



Alvin W Franklin

December 19, 1962 - February 1, 2025

With profound sadness yet hearts full of gratitude for a well-lived life, we celebrate the remarkable journey of Alvin Walter Franklin, a beloved father, brother, uncle, athlete, entrepreneur, and friend.

Born on December 19, 1962, to the late Dorothy and Raymond Franklin, Sr., Alvin was the fifth of six brothers. He grew up with resilience, strong family bonds, and a lighthearted spirit that shaped his extraordinary life.

From an early age, Alvin's life was guided by faith. He was introduced to Christ at Greater Bell Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Zephaniah Phillips.

A proud product of La Marque Independent School District, Alvin's natural talent and relentless dedication to excellence propelled him to greatness both on and off the court. A distinguished graduate of the Class of 1982, he was a basketball prodigy, earning All-American honors in both his junior and senior years. His high school career was nothing short of legendary, including an unforgettable game where he scored 52 points, solidifying his reputation as a force to be reckoned with. His exceptional skills led him to the University of Houston, where he became a celebrated member of the iconic Phi Slama Jama, cementing his place in college basketball history.

In 1986, Alvin was selected as a 4th-round draft pick by the Sacramento

Kings, a testament to his talent and dedication to the game. He continued playing professionally overseas, showcasing his skills internationally in the Philippines, France, and Spain. His love for basketball knew no borders and he left a lasting impression wherever he played.

Beyond basketball, Alvin was a man of many talents and passions. After his playing days, he was a successful entrepreneur, owning both a carpet business and a construction company that built homes, leaving a tangible legacy of hard work and craftsmanship. He had an infectious personality, always quick with a joke, a laugh, and a warm smile. His love for life was evident in how he uplifted those around him and embraced every moment joyfully.

Alvin's legacy is not merely of athletic talent but of perseverance and humility. As we honor his memory, we hold dear the countless ways he touched lives, inspired dreams, and exemplified the power of dedication and heart.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Raymond Franklin, Sr., and his brothers, Raymond Franklin, Jr. and Donald Ray Franklin. Though we bid farewell, Alvin's spirit will forever live in the hearts of his daughter, Jazmine Green; brothers, Michael Franklin (Sue), Clarence Franklin (Marilyn), and Jerry Franklin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
302 N Oak
Texas City, TX 77591

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FEB **15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

FEB **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

FEB **15.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Rising Star Cemetery
LaMarque, TX 77568

Tribute Wall

OR

“ Alvin Franklin will truly be missed We were Houston Jaycee tournament all stars together Odell Roberts

Odell Roberts - February 19, 2025 at 07:14 PM

VE

“ Vida Evans-Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Alvin W Franklin



Vida Evans-Aldridge - February 16, 2025 at 09:56 PM

HB

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Alvin Franklin . ❤️🙏🙏 Praying you receive the peace and comfort and understanding while you go through this . 🕊️🕊️ Rip Alvin Franklin



Helen Bingley - February 16, 2025 at 10:32 AM

DF

“ Dr. & Sis. William Randall & Family lit a candle in memory of Alvin W Franklin



Dr. & Sis. William Randall & Family - February 15, 2025 at 12:06 PM

KK

“ Alvin you will never be forgotten. My greatest memories was watching you play basketball for the La Marque Cougar’s in High School and the University of Houston Cougars in college (Phi Slama Jama). Oh by the way I saw you dunk a tennis in 7th grade. The best memory I have is after the game after U of H loss in the Championship game in college when you came to a party we were having by the high school but you would not go in the backyard because there was a swimming pool.. RIP my friend. Prayers and condolences to the family!

Kerry Klyng - February 14, 2025 at 08:49 PM

TD

“ Alvin was the best friend someone could have. I'm gonna miss my brother his smile and laughter RIP my friend. TD

Tanza Diggs - February 14, 2025 at 05:37 PM

KC

“ I was in 5th grade & it was track n field day @ Simms Elementary. Alvin & his buddies couldn’t believe how far I threw the softball. They came, saw & I gained ALL their respect. Alvin was a tremendous athlete, very humble & will be missed. God certainly has another Angel 😇

Karen Webb Curry - February 12, 2025 at 11:08 PM

CA

“ My condolences to you family for the loss of Alvin. Praying for you all. 🙏

Christene Andrews-Anderson - February 10, 2025 at 06:47 PM

MT

“ My fondest memory of Alvin was in our freshman math class. He leaned over and said classmate "Help me out with this." I did help him out and we both passed that test and the class!

Melinie(Townsel) Torres-Moraga - February 09, 2025 at 07:05 PM

MT

My sincere condolences to the Franklin family. May God keep strengthen at this difficult time.

Melinie(Townsel) Torres-Moraga - February 09, 2025 at 07:06 PM

DB

“ Prayers for your family as you celebrate the life of your beloved. May your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this challenging time.

D. Britton - February 08, 2025 at 09:41 AM

RC

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Alvin. 🙏 We are proud to have had such a talented and accomplished athlete to come from Lamarque. Rest in peace Alvin. 🙏🕊️📧

Rhonda Crawford - February 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

SB

“ Rest easy classmate. Glad I got to spend some time with you during your birthday, over the Holidays and Christmas Day and to see and talk with you one last time last week. Definitely gone way down too soon🕊️ Sharon Stoll Beckett LMHS 1982



Sharon Stoll Beckett - February 07, 2025 at 02:46 AM

KC

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the entire Franklin family. 🙏🙏💖
With Christian love Rev. Nathen and Kathy Cunningham and family*

Kathy Cunningham - February 06, 2025 at 11:00 PM