

*In Loving Memory
of My Husband*

*The day you left and gained your wings,
My heart just broke in two.
I wish you could have stayed with me,
But heaven needed you.*

*You left me with the memories,
And I love you dearly still;
No matter how much time goes by
You know I always will.*

*You were a very special person,
With kindness in your heart,
And the love we had together
Grows stronger now we're apart.*

*I know I cannot bring you back,
Although I wish it every day,
But a piece of me went with you
The day you went away.*

Diretha

*God Saw the
Road Was Getting Rough*

*God saw the road was getting rough;
The hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed those loving eyes,
And whispered, "Peace be thine."*

*The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights have passed;
The ever patient worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.*

*God saw you were getting weary,
So He did what He knew was best;
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered, "Come and rest."*

The Children & Grandchildren

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Gentlemen of Carver Class of 1965

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
Friends & Family

HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS
Ladies of Carver Class of '65

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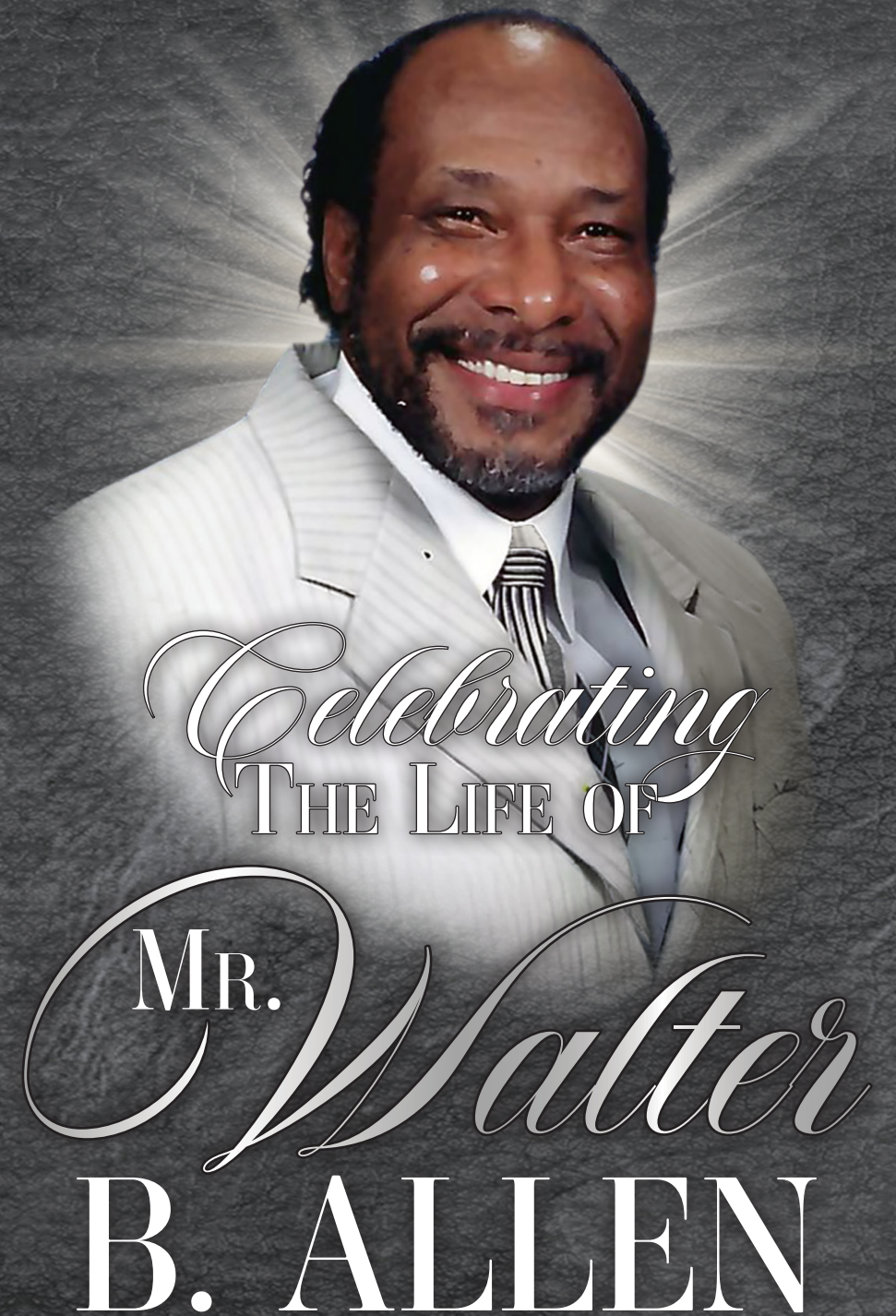
INTERMENT
Crestwood Memorial Cemetery
2209 East Broad Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35903

REPAST
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
408 North 9th Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
The family of Mr. Walter B. Allen acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many comforting messages, visits, calls, prayers, and floral contributions. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for your many acts of kindness demonstrated during this difficult time. May God bless you in our prayer.
The Family

SERVICE BY PROFESSIONALS

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1318 EAST BROAD ST.
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SUNRISE
December 28, 1945

SUNSET
March 2, 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026
1:30 PM

MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH
408 North 9th Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

Pastor Roderick Thomas, Officiating

OBITUARY

Mr. Walter B. Allen, affectionately known as “Poo Choo” was born December 28, 1945, to the late Mr. Raymond Allen, Sr., and Mrs. Stannie B. Allen in Gadsden, Alabama. He was educated in the Gadsden City school system and was a proud graduate of Carver High School, Class of 1965. He attended the Gadsden Vocational Trade School, he worked at Republic Steel/Gulf State Steel plant, and retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber after 34 years of service. On September 3, 1983, he was united in holy matrimony with Diretha A. Griffin.

Walter confessed faith in Christ at an early age, joining Mount Zion Baptist Church, East Gadsden, under the pastorate of Reverend Charlie Steele. He later joined Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend H. L. Spruill, where he served in the choir, on the usher board, and as a trustee, until his health began to fail. After an extended illness, Walter departed this life in the early morning hours of Monday, March 2, 2026, at Coosa Valley Health and Rehab.

Poo Choo was known for his love of sports, playing baseball and flag football. He was an avid gardener, who took great pride in the meticulous care of his yard. He also enjoyed traveling, hunting, and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Sr.; mother, Stannie; brothers, Raymond Jr. and Stanley; sisters, Mary, Elizabeth, and Clara; son, Jeffery; and grandson, Jared.

Left to cherish his memories are his: loving and devoted wife and caregiver, Diretha; son, Malcolm Allen of Chicago, IL; daughters, Cathy (Bernard) Green of Birmingham, AL, and Jacqueline (James) Sibby of Charlotte, NC; son, Howard (Yolanda) Griffin, Jr., of Southside, AL; grandchildren, Javier Sibby of Charlotte, NC, Gabriel (Olivia) Griffin of Tulsa, OK, Jalen Griffin of McKenzie, TN, and Janiah Griffin of Gadsden, AL; great-granddaughter, Journi Sibby of Bronx, NY; brother, Theodore (Frances) Allen of Gadsden, AL; sister-in-law, Robbie Jean Allen of Montgomery, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



THE PROGRAMME

- The Processional.....Soft Music
- The Selection.....Mt. Pilgrim Church Choir
- The Scriptures:
 - Old TestamentMinister
 - New TestamentMinister
- The Prayer.....Minister
- The Obituary.....*Read Silently, Please*.....Soft Music
- The Acknowledgements Sheretta Bostick
- The Selection.....Mt. Pilgrim Church Choir
- In Remembrance of: (*Two Minutes Each, Please*)
 - As a Class Mate..... Curtis Isom
 - As a Friend
 - As a Church Member/Usher
 - As a Family Member
- The Eulogy Pastor Roderick Thomas
- The Solo Epiphany Cherry
- The Recessional.....Soft Music

