



John Anthony Vallien

January 26, 1933 - May 23, 2012

Former Mayor John A. Vallien

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Opelousas, Louisiana

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, May 28, 2012 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA, for John A. Vallien, 79, who peacefully departed, Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at his residence in Opelousas, LA.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park in Opelousas, LA. Monsignor Keith J. DeRouen and Rev. Malcolm O'Leary, S.V.D. will officiate at the Mass of Christian burial.

John loved his family, community, and country which can clearly be seen in the story of his life. He was a lifelong native of St Landry Parish where he received his primary education. Later, he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Social Studies Education from Southern University. He enlisted in the Navy and served honorably before returning to his beloved St. Landry Parish to assume his career as an educator. Described as one of the greatest math teachers of his time, he rapidly rose through the ranks of the school system. He served as principal of Carter G. Woodson High School, Lawtell Elementary School, eventually moving upward to the position of supervisor in the school board. After serving 37 distinguished years he retired from the school system. In 2000. he was elected Mayor of the city of Opelousas. His term as mayor is characterized by his honesty and dignity. He

is credited for laying the groundwork for many economic developments to the city of Opelousas.

Mourning his departure, while cherishing his precious memories, are his children, one son, Don Anthony Vallien (Alishia) of Opelousas, LA.; four daughters, Angie Fields (Howard "Joe") of Opelousas, LA., Lisa Vallien Moore of Jacksonville, Florida, Gina Readore (Manuel) of Opelousas, LA. and Tykee Jackson (Leslie, Jr.) of Birmingham, Alabama; nine grandchildren, Lindsey Payne, Katherine Jackson, Niyah Hampton, Michael Fields, Christian Moore, Antonio Vallien, Loren Jackson, Sterling Readore and Anderson Readore; a brother, Andrew Vallien (Theresa) of Natchitoches, LA; two sisters, Theresa Muwwakkil (Yusef) of Palmetto, GA and Audrey Noble (Charles) of Houston, TX; and a host of other relatives and special friends, who will miss him dearly. Mr. Vallien was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mrs. Gloria C. Vallien; parents, John Valien & Mary Wilma Mouton Valien; three sisters, Verline Juanita Guillory, Mary Wilma Angel and Laura Belle Morrison.

Visiting hours will be observed from 7:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Monday, May 28, 2012 at Williams Funeral Home in Opelousas, LA. Reflections of Mr. Vallien's life will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Our Lady Queen of Angles Catholic Church.

Share words of comfort with the Vallien family at www.williamfuneralhomes.net
Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Anthony Vallien*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *the family have my deepest sympathys at this difficult time.jus know that god only takes the best.you dad was jus that.loved to spend my time in his office to get papres to file or jus to help him in his office.*

MARGARET ESPREE - June 16, 2012 at 10:47 AM



“ *May God give you peace and comfort in the days ahead our prayer's and love are with you*

Cyrus & DOLORES Auzenne - May 29, 2012 at 10:29 PM



“ *Our prayers are with your family. We are blessed that we were able to have met your father. His grace and presence will never be forgotten. God bless you all. Love Jason and Kenya Moore*

Jason and Kenya Moore - May 29, 2012 at 09:47 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. The loss of a loved one is never easy especially a parent. My prayers and sympathy is with you and your family.*

Shannon, Leslie and Elijah

Shannon Bernard - May 28, 2012 at 03:21 PM

DW

“ Lisa, Christian & The Vallien Family,
I will be lifting you and your family up in prayer. I will call your name before our almighty God. I pray that God's comfort and His peace would rest, rule and abide with you. I also pray that as your hearts are overwhelmed that He would continually lead you to the Rock that is higher and that He would hide you in the shadow of His wings.

Dawn Wilson - May 28, 2012 at 02:02 PM

BC

“ The Chambers family expresses sympathies, condolences, and prayers to the Vallien family during your time of loss.
Brett Chambers

Brett E Chambers - May 28, 2012 at 01:09 PM

CM

“ Dear Lisa,
Your father was a strong and honorable man, and you all are very blessed to have shared so many years with him! Our prayers are with you and your family during this time. May God continue to strengthen you, comfort you and give you everlasting peace!
Love, Chanda

Chanda McCall - May 27, 2012 at 07:58 PM

CS

“ Dear Lisa and the entire Vallien family, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. We understand that no words we can express at this time can console the grief that you must feel. But do know that we send our love and prayers to you all and we are here for you in your time of need. We did not know your father personally, but just knowing you we can imagine that he was a wonderful father and a man of great stature and high moral values. We have seen all of these great qualities in you. We are sorry that we can not be in attendance at the homegoing service, but please don't hesitate to call on us any time if there is anything that we can do. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Love always,
Cheryl, Troy and Aerin Steed

Cheryl, Troy and Aerin Steed - May 27, 2012 at 02:42 PM

AS

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Vallien passing. He was Principal when I attended Carter G. Woodson. My prayers go out to the family. He was a great role model.

Audry (Richard) Simmons - May 27, 2012 at 01:17 PM

RM

“ You have my deepest sympathy on the death of your father. He taught me math as a high school freshmen and I really learned a lot from his teaching which served as a basis for all my math skills. Please note that I will keep the family in my prayers.

Rosalie Meullion - May 26, 2012 at 07:15 PM

JM

“ To The Vallien Family, You have our deepest sympathy. there is comfort in knowing that your Father lived his life well.

James & Joyce Moore - May 26, 2012 at 12:32 PM

FA

“ Lisa and family, We cannot possibly know exactly what it's like to be in the place you are now. But we can get pretty close. I know God is there in that place and will help keep you all strong. We all love you and are praying for your entire family.

Frank, Bre, and Angie - May 26, 2012 at 12:08 PM

CH

“ Gina, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I lost my mother May 17 two years ago. It is a hard time, I know. Look to your family for strength and be there for them when they look to you for strength. Remember this good times. Remember the great things your dad did. I will pray for you and your family. Again, I am sorry to hear about your loss.

Chris - May 26, 2012 at 11:29 AM

SE

“ To Lisa Moore and the entire Vallien family. I pray God Bless you all in your time of sorrow. I am also praying and asking God to keep you close and give you strenth.

With Heaartfelt Sympathy

Sonya Edwards Raleigh , North Carolina

Sonya Edwards - May 26, 2012 at 10:52 AM

WK

“ Lisa and Christian, although I did not know your Father and Grandfather he sounds to have been a wonderful individual. Many of his strengths I see in both of you and in that his memory shall live on. Thinking of you both. Whitney, Kaleigh and Brooke

Whitney Kantor - May 26, 2012 at 09:46 AM

DL

“ Angie and Family,
Offering you my deepest sympathy. Knowing that your father is now
a resident of a place where there is no more pain, no more troubles,
no more heartaches will bring you comfort during this time. Trust
Jesus!
God Bless Delbert T. Lewis

Delbert T. Lewis - May 26, 2012 at 09:15 AM

CP

“ To the Vallien Family,
Our Omega Chapter has gained our dear Brother, but the surviving
Brotherhood of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has losted another
great Leader, in Brother Vallien.
I am truly saddened by this loss and I extend condolences on behalf
of my wife, Kim and our two sons, Darius and Dillon. Our family has
missed seeing you all over the years in North Carolina, but we know
we needed to extend our sympathy to you in any way possible
during this difficult time. We hope God's grace will keep you strong
during this period.
God Bless you, Carl, Kim, Darius & Dillon Pickney Cary, North
Carolina

Carl Pickney - May 26, 2012 at 12:36 AM

GH

“ Your family is in my prayers.

Gaven T. Hammond - May 25, 2012 at 07:45 PM

RS

“ My deepest and heart felt sympathies to the Vallien Family from the
entire Sias Family.

Rod Sias - May 25, 2012 at 07:03 PM

MW

“ *John Anthony Vallien*

Mark Wyllie - May 25, 2012 at 06:33 PM

GT

“ *We are so sorry for your lost, you have our deepest sympathy. We will keep you all in prayer.*

Gwen Boast Tezeno - May 25, 2012 at 05:45 PM

CM

“ *Dear Lisa, we know that words cannot convey the heartfelt sadness that you, and your family must feel at this time, but we have hope, and assurance that we'll live to see our love ones again in heaven!*

Charles Moody - May 25, 2012 at 02:43 PM

LS

“ *You all are in our Prayers..*

Lynn & Erica Smith - May 25, 2012 at 01:08 PM

MR

“ Angie,
Your father accomplished and touched many people. Your father is now in peace and went to meet our Heavenly Father.
We must embrace pain and burn it as fuel for our journey.
I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.
Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.
I love you Angie. God Bless

Melissa Mansion Robertson - May 25, 2012 at 11:18 AM

KW

“ My prayers are with your family. He was an honorable man.

Kelli Willis-Sells - May 25, 2012 at 10:36 AM

SS

“ Lisa, you and your family are in my prayers.

Sam Souza - May 25, 2012 at 10:28 AM

DS

“ Angie, Lisa, and Tykee,
I am so sorry that I will be unable to attend the services for an extraordinary man. I feel like I knew your Dad through the stories you shared. I could always feel the love you all have for one another. I am praying for the three of you and for your brother and sister. I pray that God will give you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

David N. Smith - May 25, 2012 at 10:17 AM

JR

“ *Vallien Family,
Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Mr.
Vallien. We are praying for you all and are here if you need
anything.*

Jada & Nelson Roman - May 25, 2012 at 10:14 AM

GS

“ *The Vallien...our deepest sympathy on the passing of your beloved
father. Let your tears of sorrow be turned to tears of joy for he is
now with your mother and all those who have gone before him. Now
you have another angel in heaven watching over you. Know that
their love for you lives on. Sincerely, Georgia and Al Spriggs*

Georgia and Al Spriggs - May 25, 2012 at 10:07 AM

RS

“ *My deepest condolences to your entire family. Losing loved ones is
never easy.*

Rob Sutherland - May 25, 2012 at 10:02 AM

RP

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to Lisa Moore and her family on the
passing of her father.
Lisa is a friend and co-worker at IBM.
Your thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely,
Roger Peterson*

Roger Peterson - May 25, 2012 at 08:19 AM

LE

“ Lisa, my heart aches for you and your family. I know the pain, the hurt, the frustration and the anger you may be feeling. My prayers are with you. Your dad may no longer be physically with us but try to remember that his spirit is with you and always will be. You will feel him everyday...they never ever leave us.

La Shaune Evans - May 24, 2012 at 11:51 PM

SM

“ Don & Alisha You and your family will continue to be in my prayers.
Shannon Darjean-Marks

Shannon Marks - May 24, 2012 at 11:31 PM

KR

“ It is hard to understand why those we love are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing that he rests in the arms of Jesus. Take heart. God never gives us more pain than we can bear.

Kathy Robert - May 24, 2012 at 10:53 PM

DM

“ May you find comfort and healing thru fond memories of your fathers life and knowing that Heaven is a coming home celebration. Our prayers are with you and your family for peace and healing

Denyse Mackey - May 24, 2012 at 07:21 PM

GA

“ Well done, thou good and faithful servant....enter thou into the joy of thy Lord...Matthew 25:21

Gloria Adams - May 24, 2012 at 05:02 PM