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# In Georgia, Republicans Take Aim at Role of Black Churches in Elections

New proposals by the G.O.P.-controlled Legislature have targeted Sunday voting, part of a raft of measures that could reduce the impact of Black voters in the state.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Sundays are always special at the St. Philip Monumental A.M.E. church. But in October, the pews are often more packed, the sermon a bit more urgent and the congregation more animated, and eager for what will follow: piling into church vans and buses — though some prefer to walk — and heading to the polls.

Voting after Sunday church services, known colloquially as "souls to the polls," is a tradition in Black communities across the country, and Pastor Bernard Clarke, a minister since 1991, has marshaled the effort at St. Philip for five years. His sermons on those Sundays, he said, deliver a message of fellowship, responsibility and reverence. "It is an opportunity for us to show our voting rights privilege as well as to fulfill what we know that people have died for, and people have fought for," Mr. Clarke said. Now, Georgia Republicans are proposing new restrictions on weekend voting that could severely curtail one of the Black church's



central roles in civic engagement and elections. Stung by losses in the presidential race and two Senate contests, the state party is moving quickly to push through these limits and a raft of other measures aimed directly at suppressing the Black turnout that helped Democrats prevail in the critical battleground state. "The only reason you have these bills is because they lost," said

**Bishop Reginald T. Jackson,** who oversees all 534 A.M.E. churches in Georgia. "What makes it even more troubling than that is there is no other way you can describe this other than racism, and we just need to call it what it is." The push for new restrictions in Georgia comes amid a national effort by Republican-controlled state legislatures to impose harsh restrictions on voting access, in states like Iowa, Arizona and Texas.

ut the targeting of Sunday voting in new bills that are going through Georgia's egislature has stirred the most passionate reaction, with critics saying it recalls some of the racist voting laws from the state's past. "I can remember the first time

I went to register," said **Diana Harvey Johnson**, 74, a former state senator who lives in Savannah. "I went to the courthouse by myself and there was actually a Mason jar sitting on top of the counter. And the woman there asked me how many butterbeans were in that jar," suggesting that she needed to guess correctly in order to be allowed to register. "I had a better chance of winning the Georgia lottery than guess how many butterbeans," Ms. Harvey Johnson continued. "But the fact that those kinds of disrespects and demoralizing and dehumanizing practices — poll taxes, lynchings, burning crosses and burning down houses and firing people and putting people in jail, just to keep them from voting — that is not that far away in history. But it looks like some people want to revisit that. And that is absolutely unacceptable." The bill that passed the House would limit voting to at most one Sunday in October, but even that would be up to the discretion of the local registrar. It would also severely



cut early voting hours in total, limit voting by mail and greatly restrict the use of drop boxes — all measures that activists say would disproportionately affect Black voters. A similar bill is awaiting a vote in the Senate. Gov. Brian Kemp, a Republican, has indicated he supports new laws to "secure the vote" but has not committed to all of the restrictions.

Georgia was one of <u>nine mostly Southern states</u> and scores of counties and municipalities — including the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan — whose records of racist voter suppression required them to get federal clearance for changes to their election rules. The requirement fell under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the civil rights era law that curtailed the disenfranchisement of Blacks in the South.

The changes Republicans are now pursuing would have faced stiff federal review and possible blockage under the part of the act known as <u>Section 5</u>. But the Supreme Court, with a conservative majority, <u>effectively gutted</u> that section in a 2013 ruling.

.......In Georgia, the role of the A.M.E. church in civic engagement has been growing under the guidance of Bishop Jackson. Last year he began Operation Voter Turnout, seeking to expand the ways that A.M.E. churches could prepare their members to participate in elections. The operation focused on voter education, registration drives, assistance with absentee ballots and a coordinated Sunday voting operation. It had an impact in last November's election, even amid the coronavirus pandemic: According to the Center for New Data, a nonprofit research group, African-Americans voted at a higher rate on weekends than voters identifying as white in 107 of the state's 159 counties. .............................. the Black population of Georgia is about 32 percent. Limiting Sunday voting would affect Black voters beyond losing the assistance of the church. It would inevitably lead to longer lines during the week, especially in the Black community, which has historically been underserved on Election Day. The bill would also ban what is known as "line warming," the practice of having volunteers provide water, snacks, chairs and other assistance to voters in line

#### In Georgia, Republicans Take Aim at **Role of Black Churches in Elections**

**Cont'd**Latoya Brannen, 43, worked with members of the church and a nonprofit group called 9 to 5 to hand out snacks and personal protective equipment in November. "We've learned that giving people just those small items helps keep them in line," Ms. Brannen said. She said she had occasionally handed out bubbles to parents who brought young children with them.

If Sunday voting is limited, it could induce more Black Georgians to vote by mail. During the pandemic, churches played an ins trumental role in helping African-Americans navigate the absentee ballot system, which they had not traditionally used in the same proportion as white voters.



At Greater Gaines Chapel A.M.E., a church about a half-mile from St. Philip Monumental, Israel Small spent most of last fall helping church members with the absentee process. "We took people to drop boxes to help make sure it would be counted," said Mr. Small, 79. He said he was angered to learn this winter that Republicans were moving to restrict mail voting,

Among the changes Republican state legislators have proposed is a requirement that voters provide proof of their identification — their license numbers or copies of official ID cards — with their absentee ballot applications. That signals a shift for Republicans, who have long controlled the Statehouse; in 2005 they passed a similar proposal, but for in-person voting. That measure included a new "anti-fraud" requirement that voters present one of a limited set of government-issued identification cards, like a driver's

license, at voting stations. The restrictions affected Black voters disproportionately, data showed. At the same time, state Republicans were moving to ease the process of absentee voting — predominantly used by white voters then — by stripping requirements that absentee voters provide an excuse for why they couldn't vote in person and exempting them from the new photo-identification requirement. Justice Department lawyers reviewed the proposals under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and found that the new ID law would likely make voting disproportionately harder for Black citizens. The attorneys recommended that the George W. Bush administration block it.

In a memo that the department's political leadership ultimately disregarded, staff lawyers noted that a sponsor of the legislation had told them that she believed Black voters were likely to vote only when they were paid to do so, and that if the new law reduced their voting share it was only because it would limit opportunities for fraud.

The memo also stated that the law's sponsors defended the more lenient treatment of mail voting — like its exemption from the ID provision — by arguing that it was more secure than in-person voting because it produced a paper trail. Now, after an election year in which Mr. Trump repeatedly and falsely disparaged mail voting as rife with fraud, state Republicans are arguing that mail-in voting needs more restrictions.



There is no new evidence supporting that assertion. But one thing did change in 2020: the increase in Black voters who availed themselves of absentee balloting, helping Democrats to dominate the mail-in ballot results during the presidential election.

"It's just really a sad day," Mr. Small, from the Greater Gaines church, said.

"It's a very challenging time for all of us, just for the inalienable right to vote that we fought so hard for, and right now, they're trying to turn back the clock to try to make sure it's difficult," he said.

Pastor Bernard Clarke of St. Philip Monumental said the Republican effort to impose more restrictions could backfire, energizing an already active electorate.

"Donald Trump woke us up," he said. "There are more a heightened awareness to politics. So while we know that he has woken us up. That we will never be the same."

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# Navigating Successfully From Bucksville to United Airlines

By Mary Owens





Mr. Kelvin Sherman, son of Mrs. Betty Sherman of Bucksville, SC shares with us some of his blessings and inspirations for our youth. Also his journey from Bucksville to being a pilot for United Airlines.

I grew up watching airplanes fly over my house every day. Whenever an airplane flew by, I would stop and watch it and wonder what my house looked like from up there. I would tell anyone who asked I was going to become a pilot when I grew up. Fortunately, no one I looked up to or respected ever told me I couldn't do it. They would often remark, "Baby, you better do good in school". So I grew up believing I would become a pilot as long as I did good in school. And I did - I did well in school.

After the movie Top Gun came out in 1986, I became convinced I wanted to become a military pilot. I joined the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) at Conway High School and upon graduation from the Broadened Opportunities for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program, I earned a Navy scholarship. That scholarship was usable at any



college in the United States with a ROTC program. I elected to attend the University of South Carolina (USC) in Columbia because it was the closest university to home. I also knew plenty of classmates from Conway who were already students there and that proved invaluable.

I graduated from Carolina with honors in 1995 with a degree in Business Administration. Earlier that same day as graduation, I was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. While in college, I was elected President of my college chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and I also served as the Midshipman Battalion Commander of the Navy ROTC unit. The Battalion Commander is the highest ranking student in the unit. In my mind, I had finally arrived and I was determined not to let anyone or anything stop me from earning my Wings of Gold and becoming military pilot. Less than two years later, I was designated a Naval Aviator after completing all the training and graduating on the Commodore's

List with Distinction. I had been recognized as one of the top students in my graduating class, despite not having any flying experience prior to starting.

After serving as a KC-130 Hercules Aircraft Commander, I was selected to become a Primary Flight Instructor in Pensacola. After serving 10 years on Active Duty in the Unites States Marine Corps, I joined then Continental Airlines as a commercial airline pilot.

Reaching your goal isn't about a leap of faith, it's about repeated baby steps of faith. Step one is determining what your goal is and defining your definition of success. Step two is convincing yourself you can reach your dream. Step three is to determine what steps are necessary for you to reach your goal. What are the educational requirements? Then begin to baby step your way going forward to accomplishing each step. Strive to become the best student you can be.

As you complete each baby step along the way, you'll be getting closer to your dream. And as you get closer, it's should become a little clearer and become a little brighter and that should motivate you even more to keep going.

Ultimately, it's your life so go live it up and live it abundantly. I am blessed to do a job where I'm constantly marveling that they pay me to do it! I've been around the world, accomplished some truly remarkable things and have been in a position to positively impact my family.

Where will your dreams take you? There was a lot of guidance along the way from my Mother and family and teachers and yes, librarians. Without question, I would not be where I am now without their help and encouragement and prayers. But the choice to be successful is yours. We are all the sum of our choices. No matter where you end up in five or ten years, it will be because of the decisions you've made. Your parents, your teachers, your counselors can all "want" for you to be successful but in the end, it comes down to what do you choose to work for. You can either be living a life of your dreams or not. What will you choose: do your homework or play video games? Pay attention in class or be a frog on a log? Become an honor roll student or a goof-off? Success or mediocrity?

You wouldn't want a mediocre doctor treating you. You certainly wouldn't want a mediocre pilot flying your airplane. So why would your teachers want a mediocre student? Always strive to give your best effort and pray for strength to persevere until you reach your goal. Work hard and treat people the way you would want to be treated. Do that and success will come.

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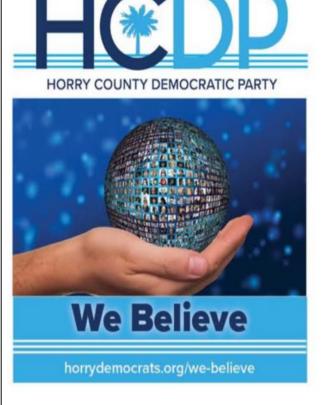
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Due to Covid-19, the **application deadline is April 30, 2021.** We ask that you adhere to the deadline. Applications must be completed in full and verified with required signatures.

It is the Association's intent that all eligible students receive an application and have equal opportunities in the selection process. Therefore, we ask that you do your part and submit the application in a timely manner. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact one of the scholarship committee members listed above.

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#### THE POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The following report was commissioned by **UNCF's** Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute, and shows that the economic benefits of HBCUs extend to more than just the students themselves. They're equally important to the communities, and the

regions, that HBCUs have served for more than 100 years. A 2015 Gallup-USA Funds Minority College Graduates Report shows that "HBCUs provide black graduates with a better college experience than they would get at non-HBCUs."

#### **THE PAST**

- Only a few colleges dedicated to educating African American students were in existence before the Civil War.
- It would take decades, and new federal law, before states were required to provide African Americans, as well as whites, with access to higher education.



#### THE PRESENT

- Today, there are 101 accredited HBCUs1, public and private, concentrated in 19 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S.
   Virgin Islands. They enroll almost 300,000 students, approximately 80 percent of whom are African American, and 70 percent are from low-income families.
- The value of HBCUs is not confined to economic impacts—consider, too, their disproportionate success at helping African American college students earn bachelor's degrees, and more. In 2014, for example, HBCUs:
- ° Accounted for only 3 percent of public and not-for-profit private institutions receiving federal student aid.
- ° Enrolled 10 percent of African American college students nationwide.
- Accounted for 17 percent of the bachelor's degrees earned by African Americans and 24 percent of the degrees earned by African Americans in "STEM" fields: science, technology, engineering and math. HBCUs also provide a solid basis for even higher academic achievement. According to the National Science Foundation, the top eight institutions where African American PhDs in science and engineering earned their bachelor's degrees from 2002 to 2011 were all HBCUs.

#### **HBCUs: POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT**

• The benefits of an HBCU education flow to the graduates of these institutions, of course; they'll enter the workforce as better thinkers and learners, with greater expertise and vastly enhanced earning prospects. But the benefits don't stop there; they also flow to the local and regional economies where these institutions are located and the larger American society.

#### **Total Economic Impact of HBCU Spending: \$14.8 Billion**

- In total, the nation's HBCUs generate \$14.8 billion in economic impact annually; that's equivalent to a ranking in the top 200 on the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations.
- Public HBCUs account for \$9.6 billion of that total economic impact, while private HBCUs account for \$5.2 billion.
- Every dollar in spending by an HBCU and its students produces positive economic benefits, generating \$1.44 in initial and subsequent spending for its local and regional economies.

#### **Total Employment Impact: \$130 Billion**

• The nation's HBCUs generate 134,090 jobs in total for their local and regional economies— equivalent to the jobs provided by Oracle, the nation's 48th largest private employer. Of this total, 57,868 are on-campus jobs, and 76,222 are off-campus jobs.

#### **Total Lifetime Earnings for Graduates: \$130 Billion**

- HBCUs play a major role in the economic success of their graduates by enhancing their education, training and leadership skills. In fact, the 50,000-plus HBCU graduates in 2014 can expect total earnings of \$130 billion over their lifetimes—that's 56 percent more than they could expect to earn without their college credentials.
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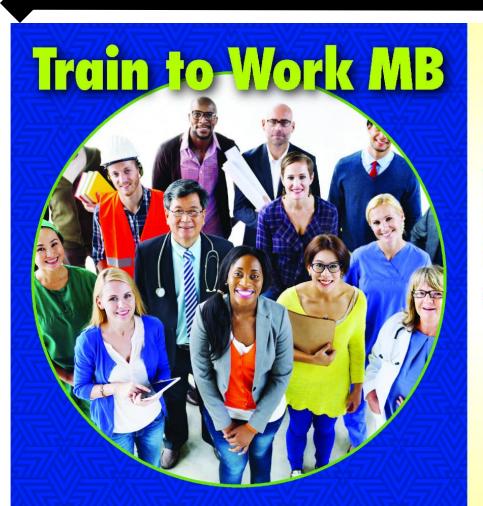


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#### **Our Lives Underwater:**

#### **Local Residents Call for solutions to combat Horry County Flooding**



On March 01, 2021, Mr. Kevin Mishoe (Association for the Betterment of Bucksport), Ms. April Thomas (Horry County Rising), sounded the alarm regarding County officials not serving the need of the residents of Bucksport after hurricanes Florence and Matthews.

Recently, heavy rains caused more flooding in the Bucksport Community **(See photos** below and next page). Kevin Mishoe said, "Bucksport stands in solidarity with all areas that are flooding. This is affecting a great number of areas in our county. We have asked



**April Thomas** 

Kevin Mishoe the county to take a look at Bucksport. Is it compatible with other areas?? Drainage has been a major issue in Bucksport for a long time. Out of the 100 % of drainage in Bucksport less than 10% actually goes out to some depository or out of the community. Everything should be connected so that water flows properly. We have not had adequate drainage in Bucksport for over 40 years. We had many meetings with our county and the Department of Transportation. There are two roads in Bucksport; Bucksport Road and Railroad Road that are maintained by DOT. The rest is maintained by the county. We met with both entities and we were told that they were going to clean the ditches and cut paths that would take the water to a depository area. It did not happen. We went to our County Council and told them that this did not work. They said the reason it did not work was because we needed to submit an easement. They said if we get them the easements they would dig the ditches required to lead the water out of the flooded areas. We secured the easements and nothing changed even after they started digging ditches and cutting pathways, which made us feel like the work was done. We

in the community feel neglected and we are fed up." **April Thomas** respectively asks citizens to "sign a petition for the one

solution the whole community can support consisting of a good flood Plan defining projects the county wants to do (www.horrycountyrising.com). We also encourage citizens to share their story."

**Ms. Kymberly Alston-Wood** is one of those citizens who had a story to share. She is a resident of the area. She said, "I am kind of confused as to how the local government chooses the areas in which they want address the situation. Some places seem to be



**Ronnie Alston** 

Kymberly Alston-Wood protected much more than ours which has been affected much worse.......Is the county responsible for digging the necessary ditches and keeping them cleaned?? The last time the ditches on our street needed cleaning out my father had to pay someone to do it. How is it that I can't drive on Bucksport Road after a heavy rain because of flood waters, but I can drive on the recently built road that leads to the Marina, which is very smooth and no flooding??"

Mr. Ronnie Alston is another citizen with a story to share. He stated, "A long time ago the only street that used to flood would be Martin Luther Drive. Now we have a new electrical substation, solar panels and a rerouting of Bucksport Road near the Marina. I think they are trying to run the people out of Bucksport so new development can occur. They want the people to move out and the only way that can happen is to make it unlivable by not addressing the flood issues so they will have to move out. It does not make sense to me that they declare an area a flood zone, which makes it not good, yet they still want to develop the area. Only a fool would spend money on bad property."

There was so much more that was said during this discussion on The World Community Magazine Live streaming. It can be seen in its entirety on Facebook at The World Community Magazine and a



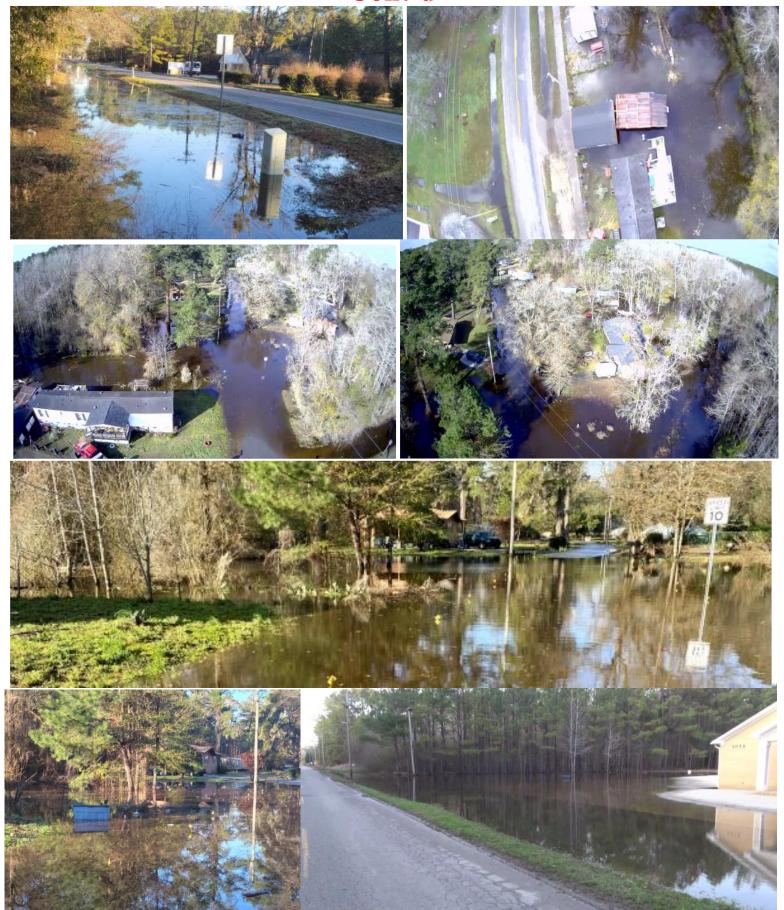


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# Biden's Treasury Will Seek to Put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 Bill, an Effort the Trump Administration Halted.



Recently, the White House press secretary, Jen Psaki, said that the Treasury Department plans to speed up the process of adding Harriet Tubman's portrait to the front of the \$20 bill. (Photo YouTube.com)

President Biden's Treasury Department is studying ways to speed up the process of adding Harriet Tubman's portrait to the front of the \$20 bill after the Trump administration <u>allowed the Obama-era initiative to lapse</u>, Jen Psaki, the White House press secretary, said on Monday.

The decision to have Ms. Tubman replace Andrew Jackson as the face of the \$20 note was set in motion in 2016 by the Treasury secretary at the time, Jacob Lew. President Donald J. Trump opposed the idea, and his Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, <u>stopped work</u> on that part of the currency redesign, arguing that adding new security features to the money was a more urgent priority. Mr. Mnuchin said that notes with new imagery could not be put into circulation until 2028 and that a future Treasury secretary would make the call whether to replace Jackson.

The Treasury Department, which Mr. Biden has nominated Janet L. Yellen to lead, plans to accelerate that timeline.

"The Treasury Department is taking steps to resume efforts to put Harriet Tubman on the front of the new \$20 notes," Ms. Psaki said. "It's important that our money reflect the history and diversity of our country." A Treasury spokeswoman said that she had no information to share on when a new design of the \$20 bill might be released.

Mr. Trump professed to be a fan of Andrew Jackson, a fellow populist, and was a fierce opponent of altering historical images and statues.

Mr. Mnuchin's decision to slow-walk the change drew backlash from some Democrats in Congress and <u>triggered a probe</u> from the Treasury inspector general about whether the process faced improper political interference. The inquiry found no wrongdoing by Mr. Mnuchin.

Under Mr. Lew's plan, the new design was supposed to be unveiled in 2020 on the centennial of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

<u>Preliminary designs</u> of the note that were <u>obtained by The New York Times</u> revealed that — before Mr. Trump took office — conceptual work on a bill bearing Tubman's likeness on the front and a statue of Jackson on the back was already underway.



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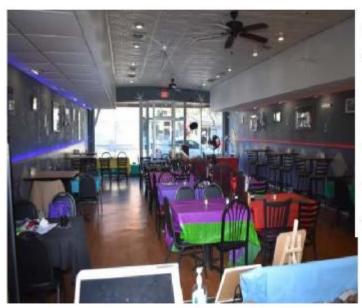


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# A Spacecraft Named for 'Hidden Figures' Mathematician Katherine Johnson Has Arrived on the International Space Station

A spacecraft named for the famed NASA mathematician

**Katherine Johnson** has arrived at the International Space Station with about 8,000 pounds of cargo in tow.

**The S.S. Katherine Johnson,** a Northrop Grumman Cygnus resupply spacecraft, launched on Saturday from a NASA facility in Virginia and made it to the space station early Monday morning. It carries a massive amount of science and research, crew supplies and vehicle hardware that will assist researchers there in numerous investigations.

Katherine Johnson, famed NASA mathematician and inspiration for the film 'Hidden Figures,' is dead at 101.

The spacecraft will support experiments that are exploring treatments to restore vision to those with retinal degenerative diseases, why astronauts experience muscle weakening in microgravity and how astronauts sleep in space, among others. It also brings advanced computing to the space station and upgrades to clean air and water systems for the crew there.

The S.S. Katherine Johnson will be at the International Space Station until May, when it will make its fiery journey back to Earth, disposing of several thousands of trash along the way, according to a news release.





That the spacecraft bears the name of Johnson, who also inspired the 2016 film **"Hidden Figures,"** is an "honor," said Adi Boulos, the lead NASA flight director for the mission. "As a Black woman, Katherine Johnson shattered race and gender barriers to live out her dreams and become a pivotal part of this country's young space program," he said in a statement.

"Fifty-nine years ago today, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth after personally asking for Katherine Johnson to verify his Mercury missions' orbital trajectory calculations. Katherine Johnson was an asset to our space program, and I am honored to work for a mission that expands her legacy even further."

Johnson's work made early space missions possible

Johnson died last year at age 101. Her work went largely unrecognized until the release of "Hidden Figures." The pioneering mathematician was part of NASA's "Computer Pool," a group of mathematicians whose data powered the agency's first successful space missions.

Johnson got her start at NACA, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and NASA's predecessor, in 1953 -- one of several Black researchers hired for the agency's aeronautical lab after an executive order that prohibited racial discrimination in the defense industry.

Johnson first began in the facility's segregated wing for women before soon being transferred to the Flight Research Division, where she would work for several years.

Her career started to ramp up as the space race between the US and the Soviet Union did in the late '50s. Johnson pushed her way into briefings traditionally attended only by men and secured a place in the inner circle of the American Space Program. She was tasked with performing trajectory analysis for Alan Shepherd's 1961 mission, the first American human spaceflight. She co-authored a paper on the safety of orbital landings in 1960 -- the first time a woman in the Flight Research Division received credit for a report. Her work quickly garnered attention for its accuracy, and John Glenn would famously call on her to crunch the numbers for his spacecraft's trajectory before his orbit around Earth. Johnson's work was also instrumental in mapping the moon's surface ahead of the 1969 landing and played a role in the safe return of the Apollo 13 astronauts. She retired in 1986.





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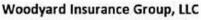


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#### SC Nonprofits Break Ground on Opportunity Center Aimed at Economic Progress

NORTH CHARLESTON — Several Charleston area nonprofits hope to mark a new era with an Opportunity Center focused on helping women, minorities and people from low-wealth communities become successful entrepreneurs. "Here we are, standing in the fullness of time, ready to launch a new day to help those who've experienced missed opportunities to achieve prosperity," said Bernie Mazyck, president and CEO of S.C. Association for Community Economic Development.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the center was held Monday at the Rivers Avenue site, where a 31,250-square-foot former furniture store will be transformed into a space aimed at advancing economic opportunities. The facility will include a career training facility and business incubators.

The endeavor is a collaborative effort among four area nonprofits — Increasing H.O.P.E., Center for Heirs Property Preservation, Homes of Hope Inc., S.C. Association for Community Economic Development — who will use the site to house their organizational headquarters.

The North Charleston-based facility was buoyed by a \$2.7 million grant from the economic Development Administration to Homes of Hope in 2019. Other funds included the Coastal Community Foundation's \$800,000 contribution, and \$100,000 each from Wells Fargo and BB&T. Project partners are working to secure an additional \$1 million to complete the endeavor. The center is scheduled to be completed in August, and services are expected to begin in September. Upon its completion, the facility is anticipated to help create 45 jobs and attract nearly \$4 million in private investment. Several dozen guests attended the groundbreaking event, wearing masks as they sat and stood spaced out across the facility's parking lot. Critical components of the center include the Business Success Center and Women's Business Center. The centers will focus on helping women and communities of color establish, grow and sustain their operations. The Women's Business Center will be the only center operating in the Charleston region and third in the state. Historically, entrepreneurs of color and women have faced challenges establishing their enterprises. This has been caused by a lack of access to affordable capital, accessing key markets, navigating regulations, and accessing networks that have historically helped White-



The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Opportunity Center on Monday, Jan. 25, 2020 in North Charleston. Andrew J. Whitaker/Staff



Dr. Jennie Stephens CEO with Heirs Property Preservation shows off design of new Opportunity Center during groundbreaking ceremony on 01/25/20 in North Charleston. Andrew J. Whitaker/Staff

owned businesses to prosper. Nonetheless, women-led enterprises have managed to make strides. Female-owned businesses represent the fastest-growing small business in the state, said state SBA Director Gregg White.

Without support, women business owners may not be able to start or expand their businesses amid the coronavirus, White said. White said he's looking forward to the women's center helping more South Carolina businesses obtain federal contracts, capital they need to grow businesses, and disaster assistance during the pandemic.

"We challenge all of you to support small businesses across your neighborhood," he said.

Dorothea Bernique is the executive director of Increasing H.O.P.E, a group focused on financial training that applied for the Women's Business Center grant. Bernique said Increasing H.O.P.E is excited about bringing a greater level of service to the community.

"Having the Women's Business Center to be able to support what we're doing validates the work we've already been doing in the community," she said. "We appreciate them joining us in this effort to serve the local community."

No one has been untouched by the coronavirus and organizations are looking at ways to manage financial impacts.

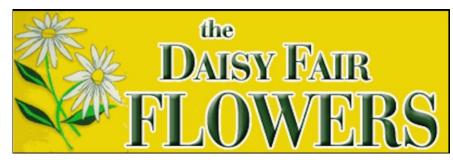
North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey said the city is expecting this year a \$16 million to \$18 million shortfall in revenue.

Summey said the city is committed to working with the center and other groups to make life successful for many people.

"The city of North Charleston is proud you will be calling this location home," he said. Darrin Goss, president and CEO of the Coastal Community Foundation, said the organization's support of the Opportunity Center is one of the most consequential investments made in the foundation's 47-year history. He described the center as "one stop, one place with a promise to leveling the playing field for so many people who have been left out of the economic growth we see around us."

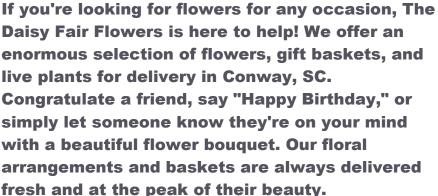
In a region where so many lag behind economically, the center could serve many as a stepping stone toward a more promising future.







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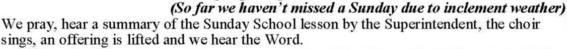
Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church 695 Bucksport Road Conway, SC 29527 843-397-7116 Rev. Willie Joe Dozier, Pastor

Since late March, church as we traditionally know it has looked quite different, as with most churches across the United States due to the corona virus or Covid-19. Once the mandate was given (to socially distance ourselves, wash our hands frequently, wear a mask, and sanitize) to try to protect ourselves from contracting the virus, the pastor looked at other options to reach the people since we couldn't congregate in the sanctuary. Initially our services were held via telephone on Sunday mornings where we would call into a conference type set-up and listen to the message for the day. Bible study is conducted on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in this same format.

parking lot. We stayed in our vehicles, wearing our masks as the pastor preached under a tent. Weather permitting, we meet in the parking lot every Sunday

After a few weeks we began to meet at the church but in the

morning beginning at 9:00 am.



We fellowship by speaking, waving at one another, or blowing our horns from our vehicles. It's not the traditional set-up that we are accustomed to but the basic necessity of worship is met. In the midst of it all we still keep the faith. Our desire is to congregate back in the sanctuary soon. We know that God will see us through and in the end He will get the glory.

#### Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church Sunday Worship Services Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11:15 AM

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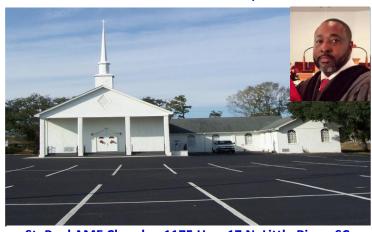
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Mt. Vernon MB Church - 6560 Highway 389, Nichols, SC Reverend Richard Williams Jr., Pastor



St. John Church of God - 3401 Kates Bay Hwy, Conway, SC Bishop Melvin Spain, Pastor



St. Paul AME Church - 1175 Hwy 17 N, Little River, SC Reverend Dr. Johnathan K. Greene Sr., Pastor



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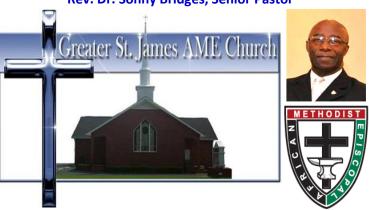
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Hemingway Chapel AME Church - 3338 Kates Bay Hwy, Conway, SC Presiding Elder Johnnie L. Coe



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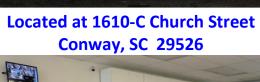
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#### **Joseph Greene**

#### Joseph Green the son of the late Eliza Mitchell and the late Joseph Curtain was born on March 30, 1952 in Pawleys Island, SC. He was preceded in death by his paternal parents Edward and Louise Green. He was better known as "Poey". He went to Parkerville Elementary



1952 - 2021

school and then Howard High School. On February 13, 2021 in departed his life in Kinston. NC. He was preceded in death by his sisters Eather Lee of Socastee, Sherry Gee and Tryhine Mitchell both of Conway, SC, four brothers Ben Green of Pawleys Island, John Henry Green of Bayboro, SC, Nathaniel Green and Jacob Green of Kinston, NC He leaves to cherish eight sisters: Alberta (Ivin) Richardson of Pawleys Island, SC Pauline Ferguson, Annie Hemingway both of Conway, SC, Dorothy (Joey) Nesbit of Murrells Inlet, SC, Willine (Edward) Daniels, Bernade (Leo) Reed both of Georgetown, SC, Earline (Simon) Simmons of Columbia, SC, Helen (Keith) Jackson of Summerville, SC, ten brothers: Johnny McCloud, Jerry Mitchell both of Conway, SC, Henry Mitchell, Silas (Leisa) Mitchell of Myrtle Beach, SC, Eric (Leatha) Mitchell of Marion, SC, Henderson Green of Burgess, SC, Ed (Annie) Green of Fort Myers, FL, Lewis (Bonnie) Green of Las Vegas, NV, Joseph (Cindy) Curtain of Georgetown, SC, Napoleon (Gwen) Curtain of Charlotte, SC and a host of nieces and nephews. Special loving friends: Mona Green, Thomas Richardson, Special loving

nephews: Jowan Mitchell and Billy McCloud.

Tennessee.

#### **Geanwood Cochran**

Geanwood Johnson. born on November 27, 1937 to the late Ola Johnson and Allen James. She departed this life on February 2, 2021 at Conway Manor after an extended illness. Geanwood was the wife of the late James Cochran.



1937 - 2021

She was a faithful member of Greater St. James AME Church, Geanwood was employed as a Horry County Schools Teachers Aide for 22 years until her health began to decline She will be remembered as a "GREAT MOTHER" a provider. She was well known as a good cook. Her favorite dishes were pound cake and Mac 'n Cheese. Preceding her in death, was James (husband), both parents, one child (Paula) and all of her siblings. To cherish her memory are four children: Ila Harris, Steve Cochran (Robin), Karen C. Greene and Richard Cochran aka: Richie, six grandchildren: Angela C. Perry, Tash Cochran, Felicia Cochran, lesha Cochran, Kimberly Cochran aka: Kimmie and Marcus Cochran, seven great grandchildren: Tristan, Brayden, Christian, Cayden, Jakaria and Chris, two adopted children: Edward and Burroughs, one aunt: Mabel Johnson, one sister-in-law: Betty Ransom, Special friend: Elizabeth McCov,



#### Fred D. Stanley

Fred Douglas Stanley affectionately known as Doug was born in Conway, SC on September **22, 1946** to the late Henry B. Stanley, Sr. and Bessie Bellamy Stanley. He graduated from Whittemore High School in 1964. In 1969, he married Cora Lee James 1946 - 202



and moved to the Bronx, New York. In 1978. God blessed Fred and Cora with a son and the joy of their life, Frederic Duville Stanley, their only child. Fred Douglas Stanley went home to be with the "Good Lord" as Fred would say on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Fred was preceded in death by his father, Henry Stanley, Sr., his mother, Bessie Bellamy Stanley and sister, Willa Stanley. Fred leaves to cherished his memories, his wife Cora Stanley, son, Frederic Duville Stanley, daughter in law, Nicole Deborah Stanley, grandson Ethann Alexander Stanley, sister Velmenia Stanley, brother Henry Stanley Jr., many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his loving, Aunt Daisy Stanley who is 105 years old.



#### **Joseph Grissett**

Joseph Grissett, son of Joseph Grissett and Minnie Pearl Owens. Joseph was born December 26th, **1971** in the Conway, South Carolina. He departed this life on February 5, 2021. He attended



Horry County Public Schools. Joe 1971 - 2021 or Joe Grissett as he was fondly called, was a guy of many trades. Two of

his favorite hobbies were cutting hair, painting and laying flooring. Joe enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Joe leaves to cherish three daughters JoKira Grissett, JoKhadijah Grissett and SheryTijah Grissett all of Conway South Carolina. One son Joteail (Tateannia) Grissett of Beaufort South Carolina. With his legacy bring along four grandchildren Zyon Gore who proceed him in death, Jaylah Grissett, Jenesis Grissett and Kamren Gore. His mother and stepfather Minnie (Benjamin) Owens of the home, his father Joseph Grissett. He was the eldest of four siblings John (Aisha) Grissett, Alice Owens, Aketta Gardner, and Tonya Grissett who preceded him in death. Joe also leaves a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends.

#### Julia Nichole Maxwell

Julia Nichole Maxwell was born on March 5, 1988. As a resident of Conway, SC, she started her journey to a pain free paradise where she can shine bright and warm up the sky on January 23, 2021 after her long courageous 1988 - 2021 battle with cervical cancer. Nichole



Maxwell was born in Columbus, OH and grew up in Myrtle Beach, SC where she attended Socastee High School to then graduate. Nichole was known for her exuberant personality, her laugh, creativity, and the amount of love she had for her friends and family could never be measured. She loved Sunday football at home with her husband Termaine and her 3 children watching the Pittsburgh Steelers, or football in general. Family was everything to her. She is survived by her husband Termaine, their three young children, son Justin (7), twin daughters Rion and Halley (2), her mother, Barb Carsner, and partner Steve of Sanford, NC. Her father Donald Carsner, sister Krystal Love, and her niece Kayla Stoffa of Myrtle Beach, SC. Her father and mother in law, Jerome and Diane Maxwell, brother and sister in law, Deshon and Terrica Maxwell, and their Destiny and Desiree Maxw

#### **Charles Green**

special caregivers: Anna, Alethea, Sherry and

Teresa, a host of loving nieces, nephews,

cousins, and many other relatives and friends.

Charles Green was born to the late Thelma Hardee Green and the late Albert Green on April 1, 1952. He departed life on February 12, 2021 Georgetown, SC. The Nickname, Willie Alford was

given to him by a special niece,



1952 - 2021

Tia Gibbons. In addition to the demise of his parents, Charles was predeceased in death by siblings Evangelist Earlene Keel and Mr. Ernest Green. Most of his life was lived in parts of South Carolina. He also resided in Crescent City, Florida for a short period of time. Charles developed a love for crafts; some of the crafts he acquired were pinned on his wheelchair. Charles loved to eat and drink. He lived the cliché "eat and drink and be merry." He loved people and he never met a stranger. Charles' jestering will be sorely missed by his acquaintances and friends. In particular, Maryann (Bruce). Charles is survived by siblings: sisters Linda Reaves (Johnny) and Diane Sims (George): Brothers Joe Lee Green (LueAnn) and Wendell Green; nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.





#### Patricia Ann McCray

#### Margaret Tyler

#### Kamani Nichole Gore

Patricia Ann "Pat" McCrav. daughter of the late Jerry York and Hazeltine McCray was born January 3, 1967 in Brooklyn, New York. She attended the Public Schools of Kings County and graduated Martin Luther King, Jr.

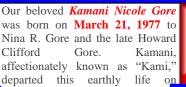


1967 - 2021

Margaret (Peggy) Anne Tyler was born on November 11th, 1952 in Pittsburgh PA. She is preceded in death by her mother: Magaret (Marge Priddy) Tyler, father: John Tyler, brothers: John Tyler, Michael Tyler, and Mary



Tyler. She departed this life on January 24, 2021. She is survived by her children: Donald Stephenson Jr., William (Bill) Stephenson, and Shawnette Welch (husband: David (Alex)). Also, 4 grandchildren: Donald Stephenson 3rd, Micheal Stephenson, Jude Stephenson, and Maia Swasey and her siblings: Brother: Joe Tyler Sr (Wife: Cheryl), David Tyler (Wife: Coleen), Ricky Tyler, Patty Tyler, Brian Tyler (Dorothy Georgia), Mark Tyler (Wife: Diann), and other family members including aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, etc. Peggy grew up in a large family of 7 brothers and 2 sisters in the McKees Rocks and Rankin area outside of the Pittsburgh PA area. At the age of 8, she was sent to live in a Roman Cathlic orphanage for a few years. There she

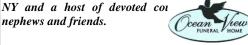




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the young and vibrant age of forty-three. Kami was educated in the Horry County Schools System and was a proud graduate of the Myrtle Beach High School Class of 1997. Kami attended the University of South Carolina where she earned her bachelorette degree in Criminal Justice. She leaves to cherish fondest memories her mother, Nina R. Gore; her sisters, Audrey (Michael) Bland of Myrtle Beach and Renee Butler of Loris: her brothers, Lawrence (Tracev) Alston of Columbia SC and Patrick Scott Davis of Myrtle Beach; her nephew and pride and joy, Jadlyn Bland; her uncles, David (Mary) Gore of Darien, ILL. and Lewis (Commie) Hawthorne of Prentiss, MS.; her devoted aunts, Rose Nell Madison of Bronx, NY; Bonnie Carol Simmons and Gwendolyn (Dana) Jones of Myrtle Beach; her very special friend turned sister, April Chestnut; her godsons, Ahmad Herriot, J.B. Favorite and Noah Vaughan all of Myrtle Beach; her life-long neighbors who she ultimately adopted as her own, the Favorites and a host of oth friends.

High School. She quietly departed this life Wednesday, February 3, 2021. Her memory and life will forever be cherished in the lives of her daughter, Shanita (Robert Jackson) McCray and granddaughters, Trinity, Zianneya, Zier, and Zionana. Her siblings Darlene Officer of Radcliff, KY, Reverend Timothy McCray of Myrtle Beach, SC, Ray Antoni Gosha of Gilbert, AZ. Her Aunt's Mother Bonnie McCray and Clinda Swinton and Uncle Andrew "Fuzzy" McCray of Myrtle Beach, SC, Vera Bates of Delaware and Betty Martin of New Orleans. Adopted Sisters Brenda McCray of Myrtle Beach, SC, Rena (Rev. Porter) Denson of Orlando, FL, Wanda and Karen McCray of Baltimore, MD, Melissa McCray of Brooklyn, NY and Showanna (Mark)Willard of Longs, SC. Adopted Brothers Desmond (Yakeema), Dwayne (Tiffany) and Dexter (Cajuana) McCray of Brooklyn, NY and Kent (Robin) Holoman of Myrtle Beach, SC. A Special Cousin, Caregiver & Friend Latisha Swinton of Bucksport, SC and Exceptional Childhood Friends Delores Smith & Barbara Smalls of Brooklyn,



Randolph Young

everyone called him was a graduate of Myrtle

Beach High School class of 1987. . Randolph

(Tim Dawg) Young was proceeded in death by his

Mother, Mrs. Gertrude Young; one sister, Tamela

Yvonne Young Campbell; and one brother-in-

law, James Campbell. He leaves to cherish his

memories, his loving father, Mr. Esaw Young,

two children; Teonna Young and Jayden Young;

his fiancé, Jennifer (Penny)Cox; one sister,

Tonya (Lamar) Young Chestnut; two nieces,

Treniece (Victor) Sattrand and Jasmine

Chestnut; two nephews, Tom Baker Jr, and

Jordan Chestnut: Five Great nieces and

nephews, Jahniyha, Aaliyah, Tylond, Aalora and

Messiah; seven aunts, one great aunt ,two uncles

and a special cousin, Kimberly (Tory) Thompson,

and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends.

Randolph (Tim Dawg) Young was

born on **December 13, 1968** to his

parents of Mr. Esaw Young and the

departed his life on January 23,

2021 at Grand Strand Regional

Medical Center. "Tim Dawg", as

late Mrs. Gertrude Young.

#### Ke'Ron Maurice Powell

began to develop an appreciation for spiritual

Mr. Ke'Ron Maurice Powell, "Bricc



fondly known as Bando", was born November 1, **1992** in Charleston, South Carolina to the late Ernest R. Powell & Cassaudra Daisy Hester. He departed this life on February 2, 2021. His

1968-2021 education was received at Conway High

things.

School and graduated in 2010. Ke'Ron was a good painter something he take after his daddy and uncle. Ke'Ron love to cut hair that was his passion. He was preceded in death his father Ernest R. Powell; four uncles, William Powell, George R. Powell, Bertram Robinson, Ronald McCray; and one aunt, Donna J. Powell. Ke'Ron was employed by Pro Painting Solution and L&M of Conway, South Carolina. Ke'Ron leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and precious mother Cassaundra D. Hester; two children: Ah'Leya S. Powell, Ke'Ron M. Powell, Jr. three sisters, Sharonda Daisy, Shadonna L. Miller, Rosheema Daisey of Conway, SC six brothers: Keith (Sally) Hester, Tierre Daisy, Ernest Powell, Thomas Daisy, Monrell Miller, Tevin Speights. two aunts: Rosalind Daisy Scott of Macon, GA: Jawanya (Terry) Singletary of Lake City, SC. And a loving adopted aunt Liz Cunningham of Conway, SC. Twenty-eight nieces and nephew and eight grand nieces and nephews. Special

cousins Candice and Tremaine Scott of Macon, GA.



Lillie Mae Livingston daughter of the late Tillman & Elizabeth Frinks was born August 13th, 1937 in Longs, South Carolina. She departed this life on **Friday** February 19th, 2021. She is preceded in death by her



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husband, William "Bill" Livingston and four children Ronald Frinks, Dayton Frinks Sr, Stephanie Bellamy and Mary Bellamy; Five Siblings; Sadie, Eva, Johnny, Ed, and Emma. Lillie attended Chestnut Consolidated High School. She was a member of St. John AME Church. Lillie was an active member in her church until her heath failed. She loved cooking, fishing & gardening. She leaves to cherish her fond memories; her son, Chris (Latorya) Livingston, Nine grandchildren; Marzaron (Mary) Livingston, Tamara Stewart, Kristen Johnson, Chaniqua Squires, Dayton Frinks Jr, Aishante' Livingston, Tillman Bellamy, Shaquilla Livingston & Blake Livingston, Nine Great Grandchildren, Two Sisters; Amy Graham & Irma Wilson, Three Sister in laws; Barbara Frinks, Helen Frinks & Jo Carroll Livingston, One Brother in law: Emanuel Williams, Three special friends; Lillie Gerald, Gloria Brown & Gail Thompson. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.





#### Roger K. Pierce

#### William Parker

father Doretha and Nathaniel Parker, followed

by his two sisters Janelle and Janie Parker. He

Spain, Shacarla Spain, Malaisha Lesane, Carl

Spain and J'maun Strobert all of Conway, SC:

three siblings: Rackel Dawkings, Bradford

Parker, both of Conway, SC and Dewayne

(Carol) Gore of Waldorf, Maryland, one aunt

Elizabeth Gore of Detroit, Michigan; one

uncle: George Parker of Conway, SC; two

sisters-in-law: three brothers-in-law: one best

friend, Hubert Hunter Jr. and a host of friends

and sorrowing relatives. "My heart hurts that

I will never see you again. I can't question the

man above because this was his plan. You ask

me to forgive you and yes I forgave. I'm so thankful we talked and had closure before you

#### **Jacqueline Elaine Smith**

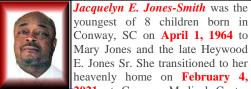
On early Sunday morning, January 24th, 2021, Roger Pierce departed this life. He was the 7th child of the late Leo Howard Pierce Sr., and the late Elizabeth Jackson Pierce. He was born on August 29th, 1961 in



Marlboro County. He is preceded in 1961 - 2021 brothers: Leo Howard Pierce Jr., and Joseph Alonzo Lee Pierce. Roger is survived (left in mourning) by He was preceded in death by his mother and

his four children: Roger Gause (Tramaine-Conway) SC., Demeeka Pierce/Thomas Jakes, Kendell Pierce, of Aynor SC, and Shanquilla Pierce/Andrew leaves behind his loving wife Earlean Wilder Harness of Mullins SC. He has a total of six Parker. Six children: Niya McCray, Tameisha grandchildren and seven remaining siblings: James Truman/Sarah Pierce of Aynor, Rose Marie Roberts of Aynor, Hazel/Sammy Gee of Aynor, Nelline Pearl/George Holmes of Aynor, Melvin Lee/Katherine Pierce of Aynor, Jessie Lee Glenn/Adam Hout of Daytona Beach, FL., and Robert Lee Pierce/Edward Hough of Myrtle Beach, SC. Another sister-in-law, Elizabeth Dixon Pierce of Latta, SC, a deceased sister-in-law (Bonnie Pierce). Roger has three loving aunts: Ida McKiver of Marion SC, Evangelist Barbara McCrae, and Evangelist Sarah Simmons both of Bennettsville SC. He has a generational host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and made special friends everywhere he went. Two special, caring friends: Liz Crawford of Latta SC, and Ann Smith of Conway, SC.

William O'Neal "Butch" **Parker**, son of the later Nathaniel and Doretha Parker, was born February 19, 1960 in Detroit, Michigan. He departed this life on **February 9, 2021.** At age 14 he was baptized at the Mr. Olive SOA Church in Hemingway, SC.



Conway, SC on April 1, 1964 to Mary Jones and the late Heywood E. Jones Sr. She transitioned to her heavenly home on February 4,

2021 at Conway Medical Center following a sudden illness. Jackie



was a 1982 graduate of Conway High School. Left to cherish her precious memories are: Her three daughters Lakita Jones and Ashley Jones both of Conway, SC and Anastasia (Eugene) Frazier of Fort Stewart GA Six grandchildren: Jacquez, KiAndra, Darnell, Evan, Iris, Xavier; great-grandchildren: Princeton Brayden: Her mother: Mary Jones of Conway. SC. One sister Diann (Lawrence Burns) Jones of Wilson NC. Three brothers: Heyward E. (Nora) Jones Jr. of Longs, SC. Joe K. Jones and Raymond (Faye) Jones both of Conway, SC. A special nephew Terry "Bum" (Cynthia) Jones of Conway, SC. One honorary son Darnell Green Sr. of Conway, SC. Aunt Aline M. Floyd of Conway, SC. Close friends: Annette Alston, Delores Marlow, Peggy Livingston, Irvin Eaddy and David Allen; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

**Inger Yvette Sindab** 



#### **David Towan Bennett**

On Friday morning, February 19, 2021, an angel of the Lord entered the hospital room of David Towan **Bennett** and took him to his heavenly home. Towan as he was affectionately called, was the son of Alvinia Bellamy and David Bennett, 1975 - 2021



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Sr. He was born on April 12, 1975 in Whiteville, NC. He attended Horry County Public Schools and graduated from Loris High School in 1995. He leaves to cherish his memory: his parents Alvinia Bellamy and David (Queen) Bennett; his children: Davontay Bryan, Davashey Bennett, David Bennett III, Shelton Snowten, Martwon Bennett, and Kamilla Bennett; his fiancé' Javonta Bennett and her children; his sibilings; Paul (Ajoke) Goodson, Cozietta (Clarence) Hemingway, Shakedra Jenerette, Derrill (Angel) Bennett, Kelly (Damien) Shaw, SFC. Chaqueena (Erin) Bennett, Santanna Bennett, Dominique Johnson, Tia Bennett, and Lizzie Bennett; two special sisters: Laker Bennett and Shanequa Bennett; his maternal aunts and uncles: Artensel (Betty) McCullough, Jeanne McCullough, Fred Bellamy, McArthur (Glenda) Bellamy, Coziette (Fateen) Talib, Marrietta (Ronnie) Harris; his paternal aunts and uncles: Pearlie (Shelby) Bennett, Josh Bennett, Paul Bennett, Richard (Pamela) Bennett, Esther Gause, Mary (Ethell) Vereen, Susie (Roy) Wilson, Ophelia Bennett, Joan Bellamy, Juanita (Johnny [d.]) Bennett, Sarah Rogers 🚓 🌉 🚳 [d.], and Eddie Bennett [d.]; and a host of other family members and 🥻 friends.

**Keith Alton Mayo** 

Mr. Keith Alton Mayo, son of the late Freddy Mayo, Sr and Della Chestnut Mayo, was born May 5, 1953 in Conway, South Carolina. On **Sunday**, **January** 31, 2021 he departed this life.

drifted away.



parents, he was preceded in death by his two brothers: Freddy Mayo, Jr and Gilbert Mayo, Sr and one sister, Evelyn Mayo. memories will be cherished by a loving sister, Lula Plenty (Russell) of Kileen, Texas; a sister-in-law, Nedra Mayo of Conway, SC; one niece, Stephanie Reed (Mike) of Rock Hill, SC; three nephews: Gilbert Mayo, Jr and Cedric Mayo of Rock Hill, SC, Corey Mayo of Kileen Texas; a host of great nieces and nephews: Shekayla Benning (Draiper Jackson) of Conway, SC, Page Benning Smith (Travis) of Rock Hill, SC, Tamarri Mayo of Atlanta, Georgia, Nakia Black of Conway, SC, Michael Mayo of Myrtle Beach, SC, Stephen Mayo of Myrtle Beach, SC, Mathew Mayo of Myrtle Beach, SC and countless other relatives and friends. Special friends, Saranelle Chestnut and Jitter "Bug" Parker.



Inger Yvette "Vet" Sindab was born September 6, 1977 in Conway, SC. She was the second

child of Samuel Sindab II and the late Brenda Sindab of Conway, SC. On February 21, 2021 she

departed this life. Yvette leaves



her cherished memories to her four siblings: Vanice (Frank) Sindab of Highpoint, NC. Samuel D. (Jeuan) Sindab III of Odessa, FL. Prince (Amber) Sindab of Myrtle Beach, SC and Samantha (Darin) Eaton of Jacksonville, FL. Eleven nieces and nephews: Nia and Destiny Eaton of Jacksonville, FL. Alston, Ava and Alex Sindab of Myrtle Beach, SC. Kendrick Sindab of Odessa, FL. She helped raised as her own children: Manquel and Shaliyah Brantley, Jimmy Jr and Kiahtae Gagum all of Conway, SC. Ni'Angel Sindab of Highpoint, NC. Two special aunts Centia Gerald and Jacquelyn Scott. Special cousins Charity Ammons and Theodore "Trey" Chaplin. Her best friends Sybil Anderson and Yulita Harris. A special bonus brother, Joseph Brantley and a host of friends, family and coworkers that will miss her dearly.





#### **Naomi Banta Jones**

#### Sam Cleveland McDowell

#### Jannette Oueen Lowery

Naomi Banta Jones was born in Conway, SC on April 6, 1956. She transitioned from her earthly home on February 21, 2021. Her biological parents were the late Charles Mazvck and the late Susie Johnson; however, she was adopted



late Leona Banta, very loving adoptive parents. he was a faithful member. He graduated from Naomi attended public schools in Horry County and Williamsburg County Training School/ C. E. graduated from Conway High School in 1974. Murray in 1960. Sam leaves cherish memories Naomi leaves to cherish her memories: Donald C. to his loving wife, Vernell; five children, Jones, Sr, her husband of over 40 years; her Althea (Dexter) Perry of Clanton, DE, Shenea children, Donald C. Jones, II(Keshia), Niaoshi (Chase) Watson of Troy, NY, Erwin McDowell Jones, and Benika Jones (Cornelius)- all of Conway; and eleven grandchildren. Her siblings SC, and Wanda Felder of Longs, SC; four who preceeded her in death were William "Billy" Lawrence, Patricia Gavle Johnson and William Earl Johnson. Living siblings are: Angela Williams, Andrea White, Benjamin Mazyck, Danny Mazyck and Larry Mazyck- all of Pawleys Island, SC; Audrey Johnson Walker, Brenda Ann Ford and Charles DeLoach- all of Conway, SC; Brenda Lee Huggins, Henry Lee Huggins and Eric James Johnson- all of Norwalk, CT; as well as Audrey J. Huggins McKoy of Indian Trail, NC. A host of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends also mourn her death. However, her spirit is alive and well in all who knew her.

Sam Cleveland McDowell was born March 27, 1941 to the late Clelier McDowell Simmons in Lanes, South Carolina. He departed this life on February 22, 2021. Sam accepted Christ 1956 - 2021 as his personal Saviour early in

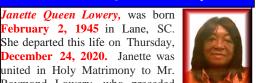


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and raised by the late Oscar "Pete" Banta and the life at Bethel AME Church in Lanes, SC, where her fond memories: four of Vanetta, NY, Fredrecker Shaw of Columbia, grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Raleigh (Cookie) Simmons; one aunt, Geneva Stamp; a host of nieces and nephews; special cousins, the entire McDowell/Parson family, Ossie Matthews, Reverend Dr. James R. Matthews, Joella and Edward McQueen; special friends, Howard Barrett, Robert McLoren and the crew from "The Farm and Shed"; special sons, Simon Clemmons and Van Lane; his extended family the Bryant's, JB, Julia, Carolyn, Helen, Brenda and Jimmy; other cousins, relatives and friends. Sames of Preceded in death by his siblings,

Sheila Simmons. Abraham Simmons and Judeudia McKjever Brounson.

Raymond Lowery, who preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish



daughters, Sharon Lowery of Lane, SC, Melinda Lowery of West Haven, CT, Michelle (Carl) Wallace of New Haven, CT and Tammy Darby of West Haven, CT; one son, Moses Bryant of New Haven, CT; four brothers, John Henry Gosie) Gallishaw of Lakeland, FL, Abraham Gallishaw, Isaac (Mildred) Gallishaw and Robert (Carol) Gallishaw all of New Haven, CT: a very special aunt, Lucille Wilson of Savannah, GA; a grandson, Jada Hardy; sisters-in-law, Cheryl Gallishaw of New Haven, CT and Millie Gallishaw of New York; 17 grandchildren, Anthony Lowery, Allise Lowery, Thaddeus (Veronica) Lowery, Herbert Lowery, Alex Lowery, Marquis Lowery, Martis Costin, Panache (Tyric) Williams, James Harvey, Sharlette Henry, Andrew Darby, Jr., Raymond Lowery, Ebony Pollard, Monae Bryant, Mohagany Bryant and Tywayne Bryant; thirtysix great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; along with a host of nieces and nephews, and a very special friend, Mr. William Mvers.

#### Robert Brown, Sr.

Robert Brown, Sr. was born to the late Joe Brown, Sr. and Gertude Parson Brown on May 02, 1953, after the passing of his parents, he was adopted by Eddie and Siller Convers. Robert was united in Holv



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Matrimony to his love, Deloris York Brown on July 18, 1980. Robert departed this earthly life on Monday, February 01, 2021 at Prisma Baptist Hospital, Columbia, SC. He leaves a loving family to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Deloris Brown of the home; two sons, Robert Brown, Jr. of Myrtle Beach, SC and Aquarius McFadden of Blythewood, SC; one daughter, Lisa S. Williams of Lane, SC; two adopted sons, Kevin Dukes of Lane, SC and Adrian Dukes of Columbia, SC; two sisters, Sarah Burgess of Kingstree, SC and Dorothy Coles of Charlotte NC; one brother, Sugar Rae Brown (Gabrielle) of Kentucky; five brothers-in-law, Jerry (Franchie) York of Florence, SC, Lee (Denise) York of Sumter, SC, Johnnie (Phyllis) York of Trenton, SC, Genesis McDowell and Nelson York both of Greeleyville, SC; three sisters-in-law, Mae Francis (Robert) Durant of Tameric, FL, Christina (RD) Lucky of Desoda GA and Francina Ingrimn of Americus, GA; adopted siblings, Ellis (Gracie) Conyers of Greeleyville, SC, Frank Conyers of Lane, SC, Sharon (Jimmy) Robinson of Atlanta, GA, Deloris Canty of Lane, SC and Elvis (Sharon) Pearson of High Point, NC; three very special friends who shared a brotherhood. Rev. Clifford Levine, James Parson and Calvin Bright; thirteen grandchildren; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

#### **Albert Frazier**

Albert Frazier, the third son born on November 19, 1957 to the late Rufus Frazier, Sr. and Beatrice Frazier, departed this world on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 for a better everlasting home. He was educated in Horry County Public Schools



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and graduated from Conway High School. He had his own unique relationship with God. He loved working with his hands, and he loved to paint houses inside and outside. He developed a wonderful relationship with the Parson Family. He lived with them, and they provided for him and took care of him. He loved the Parson Family. Albert was blessed with a former spouse, Shelia Barber; one son, Albert Frazier Jr., Bronx, New York; one daughter, Shayla Skinner, Conway, SC; one brother, Jerry A. (Rosalind) Frazier, Chesapeake, Virginia; two brothers (deceased) Eugene Singleton and Rufus Frazier, Jr; one sister-in-law, Patricia Singleton; nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends: James Sherman, Chris allen, Michael McCants, Ricky Kent, Timmy and Anthony Parson.



#### **Alton Monroe Keith**

Alton Monroe Keith (Dry) was born on December 27, 1943 in Conway SC to the late George Keith and Mamie Bellamy Keith. He departed this earthly life February 17, 2021. He was the second born of eight children. Alton graduate from Whittemore High School in 1963. After graduating from high school, he moved to Washington, DC. In Washington he worked in civil service until he was drafted in the US Army. His dream 1943 - 2021



was to go west, and he did. He resided in California over forty years. He enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. Alton loved his horses and playing golf. He would travel and participate in the Bill Pickett rodeos. He also participated with the Buffalo Soldiers chapter in Ojai, California. Alton worked as a supervisor with the Dairy Farmers of America Corporation. He enjoyed working for the company and retired two years ago. Alton leaves to cherish his memory: his life partner Carolyn Emmons of Ojai, California, his daughter Daria Nordness of Renton, Washington, two brothers: George Keith of Columbus, Ohio, Hubert Keith of Santa Rosa, California, two sisters: Janet Keith Thompson (Nate) of Conway, SC, Darlene Singleton of North Charleston, SC



#### Gertha E. Stanley

#### Mrs. Gertha E. Stanley, the daughter of the late Earl and Alberta Chestnut, was born on June 7, 1948. She departed this life on February 17, 2021 following an illness. At an ear;ly age she accepted Christ as her personal savior and joined



Chesterfield Missionary Baptist Church. She was a graduate from Chestnut Consolidated High School. Gertha was preceded to her grave by her parents, two brothers, Andrew and Floyd Chestnut; her husband, Sam Stanley and her son, Darryl Stanley. Gertha leaves her cherished sweet memories to four children, Sonya (terry) Murphy, Ryan (Evettie) Stanley, Gregory (Tonya) Wilson all of Longs, SC and Bernard (Denise) Jones of New Jersey; twenty grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchuldren; three brothers, Lloyd (Cynthia) Chestnut of Myrtle Beach, SC, Marion (Veronica) Chestnut and Carl Chestnut, both of Longs, SC; three sisters, Sandra (Larry) Jones of Conway, SC, Sharon (Ray) Scott and Evon Cox, both of Longs, SC; one uncle, Sam Vereen of Detroit, MI; a special cousin, Rodell Livingston and a host of Nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

#### Flossie Conner

Flossie Conner, 92, passed away Valentine's Day Sunday, **February 14 2021.** Flossie Conner was a Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend, and now an angel. Flossie Conner was a devoted Christian who was a faithful member of

Saint Paul AME Church in Littler River SC where she was on the missionary board, Stewardess board, and Senior Choir. Flossie Conner was also part of the Eastern Star Chapter 168. Flossie Conner lived life to the fulliest through simple pleasures like spending time with family, chatting with friends, enjoying her grand babies, visiting the senior center and so much more. She is survived by her four daughters Costella Randall, Margie Beaty, Beboline Henderson, and Sherrie Lorenzana. Granddaughters: Canella Randall, Latara Conner, and Martina Davis. Great Grands De'Jai Long, Hayley Davis, Lauriana Davis. and Shawn Conner. Mrs. Flossie has touched so many people lives with charismatic personality and will be very missed by many Family and Friends.

#### Jack E. Lance

Jack E. Lance departed his life on February 21, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. Jack was born in Georgetown, SC on August 30, 1960 to the late Samuel and Wilhelmina Murray-Lance. He attended Plantersville and Choppee High of which he



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graduated. Jack affectionally known as John became a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist church in Plantersville, SC at a early age and always keep his faith in God. He is survived by his former wife, Hazel Bellamy and to this union they were blessed with four children. Whitney Lance of Conway, SC, Jaquana (James) Johnson of Columbia, SC, Jessica (Ryan) Bromell of Plantersville, SC and Jarvis Bellamy also of Conway SC. Sisters; Theopia Spencer, Evelyn Lance, and Dora Grier all of New Haven CT and Cynthia Lance - Morant of Georgetown, SC. He is also survived by brothers, Charles (Irene) Lance West Palm Beach, Fl, James (Sheila) Lance of New Haven Ct and Ricky (Michelle) lance of Greenville, SC. He leaves to mourn grandchildren, Qvante Long, Iyana Smith, Omariana Johnson and Caleb and Amarina Watts and a host of nieces, nephews and family and friends.





#### Jerrlyn Neeley Gaghum

On Monday, February 1, 2021, our beloved Jerrlyn Neeley Gaghum transitioned to enter her heavenly home after a valiant battle with an extended illness. Jerrlyn was born on August 14, 1938 in Augusta Georgia to the late Ms. Natalie Neeley. 1938 - 2021 Jerrlyn was also and faithful and

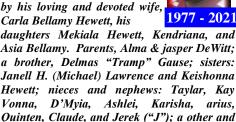


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committed member of the Cherry Hill, Missionary Baptist Church. In spite of the many lives she touched outside of her home, Jerrlyn will be missed most by her family. She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving and devoted husband, Mr. William "Bill" Gaghum; one step-son, Mr. William Gaghum, Jr, and one step-daughter, Ms. Tonya Bellamy; a very special niece, Mrs. Gayle Neeley; four sisters-in-law, Mrs. Carolyn Williams, Mrs. Elouise Williams, Mrs. Stephanie Williams, Mrs. Vernell Williams and Ms. Paula Gaghum; and a host of other relatives and family friends. In addition to her mourning family, Jerrlyn Gaghum will also be greatly missed by the hundreds of students, parents and co-workers whose lives she touched through her work in the schools and in the community. To Jerrlyn, they too were like her family.

#### **Anthony Tony Hewitt**

Anthony Hewett, 43, was born on March 2, 1977. He passed away Monday, February 8. **2021.** He was the son of Alma and Ellis Hewett. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife,



father-in-law, Doris and Cornelious Bellamy: Brothers-in-law: Cory (Erin) Bellamy and Sharika Marlowe. Anthony was a faithful member of Cedar Grove



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#### **Glenn Austin Bell**

Mr. Glenn Austin Bell was born Aug 3, 1945 to the late Leola and Thomas J. Bell. Mr. Bell died Feb. 19, 2021 following a short illness at Seacoast Hosp. in Little River, SC. He leaves to cherish 1945 - 2021 memories; Two Sons, Darrin Bell of Popular, SC and Laynado Bell of Ellenwood, Ga.

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#### Gloria Lynn Walker

Gloria Lynn Walker, daughter of John Tony Walker Sr. and Bessie Lee Walker was born on Tuesday, June 11, 1963, in Riverhead, NY. She departed this life on February 6, 2021. Gloria was the eldest of two siblings which



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included Cynthia Walker and John Tony Walker Jr. Gloria was the mother of three children, Nicole Walker, Bruce Walker and Jakarra Jenkins. Not only was she a loving daughter and a caring mother, but she was also a wonderful grandmother of Ja'Saahn Booker and Jesiah Jenkins. Gloria passed in her sleep at the age of 57 on February 6th 2021 in her home of which she resided with her lifelong love and father of her two oldest children, Bruce Parham. She was well known for her thoughtfulness and her personality. Gloria moved from Long Island New York on 2011 when her oldest daughter became pregnant, she wanted to be close to her first grandchild. She moved to the beach and fell in love with the area. For her occupation, she worked in housekeeping where she could see the beach daily.



#### Mildred E. Johnson

Deaconess Mildred Jordan Johnson, daughter of the late Wade and Alberta Spain Jordan was born January 4, 1935 in Conway, South Carolina and departed this life on Sunday, **January 31, 2021** with her family 1935 - 2021



at her side. She attended the Rosenwald School in the Sandridge Community and furthered her studies at Whittemore High School in Conway. She is survived by her loving children and their spouses: Ronald (Deloris) Johnson, Conway, SC, Cadelius Johnson, Hinesville, GA, Willie Johnson, Conway, SC, Anthony Johnson, Hinesville, GA, Jamie (Kelvin) Gerald, Marion, SC, Rodney Johnson, Conway, SC, one adopted son, Kontrey Jackson, Savannah, GA and Tiehema Brown (granddaughter raised in the home) Columbia, SC; Mrs. Olivia Bella-my Jordan (a very special cousin who she loved as a sister) Conway, SC; thirteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren



#### Rhodell Bellamy

Mrs. Rhodell Bellamy was born January 26, 1925 to the late Mr. Richard Bellamy and Mrs. Julianne Smith Bellamy. She departed this life on Saturday, **January 30, 2021** at the beautiful age of 96. She



1925 - 2021 Mae attended the public schools

was raised in Little River section of Horry of Williamsburg County and Horry County. Bellamy, Johnnie Bellamy, Anderson. care, love and support shown.



February 6, 2021, Deaconess Mvrtle Gordon Chestnut departed this life at her home. She was born July 18, 1935 in Lanes, SC to the late Rosa Morant Johnson and the late Marshall Gordon. Myrtle 1935 - 2021

**Myrtle Mae Gordon Chestnut** 



County. She was married to the late Mr. On August 15, 1952, after a 2-year courtship Ralph Bellamy and unto this union six united in Holy matrimony to Lonnie Bennett children were born. She had four siblings Chestnut, Sr. To this union 4 children were born. that all proceeded her in death -Louis Preceding Mrs. Chestnut was her mother, father, Luther siblings: Ruth Ollie Morant, Joanne Grate, Elaine Bellamy, and one adopted Sister Ella J. Hunt, Andrew Johnson, Jr. Preston White and She leaves to cherish fond Zenobia Garner. Left to cherish her memories memories - two children, Mr. Ralph Augustus are her husband of 68 years Rev. Lonnie B. Bellamy and Diane Bellamy of the home, One Chestnut, Sr. of the home, son Lonnie B. son-in-law, Mr. James Earl Leach of Sunset Chestnut, Jr. Tonya. Charlotte, N.C., son Beach, NC, 72 Grandchildren, 25 Great-Kenneth E. Chestnut, Sr. (Laurie), Conway, S.C., grandchildren, 7 Great-great grandchildren, A daughter Cassandra L. Chestnut-Campbell, great host of nieces, nephews, cousins and Greenville, N.C. and daughter Barbara A. many loving friends. The family expresses love Chestnut (Myrtle Mae 's heartbeat), Conway, and gratitude to Rev. James L. Smith and the S.C. Surviving sibling: Ermyn Hall (Eunice), Mt. Calvary #2 church family for all of their Conway, SC Mary Greggs (Willie Jr.), Conway, SC and Anna Thompson, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Sister in-law; Lula Mae Vereen of Conway, S C, Mable Connor (Rufus), Mildred McWhite, Coward, S.C., Cleonis Kerston, Conway, S.C. and adopted sister. Pat Rainey. Conway, S.C. Five grandsons; Kenneth Earl Chestnut Jr, (Tanya), Antonio "Tony" Lamont Chestnut (Amanda), Lonnie B: Chestnut, III (Jonee'), Christopher Lee Chestnut Sr. (Nicole) Brett Andre' Chestnut (Loren). Twelve greatgrands, a host of nieces, nephews, Latimer's and cousins.

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#### **Stephen James Wilson**

Wilson Stephen James was affectionately known as "Scooter" to all who knew and loved him. Scooter lived his life with the values of family, love, loyalty and respect. He was born July 25, 1991. He departed this life on January 21,



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**2021.** The first ten years of his life were spent in ST. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. During these years Scooter developed a huge love of Stephen was the son of Donnis Schetrompf and James Monroe Wilson, Jr. Jerome Schetrompf, Sr., who was the main influence and role model in his life for more than 20 years. In addition to his mother and father, he is survived by the love of his life, Dameeka Reedy, a son, Carter D. Turner, a daughter, Aniyah Wilson, a brother, Anthony Vinson, a sister, Amanda Wilson, a step-son, Israel Lester, a step-daughter, Alaya Lester, nephew, Princeton N. Wilson, grandfather, Donald B. Vinson, SR., of Mississippi, and James M. Wilson, Sr., of TX. Also, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins from Mississippi, LA., CA., TX and MD. A step-father, Shawn Goslee. He was preceded in death by his grandmothers: Margaret Wyrick and Irene Wilson; and step-father, Scooter you will be truly and deeply missed, always loved, and NEVER FORGOTTEN. food.

## **Milton Larry Jenkins**

Milton Larry Jenkins, 73 of Longs, South Carolina departed this earthly life on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in Conway South Carolina. Larry was born in New York City, the son of the late Cleveland Jenkins and Gwendolyn Trice on July 1947 **17,1947.** He was a graduate



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of Wingate High School and later graduated from Altima Technical College with an Associated Degree in Electronics Larry is proceeded in -death by his parents, Cleveland Jenkins and Gwendolyn Trice; one brother, William Trice; mother-in-law, Lillie Beckham; brother-in-law, John Beckham and a sister-in -law, Betty Beckham. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Juanita G Jenkins; two daughters, Sharon R. Jenkins and April McCray; four grandchildren, Andre, Kylie, Ashley and Melia; one sister-in-law, Bertha Brooks; one brother-in-law, James Beckham; nine siblings, Cheryl (Joe) Keel, T. C. Jenkins, Carol Trice, Tyrone Trice, Deborah, Charlotte, Roslyn, Raymond, James Avant; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

#### **Burnette Shenise Convers Wilkes**

Mrs. Burnette Shenise Convers Wilkes, daughter of the late Eddie & Siller Conyers, Sr. was born May 13, 1949 in Lane, SC. Burnette entered into eternal rest Monday, October 12, 2020 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Hospital in High Point, NC. She



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was joined in Holy Matrimony to David Ray Wilkes, Sr. on July 30, 1967. To this union, three children were born: Tonya (Garret) Walker, Marcella Buchanan, and David (Deon) Wilkes, Jr. Others left to cherish her memories include: five grandchildren, Tyler Evans, Camryn Wilkes, Christopher Buchanan, Garrett Walker, Jr., and Camille Buchanan all of High Point, NC; two sisters, Sherian Gimmy) Robinson of Fairburn, GA and Deloris Canty of Lane, SC; six brothers, Eddie (Grace) Conyers of Greeleyville, SC, Franklyn (Deborah) of Lane, SC, Elvis (Sharon) Pearson of High Point, NC, Joseph Keels of Winston Salem, NC, Roy Davis of Thomasville, NC, and Arthur Davis of Greensboro, NC; two sister-in-laws, Nancy Wilkes of High Point, NC and Annette (Bernard) Gandy of Douglasville, GA; two aunts, Mary Convers and Lucretia Conversboth of Greeleyville, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, church family and dear friends.





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