

Livingston A. Albritten, Sr. was born on October 17, 1931 in Thomas County, Georgia, to the late Arthur and Elvira Abrams Albritten. He was the youngest of two siblings born to this union, and he was preceded in death by his sister Gladys Albritten Tift.

His family migrated from Thomasville, GA to St. Petersburg, FL when Livingston was a young child. He attended local schools and graduated from Gibbs Sr. High. After high school he was drafted into the US Army, and honorably served the country in Fairbanks, AK. While in the Army he played on the Base basketball team, which earned him a scholarship to Fayetteville State Teachers College in NC. After two years in Fayetteville, he returned to Florida and completed his college degree in Elementary Education at Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach.

Shortly after graduating from Bethune Cookman, he was introduced by a mutual friend to the love of his life, Irma Richardson. They were married on June 4, 1961, and to this union two sons, Livingston Jr. and Shawn Travis were born.

One of Livingston's legacies was that as an educator, where his fellow teachers called him Al! He taught and mentored for 33 years in Pinellas County schools. He started his career at Wildwood Elementary in St. Pete, then moving to Plumb Elementary in Clearwater before finally moving to Azalea Middle School in St. Pete where he spent the majority of his career teaching Social Studies and Geography. After retiring, it was rare that he could take a local trip to the grocery store, mall or visit a church and not be greeted by "Mr. Albritten! - you were my favorite teacher"!

One of Livingston's loves was that of the Lord! He gave his life to Christ at an early age and was Ordained as a Deacon at First Baptist Institutional Church in June of 1983. He prayerfully served as a Deacon within his Church, faithfully attended men's Bible Study classes in the area and personally ministered to the homeless and hungry in St. Pete after

his retirement.

Livingston also loved talking! He truly never met a stranger and would strike up a full conversation with anyone about his family, sports and the Lord! He also rejoiced in making phone calls to family members, friends, neighbors or church members where he always had an upbeat word to share and to pray for their well-being. Praying for others was truly one of his spiritual gifts!

Livingston's greatest love was that of his family! He was very proud of the 59 years he had been married to Irma and their life together! Being a Brother-In-Law and Uncle in the Richardson family was also a joy of his. He loved and nurtured his two sons, Livingston Jr. and Shawn, but he absolutely worshipped his grandson and namesake, Livingston III (Tre) who he affectionately called "The Boss"! His maternal family, the Abrams started a family reunion ritual in Thomasville in the summer of 1980, and they have dutifully hosted them across the country every two years since then (and Livingston and Irma attended all but 2 of them)! He was elated that he had lived to be the oldest Abram's family member and for their rich legacy of togetherness, faith and success!

Livingston's legacy will be carried on by his survivors; his wife Irma Richardson Albritten, son Livingston Jr. (Phyllis Goss-Albritten), son Shawn Travis (Monica Brady Albritten), grandson Livingston III (Tre), Sister Rita Albritten, Sister-in-Law Althea Richardson Neal, Sister-in-Law Mary Richardson Ferrell (Reverend Ernest Ferrell), nephews Charles Neal Jr, Kevin Neal, Andre Moore, Michael Neal, Julian Moore and Terrance Moore, nieces Angela Neal Smith and Marilyn Fuller Tift and great niece Keyonta Shay Tift.

Cemetery

Events

Royal Palm Cemetery

South

101 55th St. S.

St. Petersburg, FL,

33707

APR **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Irving Sanchez Jr. Memorial Chapel at Sanchez
Rehoboth Mortuary

6501 25th Way S., St. Petersburg, FL, US, 33712

APR **Live Streaming** 01:00PM

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Live Streaming Services at:

<https://www.facebook.com/sanchezmortuary/>, FL, US

Comments



“ Everybody knew Mr. Albritten. I am just learning of his passing. I pray for his family. Know that he was a beloved teacher and member of the St. Pete community. People he taught will always have fond memories of him and appreciate the knowledge and love he imparted to them.

Janine Rouson

Janine Rouson - May 02 at 04:02 PM



“ Blessings to the family during this difficult time. Our love to the family. Thank you for sharing your Dad with so many students. He was an amazing example of care and love in the community.

Michael and Ernestine Dunn
Westside Baptist Church, Lewisville, TX

The Dunn's - April 13 at 11:03 PM



“ Our condolences and prayers to Mrs Albritten and family. Deacon Albritten was a wonderful person, always friendly and concerned about others. He loved our dad Deacon Clinton Falana and went to visit him whenever he was in the nursing home. May the Lord give his family peace and strength during this difficult time

Clementine, Cynthia and Sherman Falana

Clementine Falana - April 11 at 05:28 PM



“ Mr. Livingston,
Even more than family, he was a very special man. The Scriptures say in Proverbs 27:17,
"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." This was my friend Livingston. So many "loong" and encouraging talks which have graced my life with wisdom. His sharpening me with talks and words of affirmation were out of sheer love and appreciation for God, family, and me. He added richly to my life and I will appreciate our time in my memories and, will miss him greatly. From my wife (Alice) and I, we join the echoes of others who tell of your immeasurable impact. Rest on my friend, rest on! Love you.

Johnny & Alice Green

Johnny Green - April 11 at 03:48 PM



“ Mr. and Mrs. Albritten have been pillars of the black community in St. Petersburg my entire life. Mrs. Albritten was my librarian at Perkins Elementary School, and when I became a member of First Baptist Institutional I came to know Deacon Albtitten. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family as you mourn the passing of the family treasure that Deacon Albritten was to us all. Chenese Smith Bush

Chenese Smith Bush - April 11 at 10:20 AM



“ Thank you Mr. Albritten for being the absolute best Azalea Middle School teacher during my childhood. You were an inspiration to so many of us. Thank you for the life long lessons you've instilled in me at a young age.

Natelia Keith - April 11 at 08:54 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



SRMACS - April 11 at 03:03 AM



“ Mr. Albritten taught me and my three brothers about social studies and about life. He pushed us all to be better than we thought we could be. I still recall now several decades later the sign he had in his classroom stating, “Our goals are high”, a sign I quoted in my Valedictorian speech I gave at Boca Ciega High School years later. Mr. Albritten impacted countless lives as a teacher and also as a devotedly religious person and deacon. I’ve stayed in touch with him over the years, and he’s made the effort to attend several milestone events in my life over the years. He talked with such pride of this family whenever we talked, either in person or over the phone. He was so kind to occasionally just call me out of the blue just to check in. I’ve saved several kind voice messages he left when I happened to not be available when he called, since they were always so supportive, and caring. When we did talk, we would always close in a heartfelt, inspirational prayer that he would lead. Mr. Albritten was very supportive to my mother as her health curtailed, and so supportive to my family when she, and my father before her, passed on to join our Lord. I’ll miss you Mr. Albritten, but I know you’re now in the loving arms of God, and such a wonderful place that must be! Please be sure to look up my mom and dad for me! Caryl Brown



Caryl Brown - April 10 at 04:49 PM



“ I had the pleasure of giving medical care to Liv once or twice a month for many years. He always left me feeling blessed. We discovered he shared a birthdate with my husband and he always asked about him and his health. I have been retired several years now, but I have a few patients that I have carried with me in my heart. Liv was one of them. We have lost a very special one of a kind individual. Rest In Peace my friend. You have earned it.
Kathy Cook, RN

Kathy Cook - April 10 at 01:49 PM



“ My sympathy go out to the entire family. I love you all and will pray for your strength. Will forever remember you.

Elouise Walker - April 10 at 12:54 PM



“ To: Irma Albritten and Family: God blessed you and Livingston with a wonderful union and a loving family. How great our heavenly father is. We know that Livingston is in heaven with God, because he truly lived a christian life with daily prayers, some of which he shared with whomever he talked to on the telephone. May his soul rest in peace!

May God bless you and your family!
Cousin Joyce Holsendorff

Joyce Holsendorff - April 10 at 12:52 PM



“ Sending condolences to the Albritten Family. We love you and we will miss you Uncle Liv. Love, Wallace, Jeneè, Christian and Cam



Jenee Smith - April 10 at 12:49 PM



“ Cousin Livingston will be sorely missed. We thank him for all the prayers, family trips, reunion moments and good times we shared over many years. We will keep your family lifted in prayer and we thank you for being a light! Love you!

Emily Abrams Massey

Emily Abrams Massey - April 10 at 12:18 PM



“ Deacon Albritton was a praying man. Whenever I call to check on him and his wife and to pray for him, he always end of praying. He loved the Lord. He truly will be missed. Praying for his family and friends comfort that only God can supply. RIH Deacon Albritton.

Margaret Mchenry - April 10 at 11:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Livingston A. Albritten Sr..



April 09 at 03:17 PM



“ From: Your Loving Sister Rita M. Albritten, New York City

God's Garden

God looked around his garden and found an empty place
He then down upon the Earth and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest
With the help of his angels they flew you to your heavenly place
Gods garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best
He knew you were suffering, he knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never get well on Earth again
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills too hard to climb
He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be Thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Rita M Albritten - April 09 at 10:42 AM



“ Mr. Albritten was such a light; he always made you feel so special when you'd see him or speak with him over the phone. He and Mrs. Albritten became surrogate parents to me years ago, I so appreciated the prayers that he prayed for me and my family and the love of God that he showed. He will be missed greatly for his conversations and the joy of the Lord that was truly his strength. I'm so glad our paths crossed. To God be the glory for a man who truly walked in his purpose.

Jeanette Williams Bright - April 08 at 07:58 PM



“ Deacon Livingston, was such a beautiful person inside and out and whenever he would see me hey McGarrah, how are you. Been knowing this family since I was a little girl at First Baptist and he was a dear friend to my family. I will always remember your kindness. Praying for the Albritten, family!



Deborah Childs-Brown - April 08 at 05:06 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Livingston A. Albritten Sr..



April 08 at 04:05 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Livingston A. Albritten Sr..



April 08 at 03:53 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Livingston A. Albritten Sr..



April 08 at 02:35 PM



“ John, Douglas, Jackie, Barrett & Erin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Livingston A. Albritten Sr..



John, Douglas, Jackie, Barrett & Erin - April 08 at 12:06 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Livingston A. Albritten Sr..



April 08 at 10:56 AM



“ Tears filled my eyes when I read you had passed away . You were truly a fine person , a man of God and his word , and an outstanding educator . You found good in all people , you spoke with such eloquence and above all , always greeted everyone along the way .

You brought so much light to your students, from a simple story , to discipline, the truth of working hard to succeed . You had many children of my family , and unanimously, our favorite teacher !

I am reminded of the hymn , “ when we all get to heaven, what a glorious day that will be “ , the Lord has called an angel home !

God bless you and your family , our prayers are with your family !

Jerelyn Myers Castricone

Jerelyn Castricone - April 08 at 08:05 AM