



## Ernest G. Alston

May 23, 1931 - October 20, 2016

Ernest G. Alston, age 85, of Holly, died Thurs. Oct. 20, 2016. He was born in Detroit on May 23, 1931, the son of Spencer and Clara (Chaney) Alston. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean War. He was retired as the Director of Printing for the US Government, was a member of the NAACP, and was a past member of the Optimist Club of Holly and a past board member for Presbyterian Village of Holly. He was a renowned artist as was very active in the art world. His art was exhibited at the Detroit Institute of Art, the Children' Museum of Michigan, the African American Museum of Dallas, Bishop Airport of Flint. He is survived by his wife Suzanne; 3 children, Alex Alston of Davisburg, Angela Alston of Southfield, and Aric (Kellie) Alston of OH; 5 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Cesante Alrey of Holly and David Alston of TN. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Margaret, and sisters Ora Lee Turner and Vivian Masterson. Memorials services will be held at 11:30 AM Monday, Oct. 31, 2016 at St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 8850 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202, with a family hour beginning at 11AM. Memorial donations may be made to the Charles Wright Museum of African American History. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **31**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church  
8850 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48202

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ To whom may read this, although I did not know Mr. Alston I I have worked with one of his sons for about fourteen years and the father teaches the son and on and on and Alex is a Great and honorable man and so it would follow that the father would be also be a Great Man.

To the Family so for your Great loss. Mike Steenburg Lab Tech GM

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**Mike Steenburg** - October 28, 2016 at 02:52 PM

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“ Dearest Cousins Suzanne, David, Linda, and Family,

Glenn, Frank and I are so sorry to learn of your loss and we extend to all of you our deepest sympathy. Suzanne, you always spoke of Ernest in the kindest of terms and his wisdom and contribution to the family and community will be deeply missed. Rest assured his legacy as a senior statesman, civil rights advocate, and outstanding artist will live on. Your West Coast family is here for you any time day or night. We love all of you.

On behalf of my beloved mother and your aunt, Helen Hart Haley, gone but never forgotten, we remain your affectionate and devoted cousins,

Marsha, Glenn and Frank Brown  
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

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**Marsha Brown** - October 26, 2016 at 07:09 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**David Hart** - October 26, 2016 at 10:07 AM