



Albert "Bertie" Scales, III

July 17, 1950 - September 28, 2025

Albert "Bertie" Scales III was born on July 17, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Albert Scales Jr. and Mary Emma Boseman-Scales. As the oldest son, he embraced his role with pride and devotion. He was preceded in death by his brother, Alvin Ward Scales, and is survived by his sisters, Naomi Jean Scales, Sarita Holly Scales, and Spring Iris Atwater.

Al was a man defined by vision, determination, and unwavering faith in possibility. Gifted with an entrepreneurial spirit, he saw opportunity where others saw limitation.

After earning a degree in Civil Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, he co-founded Gold Builders Inc., a construction company he ran in the 1970s and 1980s alongside his father and brother. Their projects reached far and wide—from communities across Ohio to homes as distant as Nigeria.

Al's passion extended beyond construction. He developed and operated childcare centers, a cosmetology school, a restaurant, and other business ventures. Among his proudest accomplishments was designing and building the family home in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Through his firm, Oaktree Builders Inc., he continued transforming ideas into reality, believing that entrepreneurship was not only a means of success but a declaration of

freedom.

On February 18, 1978, Al married his beloved wife, Vickie Diane Thornhill Scales, who preceded him in death. With their union, he lovingly embraced Vickie's daughter, Kwanza Clay Bowe, as his own. Together, they welcomed two more children: Jalia Scales Dennis and Maceo Albert Scales, who also preceded him in death. His heart was further blessed with Alyssa Nadena Scales and Albert Scales IV, who entered eternal rest before him.

Al loved being a father. He celebrated his children's milestones, offered steady guidance, and loved them without condition. He had a sharp mind, a big heart, and a deep appreciation for life. He lived boldly and with intention, embracing the finer things—good food, stylish clothes, elegant jewelry, and travel

He is survived by his daughters: Kwanza (Kenneth Sr.), Jalia (Kelvin), and Alyssa; his grandchildren, Kenneth Jr. and Kinaya; and his sisters: Jean, Holly, and Spring (Mark). He is also lovingly remembered by a devoted circle of nieces and nephews: Ivory, the late Alvin Jr., Alexander, Aaron, Angela, Charles Maceo, Mark Jr., Cecil II, Nija, Hakeem, Ayana, and Akil.

He also leaves behind a host of extended family and lifelong friends who cherished him dearly.

Albert Scales III's spirit will continue to shine through the many lives he touched.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life Service

OCT 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Tribute Wall

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“ Condolences to the Scales family. The memories of a life well lived are priceless. Mr. Scales will be missed but his memory will last forever.
The Mayfield family.

Terry Mayfield - October 11, 2025 at 10:52 AM

PF

“ Phillips,Maddox,Stephens & Hyde families purchased the Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket for the family of Albert "Bertie" Scales, III.



Phillips,Maddox,Stephens & Hyde families - October 09, 2025 at 12:53 PM

RC

“ We will always remember his open door policy. He would allow our daughter to hang out with Alyssa every single day. He allowed Alyssa to go on spring break with our one year. His hospitality was genuine. The Comer's



Robin Comer - October 08, 2025 at 06:20 PM

RM

“ Robin M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert "Bertie" Scales, III.

Robin M. - October 08, 2025 at 06:14 PM

LT

“ *Landmark Dividend Atlanta Team purchased the White Funeral Standing Spray for the family of Albert "Bertie" Scales, III.*



Landmark Dividend Atlanta Team - October 07, 2025 at 08:53 AM

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“ *Heavenly Father, please surround this family with your loving arms, bringing them comfort and hope, and a sense of your presence. Provide them with healing and strength during this difficult time. Amen*

Angela White - October 06, 2025 at 11:54 PM



“ *Cremation Wreath- All White was purchased for the family of Albert "Bertie" Scales, III.*



October 01, 2025 at 04:16 PM