



Andre' Samson-Jean "Big Dre" Allen

June 8, 1957 - October 27, 2023

ALLEN, Mr. Andre' Samson-Jean "Big Dre" – age 66, passed away, Friday, October 27, 2023 at DMC - Harper University Hospital. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, November 10, 2023 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Pastor Andrew Jenkins, Officiating. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery, 216 University Drive. Friends and Pallbearers will assemble 10:00 AM at the funeral home Friday. Mr. Allen will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed between the hours of 12:00PM - 6:00PM Thursday.

Andre' Allen was born to parents, David and Maria Allen on June 8, 1957. Andre' was called home to be with the Lord on October 27, 2023. A proud graduate of Pontiac Central High School and a member of the marching band. Andre' developed a love for jazz and classical music. Andre' mastered the saxophone and traveled throughout the United States performing with jazz and R & B bands.

In 1976, Andre' met and fell in love with Shelley Lee Shaw. Together they delivered to the world twin sons, David and Andre, one daughter, Shuquna and another son, Dayvon. Andre' was a provider for his family, working numerous jobs before settling down with General Motors (GM). After 37 years of employment as a skilled tradesman, Andre' retired from GM.

Throughout his life, Andre' had a love for cars; especially Cadillac's and Lincoln's. At the time of his death, Andre' had a collection of classic vehicles. He also took pride in polishing and shining his vehicles. Andre' was well known for the Armor All shine on his cars.

Mr. Allen leaves to cherish his memory children, Shuquna F. Shaw-Allen and Dayvon M. Shaw-Allen; twenty-five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Sydney Allen, Christopher Bancroft, Richard Armstrong; sister-in-law, Miyoshi Shaw; brother-in-law, Sean Shaw; aunt, Norma Griswold; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Allen was preceded in death by sons, David Shaw-Allen and Andre Shaw-Allen; parents, Maria and David Vincent Allen, Sr; brother, David Allen; common law wife, Shelley Lee Shaw; mother and father-in-law, Issiah Shaw and Fracessca Johnson-Shaw.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

216 University Drive
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913

Family Hour

NOV 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *It is always been a pleasure not only playing music but being your brother in music and in spirit as I will never forget the good that you imparted upon my life as a musician and as a friend.*



Clarence "Darency" Jones - November 09, 2023 at 02:02 PM

AM

“ *Anthony Cooper & Shirley Mason-Cooper lit a candle in memory of Andre' Samson-Jean "Big Dre" Allen*



Anthony Cooper & Shirley Mason-Cooper - November 08, 2023 at 04:55 PM

RM

“ *Regina Elaine Milton lit a candle in memory of Andre' Samson-Jean "Big Dre" Allen*



Regina Elaine Milton - November 07, 2023 at 04:27 PM

HA

“ *King Andre It was always a honor to play some great Jazz Music with you.*

Fareed McKnight

Harvey - November 05, 2023 at 03:46 PM

GA

A bad man on that Sax ..

Gary - November 05, 2023 at 08:29 PM

GA

A bad man on that sax ..

Gary - November 05, 2023 at 08:32 PM

MB

“ *Big Dre you will be really missed thank you for showing me alot of first I will never forget the trips you and your took me on and showing me the jazz life I still listen to jazz because of you the first time at cedar point first time in Kentucky I will forever miss you*



Mary Ann Bancroft - November 03, 2023 at 10:35 PM

AB

“ *Hey Dre even though you and TT never married I still called you my brother in law I respected you that much I'm most definitely going to miss you at church when you and TT came to town y'all always made it y'all business to stop by United that was your church home you always said that I miss you brother in law praying for your family at this time and always Alicia Burrow-Northern aka Kathy*

Alicia Burrow-Northern - November 02, 2023 at 08:53 AM

CM

“ *Wish I had seen Andre in our later years. I am saddened to hear of his passing. We were family friends back in the day. Prayers up for comfort for his family. Rest In Heavenly Peace.*



Carla Mitchell-Carmouche - November 01, 2023 at 08:03 PM

VB

“ *Andre' Allen was an exceptional guy. He was a vessel that enjoyed music and he would play his instrument ongoing; even after detailing his vehicles. Certainly, Andre will be missed by those whom he embraced.*

Victor Andre' Bonds

Victor Bonds - November 01, 2023 at 12:15 PM

JL

“ *I REMBER YOU AND SHELLY ' YOUR CHILDREN MOM' FLY HIGH' RIP',*

JEAN Lance - October 31, 2023 at 01:56 PM

LC

Andre grew up on the next street from us on Highland in the late 60's and 70's on Harvey his sister Sidney delivered the Oakland press it was 10-cent back then All the neighborhood children walked to Franklin and Jefferson. Andre was a hands quiet young man friendly to everyone... I remember he was alway a Band student...the Bell - and Carter family send our Condolences to the Entire family of Andre the baddest Saxophone in around... May God Bless you and strengthen you during this time..RIH..Leola-Bell Carter

Leola Carter - November 05, 2023 at 02:34 PM