

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

— Revelation 21:4



In Appreciation

We, the family of **Alenda “Al” Nelson** would like to express our sincere thanks for all of your acts of kindness and love shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Your many kind acts have been a blessing!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9....

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

— The Family

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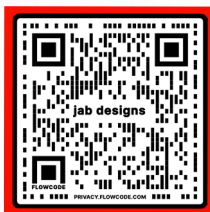
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Celebrating the Life OF Alenda Louise Nelson “Al”



“A devoted wife, mother, and friend, she often reminded her loved ones to ‘Always check in with me!’”

Sunrise
March 3, 1942

Sunset
March 23, 2025

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

11:00 AM

Christ International Church

1250 Piedmont Wekiwa Road, Apopka FL 32703

Officiating – Bishop David Maldonado, Senior Pastor
Eulogist – Bishop Cordell Baugh-Samuels [Grandson-in-Law]

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A Legacy™

A Heritage: Character Qualities, Memoirs...

Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

— Isaiah 26:19 NLT



Alenda Louise “Al” Nelson



Alenda Louise Nelson, affectionately known as “Al” or “Lou,” was born on March 3, 1942, in Lakeland, Florida, to Juanita Brown and Alex Leggett. She spent over 50 years driving city buses between Michigan and Florida, building connections and serving her community.

Al loved sewing clothes for her family, cooking big meals—especially her famous macaroni and cheese—and enjoyed fishing and bingo. In the early 1980s, she relocated from Flint, Michigan, to Orlando, Florida. A devoted wife, mother, and friend, she often reminded her loved ones to “*Always check in with me!*”



She was preceded in death by her **son**, Derek Nichols (1964); **daughter**, Wanda Stanley (2018); and **grandson**, Dominic Bolden (2020).

Al leaves behind: her **loving husband of over 25 years** – Dexter Nelson, Sr.; her **sister** – Cynthia Pickett Forward (husband, Truman); her **children** – Willie (Dr. Latanya) Nichols Jr., Gina Bryant, Joseph Nichols, Anthony “Tony” (Jackie) Butler; **bonus children** – Dexter (Rakesha) Nelson, Jr., Donald Anderson, and Kendra Johnson.



She is also survived by her cherished **grandchildren** – Dwight, Kia, Marktavious, Gina, Dr. Desirae (Tommy), Diongelia, Wilicia (Justin), Dezmond, Octavia, Anthony C. Butler, T.J., Alenda (Cordell), Jauquisha, Dankerie, Zariah, and Isaiah.

Her legacy lives on through a host of **uncles, aunts, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren**, other family members, and countless friends. Al will be remembered for her love, kindness, and dedication to her family, friends, and community.



Order of Service

Officiating – Bishop David Maldonado, Senior Pastor

Christ International Church – Apopka, FL

Eulogist – Bishop Cordell Baugh-Samuels [Grandson-in-Law]

Prelude

Family Entrance Officiants & Family

Opening Remarks Bishop David Maldonado

Invocation Bishop David Maldonado

Scripture of Comfort

Old Testament – ***Ecclesiastes 3:1-4*** Pastor Bernie Collins, Jr.
Aspen Community Church – St. Cloud, FL

New Testament – ***1 Corinthians 15:20-22*** Pastor Sharleatha Collins
Aspen Community Church – St. Cloud, FL

Recorded Musical Selection – “*I Can Only Imagine*”

Music by Tamela Mann

Reflections (limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please)

Open to Family and Friends

Video Memories Slideshow [created by the Family]

Resolutions & Acknowledgments The Program Lady @ jab designs

Recorded Musical Selection – “*Just Want to Praise You*”

Music by Maurette Brown Clark

Words of Comfort Bishop Cordell Baugh-Samuels

Directives for Releasing Red Balloons

Recessional – “*God Will Make a Way*” Officiants & Family

Music by Shirley Caesar

A Repast

Immediately after the service the Family invites you to join them for a Repast here at the church.

