



## Chester Allen, Jr.

November 27, 1942 - May 11, 2022

Chester Allen, Jr., 79, of Alachua, FL passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at his home.

He was born on November 27, 1942 in Lacosse, FL to Chester, Sr. and Dorothy (Smith) Allen. A graduate of Santa Fe College, he also served in the United States Army. He was the first black employee at UPS where he was employed for twenty years and was a serial entrepreneur starting many businesses including Allen Quality Shoe Repair, Man of Vision, and Allen Taxi Service, ultimately retiring from the School Board of Alachua County. He was a member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, L.J. Allen, Tony Allen, Stuart Allen, Clarence Allen, and Robert Allen, and his sister, Dorothy Allen Cobb.

He leaves to cherish his fond memories; his daughter, Lecretia Allen King (Johnny), Lake Butler, FL; sons, Robert Pollard (DeLois), Orlando, FL, Rev. Terrance Pollard, Gainesville, FL, Jeffery Allen, Jacksonville, FL, and Kenneth Spralding (Angela), Panama City, FL; brother, Joel Allen; sisters, Edith Nelson, Gloria Allen Simmons, Linda Allen, and Darlene Allen; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service for Mr. Allen will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at

4:00 PM at Chestnut Memorial Chapel.

Due to COVID-19, all in attendance are asked to please wear a facial covering.

Arrangements Entrusted to the Care of Chestnut Funeral Home. Cards may be sent to 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. To order floral arrangements, please visit [www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/chesterallen](http://www.chestnutfh.com/obituary/chesterallen). Any questions may be directed to 855-5-CHESTNUT or [admin@chestnutfh.com](mailto:admin@chestnutfh.com).  
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