

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ALBERT MCDUFFIE

Sergeant First Class (Ret.) Albert McDuffie, a decorated United States Army veteran, devoted husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2025 at the age of 69. His courage, discipline, and unwavering love for his family and country will forever be remembered by those whose lives he touched.

Born on December 24th, 1955 in Harlem, NY to the late Essie McDuffie. Albert grew up with a strong sense of duty, respect, and perseverance—qualities that would later define both his military and personal life. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at a young age, beginning a simply remarkable career that spanned over 31 years. Through dedication and valor, he rose to the rank of E-7, Sergeant First Class, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike.

Throughout his distinguished military service, Albert received numerous awards and commendations for his leadership, integrity, and bravery in the line of duty. He led by example, guided with compassion, and never wavered in his commitment to his fellow soldiers and his mission.

Beyond his uniform, Albert was a man of deep faith, humility, and generosity. He was known for his calm strength, sharp sense of humor, and the wisdom he shared freely with family and friends. To his loved ones, he was not only a protector but a source of endless pride and inspiration.

Albert is preceded in death by his mother, Essie McDuffie, his sister, Thomasina McDuffie, and his aunts Maggie and Pearl McDuffie.

Albert is survived by his beloved wife Diana, son Andre, two sons and a grandson by marriage Jason (Army Veteran), Jeremey, Jayden, his daughter-in law Kennedy, Goddaughter Jamilia, closest cousins, like brothers Danny and Buddy McDuffie, Iris McDuffie, Laura McDuffie, niece and nephew Courtney Gaines, Terrance Conley, Jamal McDuffie, Jermaine McDuffie and William McDuffie. He also leaves a host of other cousins, family, friends and army brother and sisters, who will continue to honor his legacy through their lives and memories.

A celebration of Albert's life and military service will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Conyers, followed by interment with full military honors on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

His duty is complete, his rest well earned. May his service, sacrifice, and spirit live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."—Matthew 25:23





OF LIFE

29 OCTOBER 2025 CELEBRATION OF LIFE: 2:00 PM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CONYERS 2100 HIGHWAY 138 NE CONYERS, GA 30013

POLLARD & MOORE INC. FUNERAL HOME 827 POLLARD BOULEVARD S.W ATLANTA, GA 30315



Musical Selection...... Precious Lord Take My Hand Eulogy....... Pastor Butch Davis Recessional..... Family





TRIBUTES FROM BARBADOS

My dearest Di words cannot say how deeply sorry I am for your loss. It's precious few who can understand the depth of the loss of a spouse and it's heartbreaking for you to have the experience.

Sir Al was a gentleman and his love for you was clearly evident. His sudden departure was such a shock it really made me pause and I could not continue my day as planned, in fact I stayed home from work yesterday to process it because it took me right back to 7 years ago when I lost my husband

I pray that you will be strengthened in the days, weeks and months to come as you reflect on the life the two of you shared and especially the last vacation you took together. I'm always here whenever you need me to talk or anything it would never be too late or too much. I am so thankful that we spent time together and I got the opportunity to interact with Al.

My deepest sympathy, condolences and continued love and prayers to you my dear sweet cousin.

My name is Marion known as Marie, by family and friends I first met Al on the 16th October at my home in Barbados with his wife, my cousin. On that occasion it felt like I knew him a long time, his manner was that of a true gentleman, his interaction with me was one of pure friendship. I was looking forward to seeing him again, but God had better plans for him it hurts so much. Every Thursday will be always remind me of how easy a loving soul can come in your life and then they are not there anymore. Rest in peace Al, may the angels take care of you on your way to the Heavenly Father.

To his wife, family and friends memories don't leave like people do they always stay with you. Thank you.

-Marion Collymore

From the very first time I met Al he has been a gentleman. We never got the opportunity to spend much time together until Al, Diana, my wife and myself were fortunate enough to go to Barbados for eight days of fun in the sun. I will forever cherish those last days getting to know Al and the wonderful person he truly is.

-Tony Tull

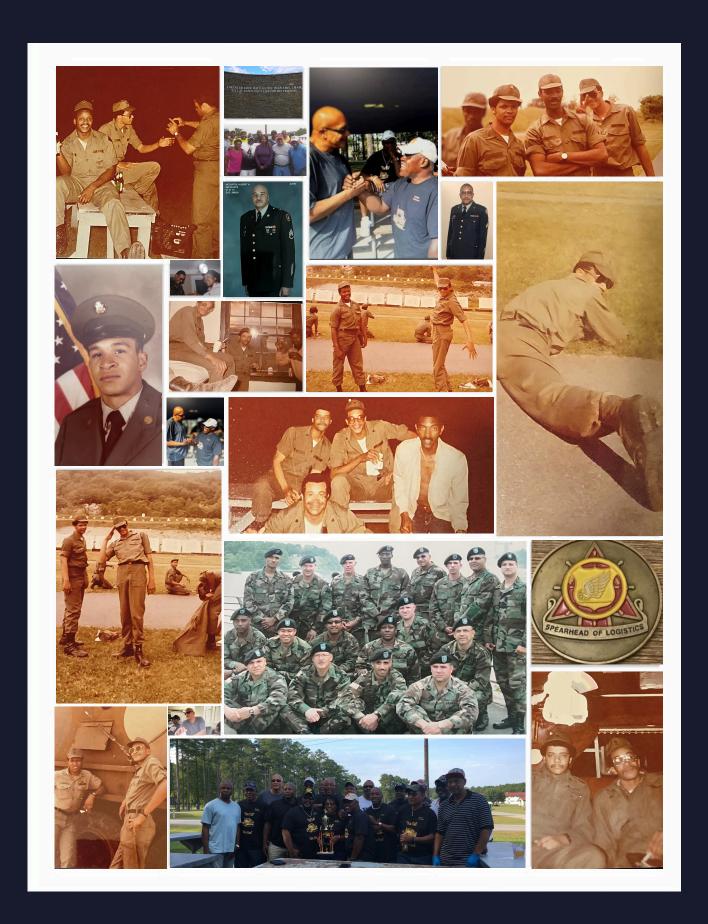
I was very happy to meet Al when he and Diana came to Barbados recently. Even though it was only one week that I knew him, it felt like a lifetime. Once I picked them up from the airport, we drove to the famous Oistins Fish Fry to enjoyfresh seafood, music, and Barbados culture! A day or two later, we had lunch together to mark Diana's birthday. It was a wonderful, emotionally charged celebration and Al explained to me that his wife is a sweet, lovely person who always gets emotional at times like these.

Al and Diana came round to our house a couple of times that week. Throughout the vacation, Al sampled not just the local

I'm happy to say I think Al enjoyed my rum punch the best. As I said, it feels like I knew Al a lifetime and I still don't believe he is gone. Al, you are missed. Rest in peace.

-Olley Elcock







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God looked around his garden- And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth- And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you - And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful -He always takes the best.
He knew that 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 were hard to climb.
So 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.

TO ALBERT

A gentle soul, a devoted husband, a loving father, and a man of honor — Albert, your strength, kindness, and quiet wisdom touched us all. You led with love, served with courage, and cared with a heart that knew no limits.

Your laughter and your strict discipline filled our home, your guidance shaped our lives, and your presence brought peace and comfort. Though you are no longer with us in body, your spirit remains. We are forever proud of you, forever grateful for you, and forever blessed to call you ours.

With endless love, Diana, Jason, Jeremey & Kennedy

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Sergeant First Class Albert McDuffie wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to their friends, family, and neighbors for your prayers, kindness, and support during this difficult time. Your expressions of love and comfort have been a great source of strength and peace.

INTERMENT

Thursday, October 30, 2025 Georgia National Cemetery Canton, GA

"Duty, Honor, Country - A Soldier's Legacy Forever'