

Obituary

MSG (Ret.) Allen Lawrence Valentine was born on March 31, 1948, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He was the oldest child of the late James F. Warren and Mary Warren. He was called home on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

He attended the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and graduated from C. A. Johnson High School, Class of 1967. While attending high school, Allen had a loving relationship with the late Belinda J. Valentine, whom he later married in 1970. They were blessed with two children, Darian and LaToya.

Allen joined the United States Army in 1969. He served in the Vietnam War, Panama, and Desert Storm. Allen received the Bronze Star Medal, for his heroic service in Vietnam and over the years several other medals and awards for his dedication and service. After his many tours of duty stateside and abroad, MSG Valentine retired from the United States Army in 1991. He returned to Columbia, South Carolina, and worked at the United States Postal Service, for several years before retiring in 2007.

A quiet man by nature, Allen never complained. He would often go around the house humming a tune. When asked what he humming he would say, "I don't know, it's just a tune stuck in my head." He was a gentle giant to his family and his grandchildren were the apples of his eyes. Allen enjoyed hanging out with his grandchildren and watching them play all the new video games and learn about new technology they would share with him. Though he will no longer physically be with us, his loving and quiet spirit will forever remain in the hearts and lives of all who knew him.

Allen was preceded in death by: his parents, James F. Warren and Mary Warren; and his wife, Belinda J. Valentine.

MSG (Ret.) Allen Lawrence Valentine leaves to cherish his fond and precious memory: one son, Darian (Jennifer) Valentine, Sr.; one daughter, LaToya Valentine; two grandchildren, Alahna Valentine and Darian Valentine, Jr.; four sisters, Joyce (Henry) Howard, Jean Brown, Carol Graham, and Lynn (Lawrence) Bradford; one brother, Eric Warren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will dearly miss him, but rejoice that he is now resting.

Memories



Order of Service

Military Honors

The Call to Worship

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Prayer.....Reverend Abraham Salley

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Abraham Salley



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Fort Jackson National
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina**

Pops

Pops... A man of few words, yet full of lessons on life.

A family compass with Directions in sight.

That breeze, that light, that sense in the sky.

*Only shows a compass can't be broken, when the faith that's
chosen, clearly opens the heart and the eyes.*

That's Pops.

He's been called a hero to some, a husband to one.

A father to two, a brother to few.

But the name that mattered the most

And the one he held the closest, was PaPa.

That's Pops.

His memory remains stitched on our heart and glued in our heads.

He breathes through us, while watching us live.

Smiling down, with his grin of approval.

Or his look of "You know better than that."

Just to get you back on track.

That's Pops.

*So as his son, I never looked up to athletes, celebrities, or even a
millionaire.*

*My role model was my father, the only one I wanted to be like so I
tried to wear his hats and shoes but they were too big to fill.*

*Now we wear the same size, and I realize that he prepared me to
continue to walk in what he started.*

I'm heavy hearted just to say, Thank you, and we love you...

That's Pops.

By: Darian Valentine, Sr.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of MSG (Ret.) Allen Lawrence Valentine, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel

1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

I. S. Leevy Johnson
-Owner & Director-

Leevy's

FUNERAL HOME

Chris Leevy Johnson
-President & Managing Director-

Lower Richland Chapel

9120 Garners Ferry Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
(803) 776-6922

Leverette A. Williams, II
-General Manager-

Home Going Service

Celebrating the Life

of

MSG (RET.) ALLEN LAWRENCE VALENTINE



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022
12:00 NOON**

**FORT JACKSON NATIONAL CEMETERY
4170 PERCIVAL ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND ABRAHAM SALLEY
-OFFICIATING-**