

# Elihue Alexander Family Holds Fifth Annual Reunion

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The family of the late Elihue and Ethel Alexander of Charlotte held their fifth Annual Family Reunion recently on the estate of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradford in St. Pauls, N.C. This was a three-city event. On Friday night the family began to arrive at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton, N.C. The family gathered at the Bradford's estate on Saturday morning and they all walked over to the St. Pauls High School for a softball game. There are still aches and pains from that game suffered by family members. Although Edna Alexander pitched a superb game, she lost. One fete accomplished by Ms. Alexander was that she struck out Dr. Bradford three times. Charles Alexander almost killed himself

in a collision with Bradford at third base.

Saturday night there was the family banquet at the Holiday Inn in Fayetteville, N.C. The banquet was presided over by Travis Alexander with Linda Rafferty reading the highlights of the family. Sunday morning the family gathered on the lawn of the Bradfords, under tents, for the family worship services. Rev. Albert Paul Brinson of Atlanta, Ga., who was ordained by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was the guest speaker. Verna Bradford gave the welcome address and the scripture was read by her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Alexander Norman. Communion, assisted by Deacon Charles Alexander, was administered to 112 attendees. Music was furnished by Carolyn Wyatt on the console with her twin daughters Terri

and Jerri who also assisted vocally.

At the close of the service, with all holding hands, Dr. Bradford rendered a touching version of "May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You."

Lunch followed which consisted of turkey, ham, roast beef, spinach, lasagna, string beans with almonds, potato salad, homemade cake and the best punch on the Atlantic Coast.

Sunday evening the family was treated to an old fashioned "fish fry" with Travis Alexander as the chef. Travis uses the dish wash pot for cooking the most delicious fish this side of the Mississippi.

The family socialized around the piano at the Bradford's home late Sunday night.

William Harmon, who is finishing his requirements at Kansas State towards his Ph.D., could not attend but called the family. Gladys Alexander Massey who was in Canada was also unable to attend but wished the family well.

The families departed to their various homes early on Monday.

The next Alexander Family Reunion will be held in July 1983 in New York with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. John Mathis and Mrs. Evelyn Alexander Norman as hosts.

Some of those in attendance were as follows: Evelyn A. Norman, St. Albans, N.Y.; Charles Alexander, Jamaica, Long Island; Mr. and Mrs. John Mathis of Freeport, Long Island; Mary Bradford, Knoxville, Tenn.; Carolyn Wyatt and daughters Terri and Jerri of Knoxville, Tenn.; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradford and daughters, Chris and Regan of St. Pauls, N.C.; Rev. Alan Harmon, Washington, D.C.; Brenda Zandres and children, Star and Zhar of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rafferty of Upper Marlboro, Md., and their four children Gina, Eric, Jermain and Angela; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Alexander and daughters, Pat and Debbie of Charlotte.

Also from Charlotte were Mrs. Ethel Kirkland; Michael and Lois Cassell with their two children, Eric and Chris; Elain Bowman with her twins, Stephen and Shaun; Darryl and Sadie Cassell with their two children, D.J. and Shamera; Vernon and Laura Alexander with their daughter, Sherry; Steve and Fifi Cassell with their son, Eric; Rev. Albert Paul Brinson and his two children, Paul and Lisa of Atlanta, Ga.; and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fulghum, Mayor of St. Pauls, N.C. along with friends of Dr. Bradford.

The family looks forward to New York in 1983.

## Williams Family Reunites In Baltimore, Maryland

Each year the Williams family reunites and one member is honored. This year the second oldest of the family, Alberta Williams, received the great honor and valleys of love from over 200 members who converged recently.

Members united at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Baltimore, Md., with family members coming from New York, Maryland, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and New Jersey.

The weekend was kicked off by a Poolside Reminiscence Saturday afternoon. The family gathered for dinner that evening and enjoyed a disco Saturday night.

Sunday began with a buffet breakfast. All members came together at 11 a.m. to worship at Howard Johnson's with Rev. Bagley. A banquet was held Sunday where awards for outstanding work for the reunion were presented. There was a picture taking session and Alberta Williams was given her honors. Mrs. Williams is the fourth child of Jim and Vinnie Williams.

Today Marie Williams, born in 1907, is the oldest living member of the Williams family. The roots of the Williams family has been traced back to Jim and Vinnie Williams who were blessed with six children. Jim Williams was born in 1871 and died in 1931. He was the son of Effie Williams and Emily Johnson. Jim was married to Vinne Cornell (1880-1947). She was the daughter of Nedand Alice Wylie Cornell.

Jim and Vinnie were blessed with the following six children: Willie Williams-1896-1979; Andrew Williams-1902-1963; Marie W. Washington-1907-; Alberta Williams (1910-); Israel Williams (1913-); and Joe David Williams (1920-).

The reunion and program committee consisted of members of the family: John W. Love Sr., chairman of Charlotte; Joseph L. Williams, Co-Chairman of Baltimore; Essie W. Blunt also of Baltimore; Harriet G. Love and Mary W. Love of Charlotte; Lincy W. Mobley of Baltimore; Harold Williams and Carolyn Williams of Lancaster, S.C.

A few other Charlotte family members who attended the reunion included Jewel Love, Robin Johnson, Angus Williams, Mannie Love Jr., Toni Love, Melessia Love, Elizabeth Ware, Theodoshi Williams, Teddy Williams, Samuel Williams and Samone Williams.

Family members realized that God has blessed them again to share their love and closeness of family. They will continue to pray that this unity prevails.


**McCullough**

Specialist E4 Nelson McCullough of Charlotte, graduated Saturday, July 24 from the North Carolina National Guard Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course conducted by the North Carolina Military Academy, Fort Bragg.

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