



## Alvin "Bongo" Russell

August 2, 1958 - September 15, 2020

Alvin Russell (Bongo), 62, was born to the late Frances Wilson and Isodore Nimmons. He departed this life on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at home in Sebring, Florida.

At a young age, Alvin's family moved to New Brunswick, New Jersey where they lived for most of his life. He lived for a brief period in Clearwater, Florida and later moved to Sebring, Florida in 2018. Alvin attended New Brunswick Schools and graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1976. He attended Bishop College in Dallas, Texas and later attended Jersey City State where he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Alvin began his career working as a paralegal and later pursued a career in Corrections with Middlesex County Correctional Facility. He also worked in several sales positions with Verizon and Saveology.

Alvin was dedicated member of the Sharon Baptist Church located in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He worked diligently as a Trustee and later became Co-Chairperson of the Trustee Committee. On Sunday morning, you could see Alvin standing post as a faithful member of the Usher Board. He was a member of the New Brunswick Zebras and loved participating in many activities organized by Pine Street Residents Association. Alvin was also an active member of the New Brunswick Reunion Committee.

As a young man, Alvin was a member of the Martin Luther King Players where he was well known for his oratorical rendition of the "I have A Dream Speech" by Martin Luther King, Jr. Alvin loved listening to Gospel music with a passion. He specially loved hearing "The Singing Pastors of Piscataway" and "The Rance Allen Group".

He adored his grandchildren and loved traveling with his wife. Alvin and Grace first met over 35 years ago and reconnected in 2014, after he invited her to have tea, and that same day, he invited her to attend church with him at Sharon Baptist. Their relationship blossomed and they were married on August 20, 2016 at his beloved Sharon Baptist Church.

Alvin is survived by his wife, Grace Anderson-Russell, two sons, Malcolm Russell and Alquan Russell (Tyleshia. Alvin was predeceased by his mother, Frances Wilson-Hardy; his father, Isodire Nimmons, and his brother Melvin Russell. He leaves to mourn his life several aunts, uncles and a host of cousins, including five very special girl cousins that were more like sisters to him. Alvin was blessed to have ten grandchildren and many friends and relatives.

Walk Through Viewing is from 8:30am-10am, Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Anderson Funeral Service, 201 Sandford Street, New Brunswick, NJ. Private Funeral Service, Invitation Only. Interment will be held at Elmwood Cemetery, North Brunswick, NJ.

**\*\*Funeral Livestream via Zoom\*\***

Time: Sep 26, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/6683520066?pwd=UnM3RE9seXhJWlJsZmU0aHlZdXMyZz09>

Password: 725583

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Conference code: 349894

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# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

425 Georges Road  
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

# Previous Events

## Walk Through Viewing

SEP **26.** 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Service  
201 Sandford St.  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
(732) 545-7312  
<https://www.andersonfuneralservice.net>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alvin "Bongo" Russell*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Condolences to the Russell family. Alvin will truly be Missed by Everyone. Prayers sent for Comfort and Strength. Cuz, we Love you and will keep you in our hearts.  
Your SC Families (Nimmons/Gillison/Gordon)  
LaFrenchie*



**LaFrenchie** - September 26, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ *Rosalind Russell lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Bongo" Russell*



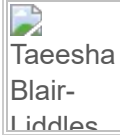
**Rosalind Russell** - September 26, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *Taeesha Blair-Liddles lit a candle in memory of Alvin "Bongo" Russell*



**Taeesha Blair-Liddles** - September 26, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Russell family. May his memories bring you joy and peace. Our greatest comfort in sorrow is to know that God is control. Alvin you will be truly missed. Rest in sweet heavenly peace.*

*Love, Taeesha and the Liddles family.*

**Taeesha Blair-Liddles** - September 26, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ *Alvin was a true friend and a true soldier that I will truley miss. My prayers go out to the Russell family for peace and understanding. God makes no mistakes.*

**Marvin Blair** - September 26, 2020 at 08:46 AM



*My nephew was a kind hearted man. The Nimmons family loved him the moment we met him. Our prayers go out our family and to everyone that his life has had an impact on. Thanks for sharing his obituary with us. So test on my nephew. Eugenia Gordon of Estill SC*

**Eugenia Gordon** - September 26, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the entire Russell family. Alvin aka Bongo was one of the sweetest compassion and kindness man I knew. He always had that bright smile and a kind word to say. I was so happy for him when he found his soulmate Grace. Bongo will be missed by many. We loved you here on earth, but God loved you more. Your labor on earth is complete. Gone But Never Forgotten*



**Drena T. Ashford-Carter** - September 25, 2020 at 04:50 PM

JH

*Rest eazy my old friend sincere condolences to the family may God grant us peace and solace during this difficult time.*

**Jeff Harris** - September 25, 2020 at 08:09 PM

KA

*My Dear Cousin, you are truly a hero in my book!!! A wonderful person, you have a brand new home now. Take your rest , A home not made of clay. I love you forever in our hearts. Karen.*

**Karen Atmore** - September 26, 2020 at 09:00 AM

MD

*Rest In Peace and power.*

**monique Mickens Davis** - November 02, 2020 at 04:47 AM

MA

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the entire Russell family. The Bible assures us that “ to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord”. Alvin has moved on to a better place and has claimed that “mansion” that Jesus has prepared for him.*

**MaryAnn Anderson** - September 25, 2020 at 08:36 AM

DC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Dennis Cody** - September 24, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin "Bongo" Russell.*



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September 24, 2020 at 05:19 PM