

Good morning, saints. I said, good morning saints. Yeah...it is morning, isn't it?

Some glad morning, when this life is over, I'll fly away, I'll fly away!

You ever thought about that? Why is the morning glad? Why does joy come in the morning? Why does the dew in the morning gently rest upon my heart? Why does morning matter? What is it about morning?

Morning says something new is going on. I'm not like I was yesterday, it's morning. I'm not who I was yesterday, it's morning. Those decisions I made, I can make new ones, 'cause it's morning. I can choose to change my mind and come to myself, 'cause it's morning. I get new mercies today, yeah...it's morning. Instead of pain, I choose joy, 'cause it's morning. He's giving out beauty for ashes and peace everlasting today 'cause it's morning. See, early in the morning will I choose to rise TODAY, cause that bright and morning star is shining upon my soul showing me that my race is still going and it's going strong. He's showing me my part, the path I need to take. He's shining down to show me every turn I need to make.

Yeah... It's morning, so my weeping has to cease. My tears will dry up 'cause I see and feel the morning peace. Yeah, it's morning and His light is shining bright. Feeling warm and glowing strong, showing me what's right. It's illuminating purpose, why I'm here and what He sees. It's like lightning in a bottle glowing inside of me.

See your life is what He's after, your life to change the WORLD. This moment is about that glow that should come from within your soul! That glow that burns like fire, to show others the way. That glow that says no matter what, I choose to praise God on today! This is the day the Lord has made, and He left you here to show, that His light and truth and goodness aren't on shortage (love, peace & joy/ strength, grace & mercy), they overflow. Your life and mine keep going strong cause there's more for us to do and walking right with God is all I present to you.

Yeah... it's morning and a new day has come. Old things have passed away and new life can become...if you choose to open up your heart and see the gift He gave, you'll see the morning light He shines, even in the darkest days.

So rise O Sleeping Giant, get up and face the day. Rise O Sleeping Giant, you've got things to do and stuff to say. His life told a story and you have one too. The only question is, will lives be changed because of you? It's time to rise and wipe your eyes, 'cause I hear Him and He's calling, God is calling out to say to you...I love you and Good Morning!

By Randi J. Norman

PALLBEARERS

Kellen Allen
Kendrick Allen-Nelson
Peter Griffin
Brad Williams
James Williams
Randy Nelson

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Tiffany Mims
Courtney Roulhac
Sydney Roulhac
And other Friends and Family

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Family would like to thank each of you for your kind words, heartfelt prayers and displays of love during this time. We pray that every seed sown be returned to you in exceeding abundance as you carry out God's purpose and assignment on your life. We say a special thank you to Pastor Thomas, The Heir Church and QL Douglas Funeral Home for the care and attention they have given to our family.

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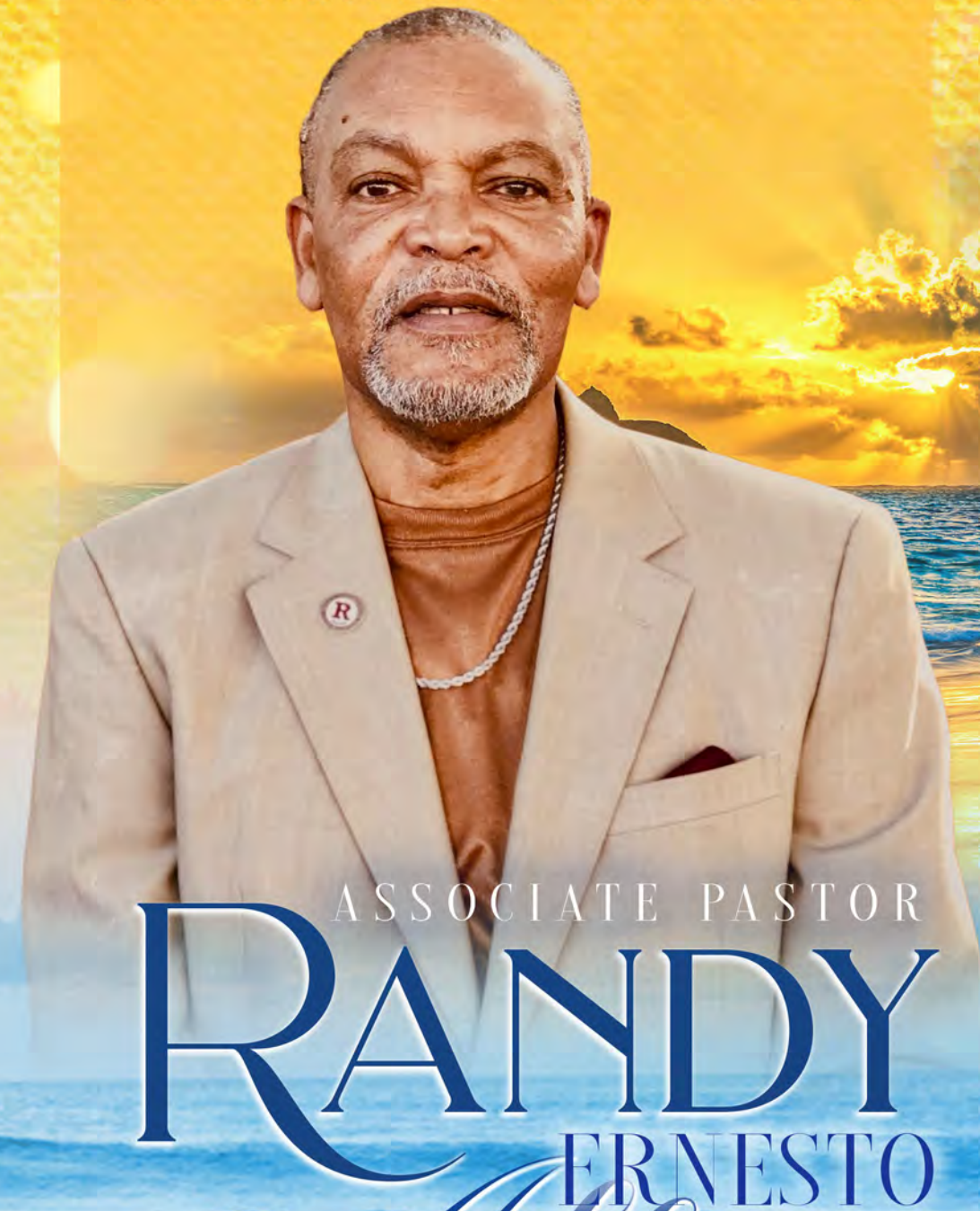
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LIFE REFLECTIONS of RANDY

Born on May 5, 1952 to Rhythor and Gloria Allen in Jacksonville, FL, Randy is the oldest of 4 and the only boy. Although he didn't begin to play organized sports until the age of 15, he certainly made a mark when he arrived on the field. During his time at William M. Raines High School, he proved to be a valuable athlete in Baseball (All City), Basketball, Track & Field (All City, All District, All Region and All State) and Football, playing multiple positions in each sport. Although he was most noted for his prowess on the basketball court, when recruiters arrived on campus to recruit three other players, his football coach informed them that his best player had not been signed yet. Sight unseen, he was offered a scholarship to Southern University to play any sport he desired.

From 1970 to 1975, Randy was a part of the Southern University Athletic program. In his Freshman and Sophomore year, he was a long jumper for the Track & Field Program. During the entirety of his tenure as a Jaguar, he was a member of the Football Program, playing on Special Teams and most notably as a Wide Receiver, known for catching deep passes, his showmanship on the field and his leadership as a Player Coach and Team Captain (Junior & Senior year).

In 1975, he was drafted by the NFL, where he played for two years as a Green Bay Packer and an Atlanta Falcon. He was also the Wide Receiver Coach and Offensive Coordinator for the Jacksonville Firebirds (American Football Association, 1978-1983), winning a championship their 2nd year in the league.

In honor of Randy's outstanding contribution to athletics, he has been inducted into the William M. Raines High School Hall of Fame and the Southern University Sports Hall Fame in 2019.

"Leave your scrapbook and clippings at home."

It's not about what you've done, but rather about what you're doing. When asked about his time on the field, this statement sets the tone and has been one that lives on in everything Randy does. While he doesn't rest on the past, he does carry the lessons learned and the wisdom imparted during that time to do what he's been called to do today. As a minister of the gospel for over 30 years (The Heir Church), father of five, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend he left it all on the field of life, focused on what God would have him to do, while doing it all with an attitude that reflects love, passion, purpose and leadership.

Randy was preceded in death by his mother, Gloria Nelson Allen. He leaves behind his five children: Juandre Bayock, Randi Jenee Norman (Gary, II), Aja Byers (Hezron), Eldre Christina Allen & Joshua Allen; eight grandchildren: NaRia, Nikko, Nikkia, Leila, Gary III, Kimani, Zarai & La'Ryn; six great-grandchildren; three sisters and brothers-in-law: Brenda & Edwin, Anna & Randy, Gina & Maurice; his father: Rhythor Allen; his aunt: Mary Hellen Williams and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



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