



## Van Alonzo Acree Sr.

July 11, 1961 - June 15, 2024

A Time to be born- Van Alonzo Acree was born July 11th, 1961 to William H. and Mary Acree.

A Time to Live- Van grew up in West Point and graduated from West Point High School in 1981. Van loved sports and was very athletic. He played baseball, basketball, football and ran track. He attended Saint Pauls College for 2 years. Van was baptized at an early age at Bethany Baptist Church. Van later joined Bethel Bibleway that later became Bethel Restoration Center before starting his own church, Victorious Life Christian Center. Van also loved music. He played drums, guitar, and was in a band. He also sang in the Bethel Men's Choir.

A Time to Love- He met and married the love of his life, Rochelle Rhames, his "Doll Baby" on September 13th, 1986. They were blessed to have shared 37 years of marriage and two sons.

A Time to Provide- Van loved cars and worked at several dealerships in West Point before working at the Chesapeake Corporation that later became West Rock, where he worked for 39 years.

His Achievements- At Bethel Bibleway Van served as Deacons' President, Men's President, and taught Youth Sunday School, he also played the guitar

for the adult choir. At Bethel Restoration Center Van was a part of the Ministerial Staff. He and his wife were Presidents of the Rejoice Marriage Ministries. Van also served on the West Point Public School Board.

A Time to Die- On Saturday, June 15th, 2024, Bishop Van Alonzo Acree at the age of 61 entered eternal rest and peace at Bon Secours Regional Memorial, in Atlee, Va

Van was preceded in death by his father, William H Acree; and sister, Corine V. Acree.

He leaves to cherish his memory the love of his life, his "Doll Baby", Rochelle R. Acree; sons, Van Jr. and Nicholas (Allison); his mother, Mary W. Acree; brother, William Acree (Jessie); his sisters, Tamara Acree, Linda Mason (Michael), Teresa Acree; and God brother and sister, Lawrence and Deneen Kelly. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Eden Acree, Vanessa Acree, Ezra Acree and Hosanna Acree; his great aunt Betty Acree; uncles, Lawrence (Carrie) Alfred Acree; aunt, Alease Acree; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and family and friends.

Van never met a stranger and was a friend to everybody. He will be missed.

A celebration of Van's life will be held 11 a.m., Friday, June 21st at Bethel Restoration Center, 6205 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188.

Service for Bishop Acree will be livestreamed at the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/@brcministries1>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Restoration Center  
6205 Richmond Rd  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Chrystal Welch lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



Chrystal Welch - July 09, 2024 at 01:27 PM

JM

“ *Janet Moncure lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



Janet Moncure - June 27, 2024 at 02:07 PM

JG

“ *So sorry to hear of Vans passing. Van was a very passionate person who loved his family and loved the Lord. I always enjoyed talking with him.*



Joan Brizendine Gordon - June 25, 2024 at 10:35 PM

MN

“ *Marie H Norman lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



Marie H Norman - June 25, 2024 at 09:04 AM

WA

“ Wanda Akrie-Feltus lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



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**Wanda Akrie-Feltus** - June 23, 2024 at 07:12 PM

KC

“ Extending heartfelt prayers of comfort and peace to Rochelle, VJ, Nicholas and the entire Acree family! 🙏🕊️



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**Karen Crew** - June 23, 2024 at 05:37 PM

TC

“ A kind and gentle soul....and a wonderful classmate. Lots of good memories. Prayers for the Acree family.

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**Tammy Cade** - June 23, 2024 at 05:35 PM

GC

“ Dear Family, loved ones and friends,  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
Van was such a special young man.  
My children went to school with him and no matter when I saw him he always spoke to me and flashed that beautiful smile.  
Cherish your precious memories.  
With heartfelt sympathy,  
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)



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**Gloria Couch** - June 23, 2024 at 12:02 PM

RB

“ *I went to high school with Van and he was always a nice person. My condolences to Van's family. May he rest in peace.*



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**Ruth Burks** - June 23, 2024 at 10:49 AM

AB

“ *Anna Braxton lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Anna Braxton** - June 22, 2024 at 03:54 PM

DP

“ *Daryl Patrick lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Daryl Patrick** - June 21, 2024 at 11:13 PM

RT

“ *Rosette Byrd Turner lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Rosette Byrd Turner** - June 21, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Cindy** - June 21, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ *Susan lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Susan** - June 21, 2024 at 12:44 PM



*Van, you have always treated people with respect and kindness. I cannot believe I will not be able to see your smiling face checking in on us on your way home from work.*

*With a heavy heart, I wish to give my sincere condolences to the family Of Van Acree. I am truly sorry for your pain Van was loved by many.*

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**Susan** - June 21, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *I came to know Van by playing basketball at the old recreational center basketball league in Charles City County He was a great competitor and a good friend may God bless the family at this time of bereavement.*

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**Charles Barbour** - June 21, 2024 at 09:04 AM

PK

“ Growing up in West Point I was privileged to live across the street from the Acree's. Great family. Van will be missed.

Paul Kelley - June 21, 2024 at 09:01 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - June 21, 2024 at 05:33 AM

KW

“ Rest in peace Van.....



Karen Wolford Wright - June 20, 2024 at 10:18 PM

GL

“ We send are deepest condolences and prayers for the family💔 I remember the wonderful time we had one Christmas Eve in Albuquerque with the Acree's family! Van's smile was a shining light and a man who loved the Lord! Much Love, Tom & Gina Lonz

Gina Lonz - June 20, 2024 at 09:44 PM

RG

“ The Gresham family send our sincere condolences to the Acree family. I have known Van for over 50yrs and played sports with him and his brother William my the goid Lord continue watching over the family during this Storm 🙏🙏💔

Roland Gresham - June 20, 2024 at 09:35 PM

CC

“ My condolences to the family. May God keep all of you.



Claudette Thorpe Canady - June 20, 2024 at 09:19 PM

JD

“ To the Acree Family: Lee taught Van at West Point and continued a fifty year friendship, She was always proud of the man he became. Van always valued family and GOD. We pray your memories will comfort you during this difficult time. GOD bless you all. John and Lee Bagley--Davis

jJohn Davis - June 20, 2024 at 09:14 PM

LR

“ My heart is sadden by the loss of such a kind soul. Our prayers continue for his family and friends. Heaven truly gained a special angel with him.



Linda Reaves - June 20, 2024 at 06:51 PM

GH

“ We send our condolences & prayers to the family of Bishop Van Acree Sr.  
From your friends at Abundant Life Christian Ministries in Montross Va., Pastor Glenn Henderson Sr. & Prophetess Sandy 🙏🙏🙏

Glenn Henderson - June 20, 2024 at 04:06 PM

JA

“ Jane lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Jane - June 20, 2024 at 03:42 PM

SD

“ I had not known Van long.. his wife Rochelle is good friends and works with my wife Tammy...the both of them have been such amazing friends. He was such a joyful person and I am so deeply saddened that I won't get the chance to know him better. Our prayers and condolences are with his family. All our love. Steve and Tammy Daugherty.

Steve Daugherty - June 20, 2024 at 02:44 PM

SW

“ Scotty Wampler lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Scotty Wampler - June 20, 2024 at 01:29 PM

EO

“ So sorry to learn of Van’s passing. Godspeed my friend!

Elis Olsson - June 20, 2024 at 01:17 PM

LV

“ Im so very sorry to hear this news. Van was a dear friend in high school and college but we’d lost touch over the years. Such a wonderful man. What I’d give to see his smile, hear him laugh, and get one last big bear hug. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Take care.

Lynn Vogel - June 20, 2024 at 01:02 PM

CH

“ We are saddened by Van’s passing. Always enjoyed talking to him about my Dad (Ryland Smith) God and his grandkids. He had so much love for his wife and was so proud of his children and grandkids. He was a great Christian man, and will be missed by many. Lifting the family up in our prayers. Crystal & Ray Hogge, & Gaynell Smith

Crystal Hogge - June 20, 2024 at 12:49 PM

TG

So sorry to hear of Van passing. He was always smiles, a good man, Loved Christ and family man. He will be missed. Sending prayers up for wife, children, grand kids, Mother, sisters, brother and family. Treasure your precious memories of him. God bless u all. Teresa Graham, Anderson, Burrell Family.

Teresa Graham - June 21, 2024 at 02:32 PM

RJ

“ *Robert Manley Jr lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Robert Manley Jr** - June 20, 2024 at 12:01 PM

AH

“ *Angie Hamrick lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Angie Hamrick** - June 20, 2024 at 11:26 AM

PC

“ *Pamela S Carter lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Pamela S Carter** - June 20, 2024 at 11:26 AM

DW

“ *I extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family during this difficult time. Van was a remarkable person, and their memory will forever live on in our hearts. May you find solace in the love and support of those around you.*

*Darryl Whitehead and family*

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**Darryl Whitehead** - June 20, 2024 at 11:23 AM



WW

“ *Our prayers for his family and God bless.*

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**William and Susan Willis** - June 20, 2024 at 11:10 AM



JJ

“ *James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*

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**James Johnson** - June 20, 2024 at 10:53 AM



BK

“ Tamara prayers and condolences for you and your family. It is so hard when you loose a family member and especially at such a young age.



Bonita Kacmarski - June 20, 2024 at 10:52 AM

TK

“ Tammy Kelly lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Tammy Kelly - June 20, 2024 at 10:19 AM

RC

“ Robert And Robinette (Parker) Childs lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Robert and Robinette (Parker) Childs - June 20, 2024 at 10:12 AM

BB

“ Lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Brian Boswell - June 20, 2024 at 09:57 AM

MM

“ *Marilyn Morton lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



Marilyn Morton - June 20, 2024 at 09:53 AM

TL

“ *Grew up with Van, have been life long friends, always was a pleasure to be around and talk to! Will be glad to see him when I go home.*

Tommy Lawson - June 20, 2024 at 09:05 AM

WW

*Van was a great man always willing to help anyone who needed help he will surely be missed God be with you and family Bill Wills*

william wills - June 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM

CM

“ *Chaplin Ernest Mickens lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



Chaplin Ernest Mickens - June 20, 2024 at 08:32 AM

CM

“ Chaplin Ernest And Dr. Vanessa Mickens sent a virtual gift in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Chaplin Ernest and Dr. Vanessa Mickens - June 20, 2024 at 08:32 AM

RC

“ R.T. And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



R.T. and Donna Croswell - June 20, 2024 at 08:20 AM

KB

“ Kenny Brooks lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Kenny Brooks - June 20, 2024 at 08:14 AM

VM

“ My condolences and prayers to the Family . Van has been a friend since childhood. He will be missed by many. RIP until we meet again!



Vicky Maddox - June 20, 2024 at 06:50 AM

DF

“ Donna Fudala sent a virtual gift in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



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**Donna Fudala** - June 20, 2024 at 06:32 AM

FS

“ FAITH SILVA lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



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**FAITH SILVA** - June 20, 2024 at 06:02 AM

MH

“ Prayers to the family



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**Michael Haden** - June 20, 2024 at 05:39 AM

HM

“ *Man of God, you will be greatly missed. Just the other day you ran across my mind. I said it to my daughter, she said I thought about him to Mom. And now to hear your gone broke our hearts. We watched how you and Prophetess Rochelle walked in such a standard of holiness on one accord. You truly loved your family. May God give your beautiful "Baby Doll" strength during this time. Nicolas and VJ we love you both. Condolences to the family.*

*Evangelist Shelly & Lonnie Miles  
Fresh Fire Evangelical Ministries.*

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**Hon Shelly Miles** - June 20, 2024 at 05:36 AM

JM

“ *Joy McCloud lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Joy McCloud** - June 20, 2024 at 04:57 AM

BL

“ *Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Brenda Lee** - June 20, 2024 at 02:05 AM

PM

“ *Sending my condolences to the Acree Family.*



**Patty Mason** - June 19, 2024 at 11:15 PM

LH

“ *My condolences to the Acree family. Praying for comfort at this time.*



**Lisa Holmes** - June 19, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Healy lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



**Joyce Healy** - June 19, 2024 at 10:29 PM

LA

“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with the family during this time of mourning. - The Lawsons: Lina, Leon Jr., and LaShell*

**Lawsons** - June 19, 2024 at 10:23 PM

JM

*My cousin Van had a heart of gold. He always had a big smile on his face. A gentle giant , I'll miss you cousin. ❤️*

**Jacqueline Moore** - June 20, 2024 at 07:49 AM

KM

“ I remember Van well and considered him a good friend. I played sports with him at West Point and did my best to keep up with him. I also walked with him on graduation night. He was a good man and will be greatly missed.

Kenny Moskalski - June 19, 2024 at 10:12 PM

RF

“ So sad to hear this news. Van was a pleasure to be around 'back in the day' Condolences to the family and know you are in our prayers.

Robert Fish - June 19, 2024 at 09:48 PM



“ Bud Healy lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Bud Healy - June 19, 2024 at 09:47 PM

BS

“ Betty Kacmarski Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Betty Kacmarski Sullivan - June 19, 2024 at 09:24 PM

SB

“ *Cousin Van I was not prepared to here this news but I will miss that saying that you always said when we saw one another hey Mamphe/Bill Bill*



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**Samantha Braxton Boisseau** - June 19, 2024 at 09:15 PM

RS

“ *Ricky Sears lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Ricky Sears** - June 19, 2024 at 08:57 PM

RO

“ *Ross sent a virtual gift in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



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**Ross** - June 19, 2024 at 08:50 PM

RO

“ *Van has been such a blessing to so many. May the family find a "peace" from all the special memories of Van. God Bless. Beverly and Jim*

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**Ross** - June 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Lockley lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Carolyn Lockley - June 19, 2024 at 07:43 PM

JM

“ My sympathy to the family of Van Acree, Sr. I will always remember his kindness. He will be missed. Janice Moore of Williamsburg, VA.

Janice Moore - June 19, 2024 at 07:17 PM

JC

“ Johnny & Connie Clark lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Johnny & Connie Clark - June 19, 2024 at 07:12 PM

BE

“ Beverly Darlington Edwards lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.



Beverly Darlington Edwards - June 19, 2024 at 06:52 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



john and vickie roane - June 19, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ *Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



Margaret Ogg - June 19, 2024 at 06:47 PM

MJ

“ *Mark And Pam Jackowski lit a candle in memory of Van Alonzo Acree Sr.*



Mark and Pam Jackowski - June 19, 2024 at 06:24 PM

ST

“ *My condolences to the Rochelle, Van Jr, Nicolas and the entire Acree family. May God give you peace and comfort though this difficult time. Sabrenda Taliaferro and family*



Sabrenda Taliaferro - June 19, 2024 at 05:28 PM