



Albert Henry Stratton

October 3, 1957 - July 22, 2021

Albert Henry “Big Al” Stratton, as he was affectionately known, was born on October 3, 1957 in Nashville Tennessee. As the second of seven children born to Amanda F. Stratton and the late Albert A. Stratton, he attended the public schools of Nashville, Tennessee.

At an early age, Albert developed a love for automobiles, especially cars. By the time he reached the age of 16, he was often known for driving for hours the cars of family members, friends and even neighbors who had agreed to allow him to wash and clean up their automobiles. When questioned about why it took so long or where he’d been, he would simply reply “I was just trying to get the water off of it with a good blow dry.”

As Albert grew into adulthood, he decided that detailing automobiles was not only his passion but ultimately the profession he chose as a means of income. As a self-employed detailer, Albert determined that he could choose his working hours as well as his customer-base. Oftentimes, during the winter months, some family members would tease him about washing automobiles in the cold and even following a snowstorm. For him, it was never too hot or too cold to detail an automobile. As a result of this decision, Albert was blessed to meet countless people from all walks of life. He developed friendships and fellowships that have endured several generations to which he simply became known as Big Al.

Although Albert had a love for automobiles, he also had a love for female companionship in the person of Brenda Cortner. As a result of their mutual love and affection for one another, a bundle of joy eventually arrived by the name of Alquez Cortner.

Albert soon recalled and eventually learned many of the parental lectures and lessons that had been handed to him and his siblings from his parents regarding being a responsible

parent. As he had been the recipient of sacrifice, support, and love from his parents, he, too, must reciprocate such sacrifice, support and love to his son. As a result of this, Alquez became the focus of his attention. He, along with Brenda, demonstrated what Godly parenting should be despite differences and difficulties along the way.

In early 2002, Albert pursued the greatest love that anyone could ever seek. That was when he finally accepted Jesus Christ as the Savior, Redeemer, and Lord of his life. It was under the pastorate of his oldest brother Pastor Samuel A. Stratton at the Greater South Baptist Church in Springfield, Tennessee. It was there that Albert was baptized and became a faithful believer in the Body of Christ. Throughout his fellowship with the congregation, Albert embraced the friendship and kinship with friends and acquaintances.

Even more, he made it a habit to share his love and support with each of his brothers in their respective ministries, as well as countless other preachers and pastors. His ultimate love became evident in the lives of his great nieces and nephews and other youth, which became a hallmark of his humility in Christ.

Although we are saddened by his passing, we are confident that, although he is absent from his body, he is present with the Lord.

Cherishing his memory includes his son, Alquez Cortner; mother, Amanda Stratton; siblings Pastor Samuel (Nancy), Pastor Leslie, Darryl, Anita, and Rev. Michael Stratton, Alfreda (Bryan) Wilcox; devoted friend Brenda Cortner; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL **29**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Highland Hills Funeral Home & Crematory
2422 Brick Church Pike
Nashville, TN 37207

Visitation

JUL **30**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

Highland Hills Funeral Home & Crematory

Funeral Service

JUL **30**. 12:00 PM.

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Interment

JUL **30** (CT)

Greenwood North
1248 Dickerson Road
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Tribute Wall

ER

“ *Elaine Rogers lit a candle in memory of Albert Henry Stratton*



Elaine Rogers - July 30, 2021 at 01:23 PM

JW

“ *Jacqui Wilson lit a candle in memory of Albert Henry Stratton*



Jacqui Wilson - July 30, 2021 at 12:31 PM

JH

“ *I had just seen Al last Tuesday. This seems so unreal. Rest In Peace my brother and my condolences to the Stratton Family. ~~Jerome Horton*

Jerome Horton - July 27, 2021 at 09:12 PM

BW

“ *Mrs. Stratton and Sam, I am very sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of Albert Henry when we were growing up on Division Street. I will keep y'all in my thoughts and prayers. Bernard Watson*

Bernard Watson - July 27, 2021 at 09:08 AM

PT

“ *Condolences to the Stratton Family from:*

The Taylor Family

Pat Turner - July 26, 2021 at 07:57 PM

JB

“ *Albert, was a good man! James Bumpas*

James Bumpas - July 26, 2021 at 05:44 PM