



Altamese L. Pritchett

February 1, 1926 - August 27, 2020

The early years

The beloved daughter of Mattie Hemingway and Sidney Gordon, Altamese was introduced to this world on Monday, February 1, 1926 in Summerfield, Florida. Her sister, Willie Mae, was born a little over a year later. The two of them loved their home, family, and friends nestled in that little country town.

In her teenage years, the family moved to Orlando, Florida. There the sisters attended Jones High School and were members of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church in Orlando, Florida.

Young adulthood

In 1946, Altamese attended Florida Normal and Technical Institute in Miami, Florida.

To all who remember her— shockingly, her father (who did not allow much), let her sing in local nightclubs. And—she was paid!

Altamese was married to SFC Alvin C. Pritchett until his death and they raised 4 beautiful children: Valorie, Gayle, Kathy, and Tracy.

Her professional & community life

After many years of being a traveling military wife and stay at home mom,

Altamese stretched her wings and entered the education field. She worked 27 years in the Orange County Public School System, including Eccleston Elementary, Orange Center Elementary and Jones High School of Orlando, Florida until her retirement in 1993.

In 2008, the Orlando Sentinel profiled her as one of seven other families who sued to desegregate Orange County schools in 1962. “My first instinct was for my people, not my children.”

November 25, 2016, she was presented with the City of Orlando, Florida’s Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions, support and community leadership to uplift the residents of District 6.

Her spiritual life

Born and raised in the church, Altamese always made sure her children were active in church, attending Sunday School, Baptist Training Union (BTU), the Red Circle and Sunshine Band, Bible Study and Vacation Bible School. An avid singer with a beautiful alto voice, she participated in church choirs, until she was unable to do so. She was also a faithful member of Mt. Zion’s Golden Years Ministry.

Hat-itude

She loved to dress “to the nines”, her head adorned with a hat. She would drive far and wide for “that special one”—taking many a trip to Atlanta to visit Joyce “the hat lady” and owner of The Mad Hatter. And let’s not forget the matching purse, shoes, suit and nails.

Her family

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, in a peaceful transition, Altamese went home to be with our Lord. She is survived by her children Valorie Gordon Roberts (Joe Hardy), Atlanta, GA; Gayle (Richard) Danner, Kathy Pritchett, and

Gordon Tracy Pritchett, Orlando, FL. Four grandchildren: Bakori (LaCrisa) Roberts, Atlanta, GA; Ashante (Dana) Roberts, Atlanta, GA; Nailah Ifé (Erica) McKeever-Montgomery, Orlando, FL and Sidney Arrington Walker, Orlando, FL. Five great-grandchildren: Asia Bowers-Roberts, Miami, FL; Mosiah Roberts, Kymani Roberts, and Langston Roberts, Atlanta, GA; and Sidney Walker Jr, Orlando, FL. Two great-great-grandchildren Shaia Nicole and Ajani Selassie Dupree, Miami, FL. One niece, Dawn General, and one great-nephew, Daniel Holland, Orlando, FL. Her special friend, Mary Collins, Orlando, FL. And a host of other relatives and friends.

The celebration of her life will be held at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church (535 W. Washington St., Orlando, FL 32801), Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. In consideration of the global pandemic, the family must close the service to the general public. However, the celebration will be available via live stream on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/mtzmbic/?ref=page_internal), at <http://www.mtzionmbic.org/livestream/> or the conference line at 1-480-297-0773, passcode 6926313. In lieu of flowers, donations in Altamese Pritchett's name may be made to the Jones High School Music Department.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church
535 W Washington Street
Orlando, FL 32801

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Patti Roberts purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Altamese L. Pritchett.* ”



Patti Roberts - September 11, 2020 at 03:22 PM

JJ

“ *To the Pritchett Family, you have my deepest condolences. I will miss Mother Pritchett more than words can say. I remember her when I was growing up on Raleigh St. and she lived on Florence Ave. in Orlando. she really kept us kids on our "p's" & "q's".* ”

Joanna Johnson - September 11, 2020 at 02:54 PM



Joanna, thank you for sharing your remembrances of mama! Much love to you and yours!

Gayle Danner - September 14, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JO

“ *Jpnes High School Class Of1967 lit a candle in memory of Altamese L. Pritchett* ”



Jpnes High School Class of1967 - September 10, 2020 at 12:03 PM

JO

Jones High School Class of 1967, Love You

Jpnes High School Class of1967 - September 10, 2020 at 12:09 PM

OW

“ *Odera Williams lit a candle in memory of Altamese L. Pritchett*



Odera Williams - September 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM



Thank you for sharing your love with the family!

Gayle Danner - September 14, 2020 at 09:46 AM

RC

“ *Ruby Darling..Leona .Daphne..Alfreda..Isaac cotton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Altamese L. Pritchett.*



Ruby Darling..Leona .Daphne..Alfreda..Isaac cotton -
September 09, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Altamese L. Pritchett.*



September 09, 2020 at 03:34 PM

ST

“ Sincerely, iHM Rev Mgmt Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Altamese L. Pritchett.



Sincerely, iHM Rev Mgmt Team - September 09, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Obituary



A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations - September 08, 2020 at 09:43 AM

LL

“ How blessed we were as individuals and as members of the Mt. Zion church family to have Sister Altamese Pritchett among us as a strong woman of faith who exemplified love and caring for all. Whether sharing her Christian testimony or serving in leadership or modeling in the "Hattitude fashion show or singing in the choir, she did all to the glory of God. She will be deeply missed, but her beautiful example will live in memory.

Lillian Lancaster - September 08, 2020 at 03:23 AM

MA

Rest in peace mom, I'll miss that happy face everytime we met

Manuel - September 08, 2020 at 10:15 AM

DE

Rest in peace

Denise pritchett Ezell - September 09, 2020 at 08:23 PM



To Manuel and Denise, thank you for sharing your love to the family!

Gayle Danner - September 14, 2020 at 09:44 AM

LL

“ *Lillian Lancaster sent a virtual gift in memory of Altamese L. Pritchett*



Lillian Lancaster - September 08, 2020 at 03:14 AM



Thank you, Sister Lancaster!

Gayle Danner - September 14, 2020 at 09:44 AM

JW

“ *I light this candle in memory of Mrs. Pritchett. I will miss our talks and her words of wisdom. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. MATTHEW 11:28*



Joyce Williams - September 06, 2020 at 08:26 PM



Thank you, Joyce, for who you are and have been to mama and our family. Blessings and peace to you!

Gayle Danner - September 14, 2020 at 09:41 AM