



Alonza Anderson

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Alonza Anderson, 91, of Chattanooga, transitioned peacefully from his earthly body on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at home. He was born June 14, 1934 in LaGrange, Georgia to Rufus Anderson and Mozelle Burton Anderson.

Alonza was affectionately called “Lil Bro” or “Ba Bro” after his father who was called Brother. He attended Chattanooga Public Schools and worked at the KnitCo factory for many years prior to retiring from the City of Chattanooga after more than 30 years of service. He was an active member of the Park City and Jefferson Street Communities, as well as the Dogwood Manor, where he formed many long-term friendships. Being a proud member of the Southside Community, he also served on the Southside Reunion Committee for several years.

He loved sports but none more than the game of baseball – whether watching or playing. He loved recounting memories of traveling with the local Negro team and having the opportunity to play alongside Willie Mays before Willie Mays played professional baseball.

Alonza loved to share the story of his conversion when he became saved, was transformed, and never looked back. He was a faithful member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for more than 50 years where he served as deacon and ultimately became the senior deacon of the church. Known for his love to sing, he was also a member of the New Hope Male Chorus where he used his melodious voice to praise God. Serving in these two ministries gave Alonza great joy and he took these service responsibilities very seriously. He would visit the elderly and sick regularly, taking communion and lifting them up with prayer and song. He was often called on by families to encourage them with a song during their loved one’s homegoing. He loved to sing “Precious Lord” because that was his mother’s favorite song.

Alonza was a kind man who loved declaring the Goodness of God. After greeting someone, he would often sing out “GOD IS A GOOD GOD!” He truly loved people and wanted them to know his LORD and Savior and have a relationship with the LORD, just as he did. He did not meet a stranger. Anyone who came into his presence and didn’t know him, would certainly know him



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before they left his presence. Not only would they recognize his beautiful spirit, they would also recognize the attention to detail he would pay to his dress, his well-fitted suit with just the right tie, set off with just the right shoes and hat. He often said, "I'm an Anderson!" and he had to represent!

In addition to his parents, Alonza was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Anderson; daughters, Nellie Davis and Cheryl Wright; brothers, Rufus Anderson, Jr. and Chester McCloud; sisters, Ida Mae Thompson, Minnie Lee Wilkerson, Mary Ruth Anderson and Sylvia Anderson Leslie; and grandson, Esau Brockman.

Those left to cherish his memories include his sons, Harold Brockman, Phillip Brown, and Chester Wright; daughters, Phyllis Brown, Valerie Wright-Southers, Verna Wright-Gilbert; brother, Calvin McCloud; sisters, Lillie Wills and Valerie Anderson; grandchildren, Elder Marvin Roseberry, Janica Davis, Pastor Clinton Waller, Taneisha Brown, Antonio Shelton, Nikko Ashley, TonyRae Willingham, Terrance Brown, Tiffany Brown, Patrick Wright, Roderick Holloway, Tia Holloway, Desmond Gilbert, Yuri Wright, Ephrem Wright, Olesya Wright; 34 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; caregiver and niece, Andrea Meadows Anderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends whom he loved dearly.

Alonza will be remembered for the Joy in his heart that he shared with his family, friends, and everyone he met.

Alonza will lie-in-state on Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Monday, October 27, 2025, at 1 p.m. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Wayne L. Johnson as the Eulogist. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

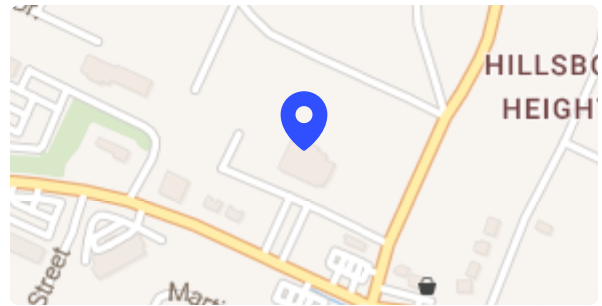


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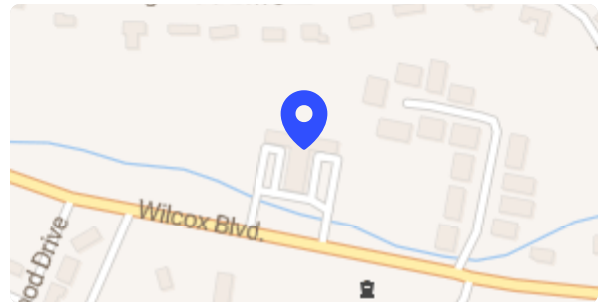
Lie-In-State

- Sunday**, October 26, 2025
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET
- Taylor Funeral Home**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076



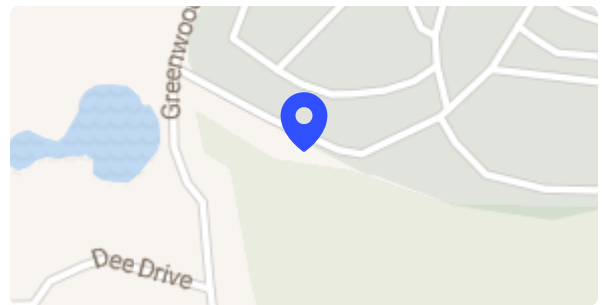
Funeral Service

- Monday**, October 27, 2025
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET
- New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**
3777 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1134



Burial

- Monday**, October 27, 2025
- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET
- Greenwood Cemetery**
1954 Greenwood Road, Chattanooga TN 37406-2658





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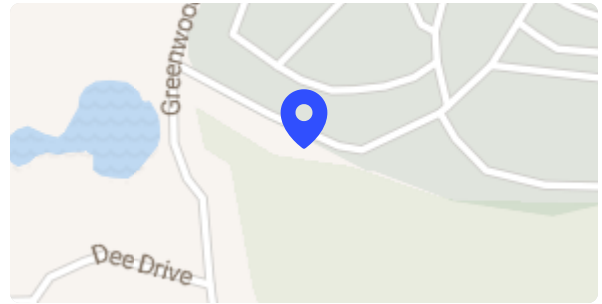
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Cemetery Details



Greenwood Cemetery

1954 Greenwood Road, Chattanooga TN 37406-2658





Tribute Wall

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FC

Freida Anderson Cornwell lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

I will always remember Lil Bro ALWAYS sing about the Lord. His smile was infectious and never met a stranger. He will be missed by many and always have a special place in our hearts. Cousin take your rest and we'll see you on the other side. Much love, Your Cuz, Freida

October 28 at 1:10 PM



FA

Freida A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alonza.

October 28 at 1:03 PM



JF

Jo Ann Hilt And Family lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 27 at 4:12 AM



AB

Angela W Bush sent a virtual gift in honor of Alonza.

Heart felt sympathy goes to Alonza family. He never met a stranger, my family was truly blessed to have known him. RIP

October 26 at 4:34 AM



WP

Wilma Poole lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 25 at 6:44 PM





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Ted Thompson Lil Bro My Spiritual Fath shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Ted Thompson. Lil Bro my spiritual father.



October 25 at 6:36 PM



Jacqueline Jones October 26 at 5:52 PM

Everyone loved Him



Anna Butler lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

My Condolences and Prayers to the Family



October 25 at 11:33 AM



Donna Garner lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

RIH Lil Bro :heart:. You never met a stranger and always with a smile on your face. Heaven has gained a beautiful soul. Praying for the family:pray::skin-tone-5:



October 25 at 5:19 AM



Sheliah Rivers sent a virtual gift in honor of Alonza.

Praying for the family especially, Valerie Southers and Pastor Clinton Waller. May God continue to bless and keep you. Love in Christ, Sheliah Rivers



October 25 at 3:22 AM



Joyce Douglas October 25 at 6:24 AM

With sympathy to the family as you celebrate the home going of Deacon Alonzo Anderson. He touched so many lives in so many wonderful ways. He ways shared his testimony to help someone to change their life for the better. He very active at New Hope, he was a Senior Usher, a member of the Gospel Choir, the Senior Choir and New Hope Male Chorus. New Hope loved to hear him sang with such joy. He will be greatly missed.:pray::heart::blue_heart:



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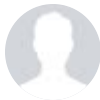
Larry Jones lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 24 at 3:09 AM



Marshaneil Thompson lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 23 at 8:14 PM



Barbara Miller lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

My sincere condolences to the Anderson family, love one's, and friends.:pray::skin-tone-4:

October 23 at 4:19 PM



Lawanda Graves lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 23 at 3:40 PM





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Queen Chapel Methodist Church lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

PRAISE GOD from whom all BLESSINGS Flow... BLESS HIS HOLY NAME!!! The Queen Chapel Independent Methodist Church Family extends our Prayers, love, peace, comfort, and deepest Loving, Heartfelt CONDOLENCES to the Anderson family, friends, and associates. Today and the days to come... our Prayers are that the Anderson family will continue to look to GOD while holding onto the precious memories of RIH :dove_of_peace:Gone, but not forgotten... the late Deacon Alonzo Anderson.:dove_of_peace: In all things, may GOD, Our FATHER which Art in Heaven grant unto each of you HIS Divine Love, Peace, Understanding and Comfort. The LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD! :pray::heartpulse::latin_cross: Pastor Louise Young Harris, Reverend Dr. Terry Owens, and the Queen Chapel Independent Methodist Church Family, Kingston, GA



October 23 at 2:11 PM



M Feefe Johnson October 25 at 7:39 AM

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU in your time of need God bless all AUNT FEE FEE. And GIRLS



Rhonda Jean Jackson sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Anderson family.



October 23 at 11:56 AM



Barbara White lit a candle in honor of Alonza.



October 23 at 11:05 AM



Anna Butler lit a candle in honor of Alonza.



October 23 at 7:22 AM



Anna Butler October 23 at 7:24 AM

My Condolences to the Family



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Sharon Wadley posted:

Uncle Lil Bro will truly be missed by so many and he touched a whole lot of people lives. Growing up with my aunt's and uncles ... The Lane Family, he has always been there. He would often tell us stories about being down by the tracks all while he was singing. We loved to sing together every chance we got. May his soul rest in peace! I love you Uncle Lil Bro. (ALWAYS!). :hearts::hearts:

October 23 at 6:18 AM



Minister Dyanna White lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

My condolences to the family . Lil Bro and my dad Edward Ammons were the best of friends and sang together. He watched me grow up and everytime he heard me sing , he always reminded me of how proud my parents and grandparents would be of me . Such a wonderful man . You are going to be so missed . Take your rest .



October 23 at 5:25 AM



Yuri Wright lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

Summers seeing you will be missed



October 22 at 7:07 PM



Chestet W. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alonza.



October 22 at 1:27 PM



Preston Family sent a virtual gift in honor of Alonza.



October 22 at 8:25 AM



Stephanie Steele lit a candle in honor of Alonza.



October 22 at 8:21 AM



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RS

Renee Sharp lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 22 at 5:42 AM



AW

Anthenira Wadley lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 21 at 7:26 PM



AW

Anthenira Wadley October 21 at 7:30 PM

R.I.P. Uncle Lil.Bro Anderson whom, I Loved very much :heart: :hearts: and now he's singing in the Heavenly Choir and he's with his family and friends including our beautiful Mother and our handsome dad, they all were childhood friends again much LOVE from, Piggy Wiggy :pray::pray::pray:

DF

Diane Ellison Family lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 21 at 2:01 PM



PR

Pat Reynolds sent a virtual gift in honor of Alonza.

October 21 at 11:39 AM



ME

Min. John & Bettie Elder lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

sending my prayers to the Anderson & Waller Family. praying for comfort and peace in this time of unimagainable sorrow. Min. John & Bettie Elder & Family

October 21 at 10:25 AM





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PC

Peggy Corbin lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 21 at 5:14 AM



TI

Tia lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

I love you 🥺:broken_heart:...Your Baby

October 21 at 3:24 AM



SS

Sonya Stiggers lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 20 at 9:21 PM



EW

Ephrem Wright lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 20 at 6:19 PM



JF

James Ford Jr lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

In loving memory of Mr A. LIL Bro Anderson someone who brought joy to all who met him,now u n Jaybird can play together Be strong family God has got him now

October 20 at 4:32 PM



YW

Yahunna Wadley posted:

Lit a candle in Memory of Lil Bro from Jeffery & Yahunna Parker

October 20 at 4:00 PM



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Dank Hawkins posted:

Lil Bro, One of the (GODFATHERS) of the Jefferson St Community, A true friend to all & played a major role in so many lives, personally a huge part of my upbringing & a dear friend to my WHOLE FAMILY, I have a personal regret that I didn't complete, but the major role u personally made in my is Immeasurable, my grandson (Michael Lewis), told u yrs ago , how well u sung a song (U Kno U Sung that Song, will be no doubt (Missed)

October 19 at 10:17 AM



Betty Morgan October 19 at 5:58 PM
Dan Hawkins



Betty Morgan October 19 at 5:35 PM
My prayers goes out to the family of Dank Hawkins I remember him as a great follower of the third generation gospel singer God bless you all :heart::revolving_hearts:



Charles & Sharon Thompson posted:

Uncle Lil Bro, it was only a few months ago you were singing/telling us how you learned "Precious Lort" (yes, I said Lort). The Patriarch of the Anderson/Thompson family is no longer with us! We'll miss you but we find comfort in knowing you're rejoicing with your mom and sisters. We were definitely planning to take you to see your mom's burial site one last time in Lagrange.Your favorite nephew & niece (iykyk)Roddy & Sharon

October 19 at 9:48 AM



Luella G Reed A lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 19 at 8:58 AM



Melanie M. White lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 19 at 8:11 AM





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Silva Boot Little posted:

Our condolences to the family. Mr LILBRO was family to us he was everybody's uncle, one of the nicest person you could have the privilege of having in your life. Love him always Boot, Linda, James, Jr and Tory

October 19 at 6:44 AM



Beverley Brown October 20 at 8:20 AM

RIH Big DaddyLove :two_hearts:. Step Daughter Ms Beverley Brown of Knoxville TN



Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in honor of Alonza.



October 18 at 4:18 PM



Cora L Parks lit a candle in honor of Alonza.



October 18 at 4:02 PM



Euretha Shropshite posted:

Alonza, affectionately known as 'Baby Bro', will always be remembered as a member of the New Hope Male Choir on the corner of Rossville and Read Ave. Alonza's passing marks the last of that great choir. They are all gone to their final resting place but for those of us who heard them perform I can truly say that they will never be forgotten! Take your rest my dear brothers in Christ for you have truly earned it! RIP

October 18 at 7:26 AM



Marilyn (Robinson) Millsap October 18 at 3:19 PM

You will be truly missed Mr. Alonzo Anderson known as dad to me and my children and grandchildren known as Mr. Anderson. My heavily father needed another angel to sing in his choir rest in heaven dad from the Robinson, and Millsap family's
.:heart::dove_of_peace::bouquet:



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CC

Cardella Cummings lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 18 at 7:00 AM



CA

Cassandra lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

To the family of Alonzo "Lil Bro" Anderson heartfelt condolences from The Children of Hazel Baskin(deceased) :Lee"Lil Bud"(deceased), Josephine(deceased), Doris(deceased), Eugene"Tic"(deceased), Wilbur(deceased), Robert"Pot", Kenneth"Kenny", Cassandra and Valencia "Noopie", The Jefferson Street Gang , Adam Street Gang, and Main Street Gang. Lil Bro you will be truly missed.

October 17 at 6:46 PM



OW

Ody Wright lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

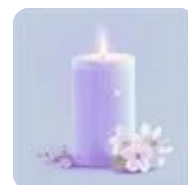
October 17 at 5:58 PM



LR

Lera Richmond lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

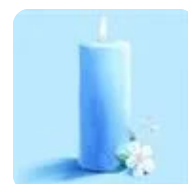
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CW

Chester L Wright lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

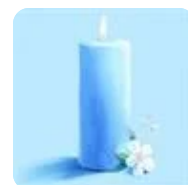
October 17 at 5:47 PM



BS

Brenda Sims lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 17 at 3:30 PM





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VL

Vatina Long lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 17 at 2:13 PM



RM

Robbie Marshall lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 17 at 12:34 PM



BS

Beverly Harris Silva lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

I am heartbroken :broken_heart: to hear that Lil Bro has transitioned. He was like an Uncle to me, he always claimed our family as his family. Rest Easy :cry: 🥲:sob:until we see each again :innocent:😊:pray::skin-tone-4:👤:skin-tone-5:

October 17 at 11:00 AM



JP

Jean Pickens lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

Uncle Lil Bro will be missed by all. He was Chattanooga's big uncle and truly loved the Lord. I praise God for placing him in my life over 60 years ago!

October 17 at 8:59 AM



GS

Glenda Faye Stoudemire lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 17 at 6:56 AM



AD

Angela Deloach lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 17 at 1:45 AM





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SD

Sharon A Douglas lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 16 at 6:55 PM



PM

Patricia Mcintosh lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 16 at 6:53 PM



BS

Beverly Sales lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 16 at 2:34 PM



WM

Willie Mays lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 16 at 1:31 PM



DM

Dorothy Talley Mays lit a candle in honor of Alonza.

October 16 at 1:29 PM



YW

Yahunna Wadley posted:

Sending our condolences :pray: to the family of Lil Bro from Cricket, Tasha,Ann,Lady,Valerie, Monyette, Scooter,Gary,BenBen the Wadley Family praying:pray: and asking God to comfort :pray: and strengthen the family during this difficult :pray: time love :heart: always.

October 16 at 12:43 PM



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Edna Talley lit a candle in honor of Alonza.



October 16 at 12:36 PM



Vickie Fielder lit a candle in honor of Alonza.



October 16 at 10:25 AM

BB **Beverley Brown** October 20 at 11:38 AM
RIH Big Daddy aka Lil Bro Sadden to hearFrom Step Daughter in Knoxville Tennessee

AD **Angela Deloach** October 17 at 1:53 AM
My condolences to the family in the loss of our uncle lil Bro. He will be missed from Willietta, Audrey,(Angela Pretty Girl), Shannon and Derrick.Love Always Norma Jean ball kids. Take your rest Unc.

FP **Fran Pierce** October 16 at 2:54 PM
Sending Condolences from the Pierce family.

NW **Nettie Wright** October 16 at 1:54 PM
My condolences to the family in the loss of Lil Bro. May our heavenly Father give you peace and comfort at this time :pray::skin-tone-5:

VF **Vickie Fielder** October 16 at 10:37 AM
Lil Bro will always be remembered, never forgotten! His kindness is etched in my memories! My heartfelt condolences and prayers to his family. :pensive::heart:☐



Media

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Ted Thompson Lil Bro My Spiritual Fath shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album. October 25 at 6:36 PM



JJ Jacqueline Jones October 26 at 5:52 PM
Everyone loved Him



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alonza by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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