



## Mr. Alvin Glasco Odom III

September 18, 1944 - March 26, 2018

\*\*\*\*NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, the family requests sending contributions to: SHARE (The Society for History and Racial Equity, 471 W. South Street, Ste. 42 A, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007) or The Portage Senior Center, 320 Library LN, Portage, Michigan 49002 both which are very dear to Al.

Alvin Glasco Odom, III passed away on March 26, 2018 in Kalamazoo, MI. He was born in Chicago, IL on September 18, 1944 to Alvin Odom, II and Alma Harvel. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Cherlyn.

Al enjoyed an adventurous and fun-loving childhood, indulging his love of trains and spending hours of time with his many neighborhood friends. He attended Harlan High School in Chicago and soon after voluntarily enlisted in the Navy as a Seabee, where he could drive the big trucks with which he had always been fascinated.

Al and Donna Hicks came together in a loving and devoted relationship in July of 1990 and married on November 24, 2001 in Park Forest, IL.

Al loved being outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine, so his days trimming trees and as a trucker were especially enjoyable. He spoke often of the wonderful experiences and delightful people he met during his days working at Johnson Howard and Woodwork Specialties in Kalamazoo.

Al's favorite pastimes and hobbies included playing pool and chair volleyball at the Portage Senior Center, reading from his extensive library of railroad books, and traveling with Donna.

He is survived by his loving wife, Donna, daughter, Lynette, son Alvin IV (Tracey), and stepson, Michael Williams (Tiffany), grandchildren, Jalil Williams, Triana Jones, Khadija Williams, Kamaria Williams, siblings, Wilmon Ealy and Byron Ealy and a host of nephews, nieces, special cousins, and friends.

There was something about Al that made him special to everyone. There was no way to know him without loving him.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Custer National Cemetery**

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

**APR 3.** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Unity of Kalamazoo  
1204 Whites Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

## **A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of**

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Alvin Glasco Odom III*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Alvin Glasco Odom III*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Al, was really a nice light spirited man and sharp, quick in responding to others and know how to get their attention to change the attitude, if needed. We knew him as a member in PSC, playing Chair volley Ball and Pools.*

*May God confronts his wife and all his family members.*

*Michelle*

**smk** - April 07, 2018 at 07:34 AM



*I Love and miss My Big Brother who taught me so much ,how to be a Man and Love Life like he did . Remembering him teaching me how to shave and how to tie ropes for tree cutting and riding a Bike then giving me one of his Bike . Byron Ealy*

**Byron K Ealy** - March 12, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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“ *Al always had advice and a kind word for me. He had a way of knowing when I was feeling down, and saying something funny or wise to bring me back up.*

*One day, he took me out to have a pork sandwich when I was recovering from surgery, not to talk, but just to help me get out of my head, and it did. Another time, he just walked up to me in the parking lot and hugged me, and then walked away, without saying anything. I think that touched me more than anything. He was kind to me like that. I will miss our political rants and how he helped me to look at some things in a new way, and his funny sayings and his sense of humor and jokes, and his wit, and his wisdom and kindness, and how I felt better after talking to him, and I hope I did that for him a few times too.*

*I knew Al's health was declining but it still came as a shock to me when he passed. It's hard for me that I won't be able to see him in the driveway coming and going anymore, which is mostly when we talked. I already miss him.*

*We had a good last visit though, and although I thought there would be more visits, I'm glad we had the last one at least.*

*I send my heartfelt condolences to Al's family. Life is already emptier without him around. To me, he was truly one of a kind.*

*- Steve Ricci*

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**Steve Ricci** - April 04, 2018 at 08:26 PM

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“ *if once you met Al, he was a friend for life. A man with a great sense of humor, very caring, all around good man. Always a wave as you passed him. Al you will be missed!*

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**Frances McCartney** - April 04, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvin Glasco Odom III.*



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April 02, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ *Donna, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Buddy and Freda Hannah*

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**Buddy Hannah** - April 02, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvin Glasco Odom III.*



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April 02, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *The Heart Failure Clinic purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mr. Alvin Glasco Odom III.*



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**The Heart Failure Clinic** - April 02, 2018 at 09:51 AM

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“ *Donna my deepest condolences to you and your family. Praying that God will continue to strengthen you and keep you and your family in perfect peace.*



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**Wendy Fields** - April 02, 2018 at 08:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvin Glasco Odom III.*



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March 31, 2018 at 01:33 PM