

The Historical Role of Black Nurses in Horry County (Part 1)



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**Amid The COVID-19 Pandemic
Where Are the Black Nurses and Physicians?**

Race major factor in saving Black babies and in comforting worried Black mothers

Infant mortality continues to be a growing issue within the Black community. A number of studies have highlighted staggering disparities between Black infant mortality and that of White infants. But a new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences shows that Black newborns are more likely to survive if they are cared for by Black physicians.

While there has been much talk throughout the public health community as to whether race matters in the patient-provider relationship, this paper may be the first evidence to show that it does. For Black mothers, this only further solidifies their desire to work with Black physicians.

Reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show in 2016, the Non-Hispanic Black infant mortality rate stood at 11.4 percent, while the Non-Hispanic White mortality rate stood at 4.9 percent.

Drs. Brad Greenwood and Rachel Hardeman, along with two other co-authors, dug deeper and discovered when Black newborns are the same race as the doctors who look after them, the mortality rate is cut in half. When the race of the patient matches the race of the doctor—referred to as racial concordance—they found it to be associated with a “significant” improvement in mortality for Black babies.

Mr. Greenwood said this statistical improvement was persistent across the board—regardless of what kind of Black doctor treated the Black newborn. “In this style of work, usually you try and find a relationship and you say oh okay, this relationship is there, like University in Virginia. “And no matter what we did, this thing’s just there. It’s like, if you look at pediatricians and non- pediatricians, Medicaid patients, self-insured patients, if you look across neonatologists, it’s just like ... no matter how you cut this thing, it’s just there.”

According to the study, socioeconomic inequality and racial bias have a part to play in the high mortality rate of Black babies. Racism is something that has been present throughout the medical system, said Ms. Hardeman, whose research focuses on race, gender and health. “There’s certainly this legacy and history that’s deeply embedded in how Black bodies have been used in the health care system,” she said. “I think most people are familiar with the Tuskegee syphilis experiment and its impact on Black men.” She went on to reference J. Marion Sims, referred to as the father of modern gynecology, who used the bodies of enslaved Black women to perfect his surgical techniques. Although race is a big player in improving the mortality rate for Black infants, it doesn’t seem to have the same effect on the Black maternal mortality rate, according to the study.

When flipped around, scientists have also found that when White infants are treated by White doctors, it has little effect on White infant mortality. “All caveats on speculation, I think the most notable explanation is likely that the prototypical patient is White,” Mr. Bradwood explained. He went on to say there’s significant evidence that suggests most medicine is based on the physiology of Whites.

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—Dr. Carletha Hughes

ixed bag of responses. “The refreshing reaction has been people saying okay, what do we do? And I think that’s the right approach because babies are dying,” he said. “The goal here is not to pathologize anybody, it’s not to demonize anybody. It’s to say is is a problem, we need to take steps to understand it because babies are dying. I think throughout her career. She says the differences she’s observed when Black babies are treated by Black doctors, has a lot to do with communication.



Dr. Rachel Hardeman **Dr. Carletha Hughes**



Irena Bottoms feeds her baby as mothers and supportive family members attend a monthly gathering that promotes breast-feeding at a YMCA in Milwaukee, Dec. 11, 2014. Photo: AP/Wide World Photos

Even before this new study was released, Black mothers have long sought out Black physicians to care for them and their children. However, with disparities within the medical workforce, it can be challenging to find them.

Dr. Carletha Hughes, a pediatrician in the Chicago area for 14 years, says she’s worked with a diverse group of patients had meetings about this topic of Black infant mortality, and also Black maternal mortality. She says in her experience, there’s not just racism within the medical system, but a lot of judgment. “There used to be a saying in medicine, don’t tell me how much you know, tell me how much you care,” she said. “We live in a racist society, probably if we didn’t, it wouldn’t matter if we’re Black, but since the society kills us at whatever place they can ... Anecdotally, it is important that people feel cared about.” Mr. Bradwood says their research has been received with a

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“Me being African American, I’m able to communicate more efficiently with some of the patients, understanding the lingo and understanding where they came from and I think that’s where it starts,” she said. This is also the case for Carla Clark, a doula from California. She’s been a doula for two years, but has serviced pregnant women for 15 years. She says Black mothers often want to work with Black physicians, but with only five percent of them making up the workforce, they’re often hard to find. “There’s not a big pool of physicians that are Black to choose from,” said Ms. Clark. “And a lot of the time, the Black physicians are through private insurance.” She explained in the state of California, most of the moms she works with have Medi-Cal, which is a low-cost or free health insurance. “Through that, there’s not a lot of Black physicians that take Medi-Cal, they’re usually in the larger practices,” she said. Ms. Hughes says with this statistics surrounding Black infant mortality rates, it’s one reason why more Black physicians are needed. “Just being in our population and especially since we have a high disparity in medicine period, especially in our community,” she said. “Just being able to communicate with the patients and understand them is a big deal. I find that a lot of miscommunication and not taking

Black people seriously is where it starts, especially in medicine. Medicine can be a little unjust when it comes to patients.”

Miscommunication and misunderstanding are two big reasons Black mothers seek out Black doctors, Ms. Clark said. In fact, a study published in 2016 by the University of Virginia showed that White medical students and residents held false beliefs about biological differences between Blacks and Whites, which could affect how they treated pain experienced by Black patients. Both Ms. Clark and Ms. Hughes agree that Black mothers say they’re often not taken seriously by their White doctors, possibly because of false beliefs. “Just think about people who’ve never been around Black people,” Ms. Hughes said. “When they complain of pain, you don’t take it as serious because you see them being tortured on TV or the amount of distress they see on TV, you don’t take it as serious. Or you assume that they’re drug-seeking, or you assume that it’s not a big deal.” The desire to be understood is a fueling factor for Black moms, Ms. Clark says. “[Black physicians] know their culture and their cultural issues that they face better,” she explained. “They trust them more, they feel like they can talk to their physician about things that are going on with their baby, things that are going on with their families. They have more of a relationship with them, as opposed to White physicians.” Mylene Rucker, who has worked in southern California as a family practice physician for more than 30 years, says the Association of

Black Women Physicians have had meetings about this topic of Black infant mortality, and also Black maternal mortality. She says in her experience, there’s not just racism within the medical system, but a lot of judgment. “There used to be a saying in medicine, don’t tell me how much you know, tell me how much you care,” she said. “We live in a racist society, probably if we didn’t, it wouldn’t matter if we’re Black, but since the society kills us at whatever place they can ... Anecdotally, it is important that people feel cared about.” Mr. Bradwood says their research has been received with a mixed bag of responses.

Through her own research, Ms. Hardeman has examined culture-centered models of maternal care and how it could be developed in multiple settings. She has studied this through a Black-owned birthing center in Minneapolis. She also suggests looking into racial biases within the physician workforce. “That’s not to say because every Black patient should have a Black doctor but it’s certainly a problem that Black people make up 13 percent of the U.S. population but only 5 percent of the physician workforce,” she said. Mr. Greenwood says there’s also much more research to be done. “We’ve identified locations where this effect is stronger or weaker and we can identify physicians who are performing well and who are not performing as well,” he said. “We can take information and skilled routines or high performing behaviors and promulgate them to physicians and hospitals that are not performing as well. These are basic steps which we can take to try and mitigate these problems. But it starts with recognizing that there’s an issue.”

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Dalvry Blackwell, co-founder of the African American Breastfeeding Network, talks with young mothers as she holds a baby from an attendee at a monthly gathering that promotes breast-feeding held at a YMCA in Milwaukee. Photos: AP/Wide World Photo



Nakida Maxson, whose friends joked that birthing classes and taking prenatal pills were things only White people did, holds her 15-day-old daughter, Dariya Jordan Smith, at home April 30, 2004, in Chicago. With the Black infant mortality rate more than twice as high as Whites, Maxson was determined to not become part of that troubling statistical trend and ignored her friends saying “It’s not a White people thing, it’s a child thing.”

Howard University To Receive \$32.8 Million Bloomberg Donation To Support Black Doctors

September 2020



Howard University is set to receive \$32.8 million for scholarships for current College of Medicine students with financial need.

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Former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg announced a \$100 million donation to four historically Black medical schools today, including a \$32.8 million gift to the Howard University College of Medicine. The effort is designed to improve the health and wellness of Black communities during the pandemic and beyond, and to ease the financial burden on Black medical students.

According to the press release, 800 medical students among the institutions will each receive grants up to \$100,000. The other schools receiving funds are ***Charles R. Drew University of Science and Medicine, in Los Angeles; Meharry Medical College, in Nashville; and Morehouse School of Medicine, in Atlanta.***

*“Healthcare disparities exist for a myriad of reasons related to systemic infrastructural issues, not the least of which is the dearth of black doctors. Black doctors with cultural competency are a major part of the solution, but their path is often hampered by a compromised financial situation,” said **Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick, President of Howard University**, in the release. “This gift from Bloomberg Philanthropies is the first stone dropped into a calm lake of opportunity and promise. The ripple effects that it will have on the lives of our students and our programs will carry on for generations.”*

Bloomberg’s intent is to increase the number of Black doctors in America, and ultimately reduce racial disparities in health and wealth. He made the donation after reviewing data that suggests Black doctors help provide more positive outcomes for Black patients, and are more likely to work in communities that have been ignored, according to the New York Times’ DealBook newsletter.

“By increasing the number of Black doctors, we hope the gift will help to save more Black lives and reduce the health problems that limit economic opportunity in Black communities,” Bloomberg told the New York Times.

Howard University College of Medicine will determine the eligibility of students for the scholarships. Students currently in years two, three, and four of medical school can receive retroactive scholarships to reduce debt, according to the release.

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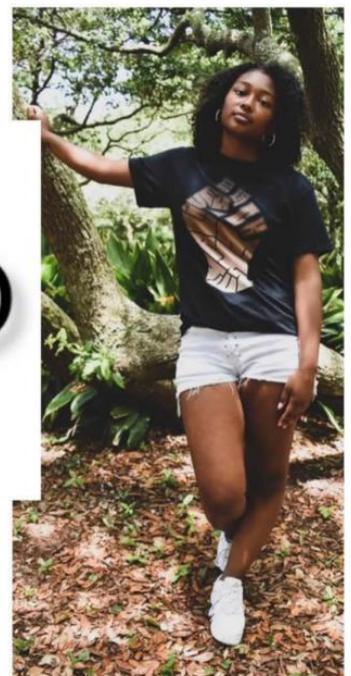
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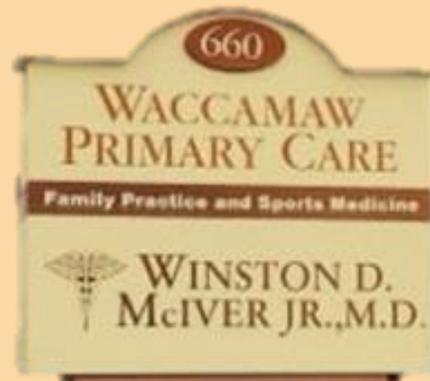
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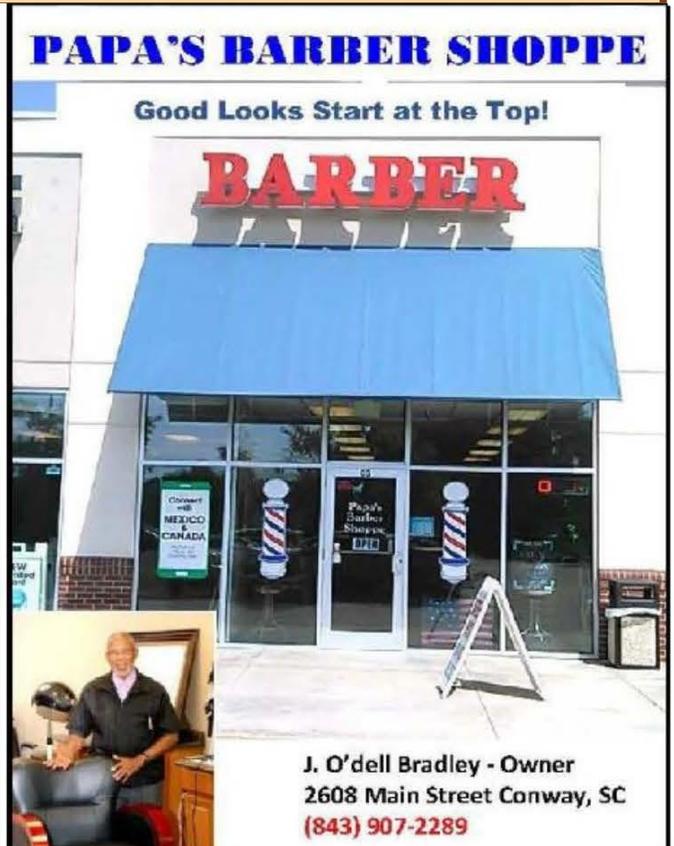
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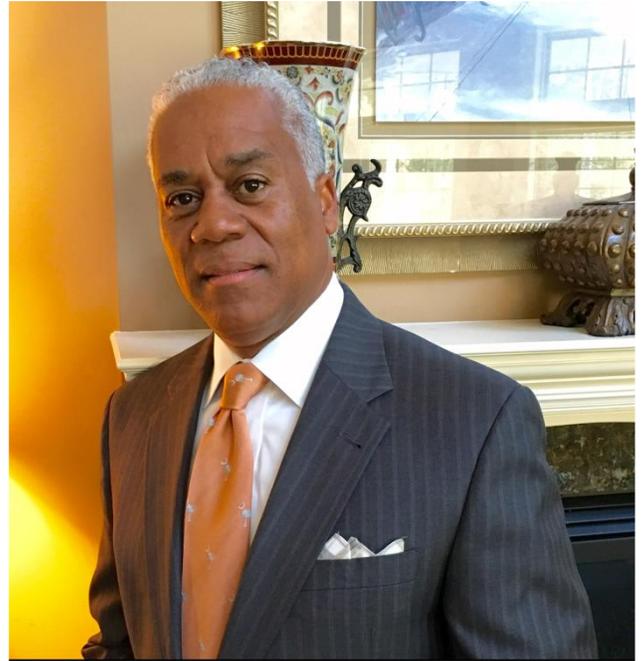
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Historic Myrtle Beach Colored School Museum & Education Center

By Mary Cookie-Goings



Mary Cookie-Goings
Director
Neighborhood Services

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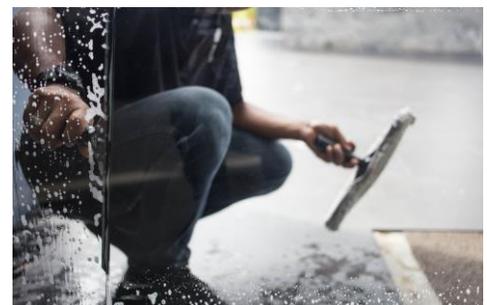


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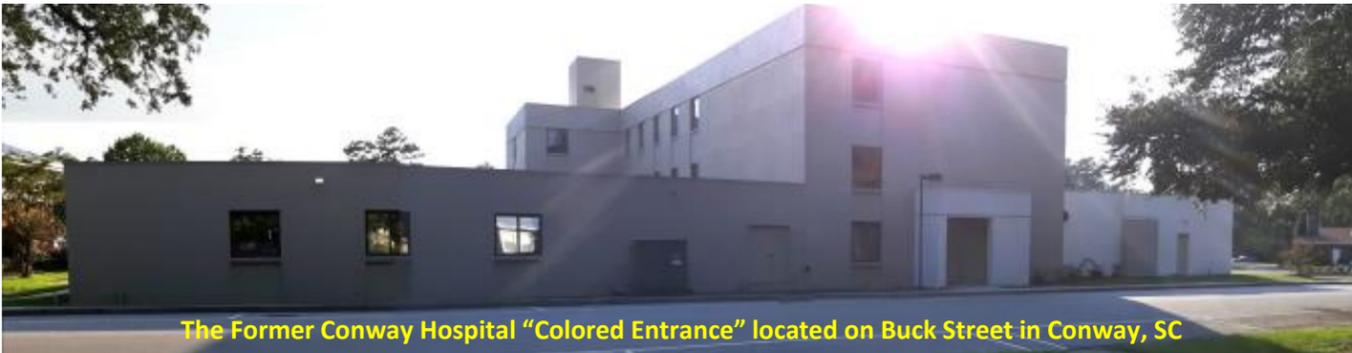
PART -1

Nurse Sarah S. Graham, RN



Mrs. Sarah Searson Graham, RN, better known as Nurse Graham, recently celebrated her **96th Birth Anniversary**. Nurse Graham was born *Sarah Isabella Searson* on March 14, 1924 in Alcolu, South Carolina. She moved to Williamsburg County, SC in 1928 upon the passing of her mother, Dollie, and raised as siblings of the grandchildren of Edward Gibson & Sarah Emma McClary. On June 6, 1970 Nurse Graham was awarded an Associate Science in Technical Nursing Degree from the University of South Carolina Coastal Carolina Regional Campus. Wasting no time, she subsequently went on to prepare for and fulfill the requirements for a Registered Nurse. On August 8, 1970 she was awarded her certificate as a Licensed Registered Nurse by the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina (See Certificates Below).

Amid this COVID-19 pandemic along with the shortage of Black Nurses, The Whittemore Community Magazine feels that this is the perfect opportunity to remember and recognize those who have made significant contributions to the fields of nursing and medicine. It can be easy to forget just how far these disciplines have come and the people who worked tirelessly to advance our knowledge and help save lives. Today around 10% of nurses in the United States are black (National Black Nurses Association). With that in mind, here is just a small selection of Black Registered Nurses (Living & Deceased) who *“Took care of our parents and grandparents”* at the old Conway Hospital that we were able to obtain information on. It is our understanding that there are a few more who served at this hospital. When we get more information we will gladly publish it.



The Former Conway Hospital "Colored Entrance" located on Buck Street in Conway, SC

Nurse Annie L. Hickman, RN 1909 - 2002



Mrs. Annie Lizzette Hickman RN, was born in Norfolk VA on November 18, 1909 and passed away on May 20, 2002. She was a graduate of North Carolina Central School of Nursing. She was the first Black Registered Nurse in Conway, S.C. located in Horry County. Nurse, as she was

affectionately called by many, was invited to come to Horry County by the only black physician at that time, the late Dr. Peter C. Kelly, to administer the tuberculosis vaccine to the black population. She was the first black Registered Nurse at Conway Hospital. She was also employed as a School Nurse at the only black high school during that time, Whittemore High School. In the 60's she also worked with the County Public Library (Horry County Memorial Library), along with Mrs. Edna Levister, driving a Bookmobile which was a library bus that contained books that could be checked out by black children in the rural areas of Horry County because their transportation was limited. The Bookmobile made it possible for children to receive books who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to read beyond text books. She also worked during that time with Conway Hospital and Conway Nursing Home for many years. Such an awesome woman, wife and mother. She was the wife of the late Mr. Charlie L. Hickman and mother of Edna Hickman Talley, Charlieess Hickman-Jackson, and Karl F. Hickman (Deceased).



Nurse Ida Mae Hughes, RN 1918 - 1984



Mrs. Ida Mae Murray Hughes was born on October 12, 1918. She was a 1936 graduate of Whittemore High School. She went on to attend Nursing School at St. Augustine University, Raleigh, North Carolina. She did a tour of duty in Korea as an Army Captain, Worked at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, Conway Hospital, Conway South Carolina and Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Hospital, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina until retirement. Nurse Hughes believed in education and advancement for us all. She and her sister, Bessie Murray Gallishaw, a professional seamstress and educator were described as beacons of light for the family, Conway SC and Horry County.



Nurse Georgia M. Lance, RN 1926 - 2015



Mrs. Georgia Mae Small Lance was born June 14, 1926 to the late deacon & Mrs. George A. and Sallie Small in Burgess, SC. She lived in Burgess, SC., and was married to the late Gabriel B. Lance, Sr. in 1948. **Nurse Lance** attended the St. James Rosenwald Grade School in Burgess, SC, Whittemore High School in Conway, SC, Good Samaritan Wavelly School of Nursing, and Allen University, Columbia, SC. She was also affiliated with St. Philip Hospital & Medical College, Richmond, Va., and South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC. **Nurse Lance** had many accomplishments including: President of the Burgess New Homemaker Club, Vice President of St. Peter Baptist Church, recording Secretary and past Associate matron of the Loyal Service #226 Order of Eastern Star. She became the Church Clerk of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church in 1986 and held this position for many years. As a Registered Nurse, she served the many people of the Burgess Community and Horry County for 48 Years. She loved people and worked diligently in her Church and the community



Special appreciation is extended to the families and friends who provided the above information, including photos and graphics of the respective nurses shown above.

Lack of African American Nurses: A Major Issue

by Reggie Fullwood of Jacksonville Free Press

It is certainly no secret that Dr. Martin Luther King was a champion for civil rights, but most don't realize that he was passionate about healthcare and how the lack of access to quality medical services affected minority communities.

Dr. King once said, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane." Fast forward to 2019, and while health disparities still exist, the bigger issue facing the health care industry nationally is the lack of nurses. Essentially, people are living longer, and more nurses are needed as baby boomers age. Between population growth and people living longer there has been a need for more rehabilitation facilities, urgent cares, walk-in medical clinics and outpatient facilities. So, while it is easier than ever to get medical treatment outside of a hospital or doctor's office, the professionals or nurses to staff those facilities are in short supply.

Sorry racists and bigots, but because of the nation's changing demographics—population experts predict the U.S. will become a majority "minority" nation by 2050. This fact puts an additional strain on hospital systems and physician practices to hire a more diverse nursing workforce.

Here's a reality that many may not want to acknowledge. Patients respond better when they receive "culturally competent care" – when caregivers meet the social, cultural and linguistic needs of their patients. It makes sense if you think about it. My primary care physician is an African American male doctor, and not because I don't think that a white physician can do a good job, but because I feel more comfortable knowing that he's an expert in the health issues that are prominent in the black community.

Back in May, we celebrated National Nursing Week, and while more than 4 million registered nurses (RN) celebrated, Florida is still in dire need of more RNs. Combine Florida with Texas and California, and the three states account for nearly 40 percent of the national nursing shortage. While the absence of a culturally competent healthcare workforce has been recognized as a problem by healthcare professionals for at least the past two decades, **there is an opportunity to fix the problem by creating programs that specifically target minority nursing candidates.** If not now – when?

According to the Florida Center for Nursing, more than 40 percent of Florida nurses are approaching retirement age in the next 10 years, leaving the state to face a shortage of RNs by 2025. This fact alone is terrifying and enough to cripple the state's healthcare system. The need for registered nurses is expected to grow by 15 percent from 2016 to 2026, compared to 7% growth across all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The publication Modern Healthcare, states, "While white women make up more than three-quarters of the nursing workforce, according to the HRSA, there has been some growth in minority trainees at the nation's nursing schools. Between 2006 and 2015, the proportion of minority students enrolled in bachelor's degree nursing programs rose from 25% to 32%, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The number of minority students in doctorate nursing degree programs climbed from 19% to 31% in that time." **So, although there has been growth, there is still a significant lack of African American and minorities nurses.** While the American Association of Colleges of Nursing reported a 3.7% enrollment increase in entry-level baccalaureate programs in nursing last year the AACN says that enrollment is not growing fast enough to meet the projected demand for RN and APRN services.

Here is the other fundamental problem, there's just not enough accredited schools to meet the need. According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the lack of spots in schools also affects the shortage. In the past, one of the difficulties for minority students was access or acceptance in to nursing programs. Today, there isn't a shortage of minorities looking to enter the profession, but there are still challenges with access and simply not enough slots to accommodate these students. In the past, one of the difficulties for minority students was access or acceptance in to nursing programs. Today, there isn't a shortage of minorities looking to enter the profession, but there are still challenges with access and simply not enough slots to accommodate these students.

So why should anyone care about the state and national nursing shortage? It's really a quality of care issue and a matter of equality and opportunity for those minorities who want to start careers in healthcare. One thing for sure, health care jobs will only continue to grow, and these careers provide high wages and longevity. **As the late U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy said, "Healthcare is a right, not a privilege."**



Reggie Fullwood



An Open Letter To African American Nurses

by Gina Brown, PhD, RN, MSA | May 11, 2020 | *Black and African-American Nurses, Blog, Minority and Community*

In 1982, the famed gospel songwriter Andrae' Crouch wrote a song with lyrics that contain the following words; "How can I say thanks, for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet, You gave to prove Your love for me; The voices of a million angels, could not express my gratitude. All that I am, and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee." While the song is giving God the glory, the words are apropos for nurses that we all love and respect. During the first week of May each year, we honor our "angels" and tell them "thanks for all that they have done and continue to do for us". While this year is no exception, what makes this especially meaningful is the light that the COVID-19 pandemic has shone on the sacrifice of these angels. When asking people what nurses mean to them, the following quotes were shared with me.



"I love nurses because people who need a nurses' touch can always count on the nurse to give them exactly what they need, at the exact time that they need it."

"Nurses can alleviate an individual's stress, anxiety, and in some instances pain. The soft voice of a nurse can almost mask a person's pain."

A nurse will give you hope when there is no hope. A nurse must have a quality of care that stems from humility and all of the other branches that come from that humility will heal a patient." The most poignant comment comes from 11-year-old Pearson G. Paige who stated: "I love nurses. A nurse is something special. Nurses are cool. Nurses are nice."

While people brag about our beloved Florence Nightingale, I want to turn your attention to a few of our African American nurses that have made a difference in not just the African American community, but in the world as a whole.

Meet **Anna Knight**, born in 1874 and from the state of Mississippi who taught herself how to read and write before attending nursing school. It is believed that Anna Knight would encounter knocks at her door from family members of victims of "botched hangings" because God would not allow them to die that way.

While there were many who officially practiced nursing before 1879, **Mary Eliza Mahoney** has been noted as the first African American "registered nurse". She is credited with co-founding the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses and is one of the original members of what is now known as the American Nurses Association.

While many of us saw and loved the movie "Harriett," little is mentioned in the movie about **Harriett Tubman** being a nurse. Not only did she free more than 300 slaves, but she also worked tirelessly as a union army nurse.

Twice named the "Army Nurse of the Year," **Dr. Hazel W. Johnson-Brown** not only faced discrimination as an African American nurse but beat it by earning a master's and PhD degree in her specialty Continuing to serve not just the nation, but at Howard University as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Visitors, **Dr. Bernadine Lacey** also served as the Bronson School of Nursing's founding director at Western Michigan University.

There are many that we could list within the arena of nursing that have focused on the healing of those within our African American community. You see there are many "nurses" who did not go to school to become a nurse but were still "nurses," such as mothers who have nursed their children back to life. Nurses are also grandmothers who raised their multiple grandchildren and gave them "life."

The story is told by a friend of mine who stepped on a 2x4 board in which a nail was lodged. His grandparents were one of the first "male and female nursing teams." Subsequently, his grandfather put him on the table and told him to look at his grandmother, while he pulled the nail out of the nine-year-old's foot.

The grandmother then took over and placed a piece of salt pork over the area which then leached out the rust from the nail and then ordered "bed rest" for the rest of the day..... noted that the salt pork had pulled out all of the impurities.

Another story is told of a young boy who was catching bees with a jar. Subsequently, he was stung by the bee and had an allergic reaction. The neighbor next door, took a cigarette, broke it in half, got the tobacco out, wet it, and placed it on the sting. Immediately the swelling went down, and the pain went away.

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However, as we honor our nurses, we honor them as never before, realizing their importance, their value, and their worth during this unprecedented time in our nation's history. To all of our nurses who have worked tirelessly, worked back to back shifts, turned patients "prone" due to COVID-19, cried with family members, attended 10 person funerals, and have ultimately paid for illnesses with their own lives, we salute you. Your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed, nor has it been made in vain. Thank you for what you do every day, all day, for people that you don't even know. Thank you, thank you, thank you. May GOD repay you 100-fold for what you give to others each and every day.

Race gaps in COVID-19 deaths are even bigger than they appear

Tiffany Ford, Sarah Reber, and Richard V. Reeves of The Brookings Institution - Tuesday, June 16, 2020

COVID-19 pandemic has been like the flash of an X-ray, exposing the deep fractures in U.S. society – not least by race. New data from CDC shows that the death rates among Black and Hispanic/Latino people are much higher than for white people, in all age categories: Stark inequalities in COVID outcomes exist for the American Indian and Alaska Native population as well, however information on death rates for these groups is incomplete. Here, we focus on the three largest racial/ethnic groups, white, Black, and Hispanic/Latino, for which data are more reliable and which account for 93% of all COVID deaths reported by the CDC (through June 6).

Death rates among Black people between 55-64 years are higher than for white people aged 65-74, and death rates are higher for Blacks aged 65-74 than for whites aged 75-84, and so on. In every age category, Black people are dying from COVID at roughly the same rate as white people more than a decade older. Age-specific death rates for Hispanic/Latino people fall in between.

These disparities can be observed at all ages, but are especially marked in somewhat younger age groups. These disparities can be seen more clearly by comparing the ratio of death rates among Black and Hispanic/Latino people to the rate for white people in each age category. Among those aged 45-54, for example, Black and Hispanic/Latino death rates are at least six times higher than for whites:

Whites comprise 62% of people in the U.S. between ages 45-54. In that age group, 1,013 white people have died from COVID-19 (22% of the total) compared to 1,448 Black people and 1,698 Hispanic/Latino people.

.....race gaps in vulnerability to COVID-19 highlight the accumulated, intersecting inequities facing Americans of color (but especially Black people) in jobs, housing, education, criminal justice – and in health.

WHAT'S BEHIND THE RACE GAP IN COVID-19 DEATHS?

A number of factors are likely contributing to the substantial race gaps in mortality rates. These factors may be influencing the risk of infection and/or the risk of death among those infected. Infection rates could be higher among Black and Hispanic/Latino people because of occupations, less social distancing – and especially geography. The parts of the country hit hardest so far by COVID-19 have larger Black and Hispanic/Latino populations. The CDC has produced data showing the percentage of reported deaths by race compared to the population weighted by the geography of the pandemic. These data suggest that Black and white people account for a slightly higher share of the COVID-19 deaths than of the population of locations where the pandemic hit hardest, while Hispanic/Latino people account for a smaller share. Critically, however, these data do not take age into account. (There are concerns about data quality with regard to COVID-19 in general, including the attribution of deaths to the virus, testing rates, and so on; but problems with the data are unlikely to account for these stark differences by race shown here). While geography may be part of the explanation for the race gaps, it does not look to be the main one.

Black and Hispanic/Latino people may also more vulnerable to COVID-19 if they become infected, because of less access to health care or greater prevalence of co-morbidities such as hypertension, obesity, diabetes, and lung disease – which in turn reflect broader racial inequalities. Our colleague Rashawn Ray has unpacked the structural conditions that may be causing racial inequalities in COVID-19 deaths.

LOOKING HARDER AT AGE AND RACE

As we argued in a previous analysis on gender, the need to take age into account is paramount, given the huge age gradient in vulnerability to COVID-19. That is why we focused on age-specific death rates above. It bears underlining that a much higher percentage of the white population is in older age groups. Older people are more likely to die from COVID-19 (shown in the black line below), and whites are much more likely to be in the oldest age groups (shown in the bars), where the COVID-19 death rates are highest. For example, 9% of white people are over 75, compared to 4% of Black people and 3% of Hispanic/Latino people:

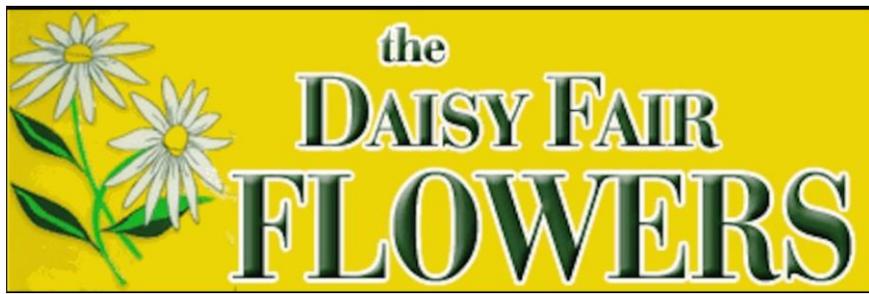
RACIAL JUSTICE IS ABOUT HEALTH, TOO

The issue of racial injustice has rightfully joined the pandemic at the top of the national agenda. Protests against the metronomic killing of Black people, especially at the hands of police, are taking place across the country. At the same time, race gaps in vulnerability to COVID-19 highlight the accumulated, intersecting inequities facing Americans of color (but especially Black people) in jobs, housing, education, criminal justice – and in health.

As our former colleague [Dayna Bowen Matthew](#), author of [Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care](#), puts it: “What we politely call a ‘health disparity’ is killing people of color daily. It is causing people of color to live sicker and die quicker, because of the color of their skin.” The data on COVID-19 provide the latest proof of this enduring fact.

[1] We use the CDC race/ethnicity definitions, so the white and Black categories exclude Hispanic/Latinos, and Hispanic/Latino refers to Hispanic/Latino of any race.

[2] Note that these age-adjusted rates are meant to facilitate comparisons across groups and should not be confused with actual death rates for these populations. But they provide a useful window into understanding the differential impact of COVID-19 by race and ethnicity.



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Alicia McLeod, a Conway High School Graduate and niece of Linda Williams Benson WHS '69, will attend USC-Upstate, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Christian Newman



Christian Newman, Academy for the Arts Science and Technology and relative of Edward McQueen WHS '65, will attend Furman University.

Shakira Ford



Shakira Ford, a Woodmont High School Graduate and granddaughter of John Ford WHS '63, will attend Greenville Technical College.

Kareem Spain



Kareem Spain, a Blythewood High School Graduate and grandson of Rev. Laura Spain WHS '53, will attend Coastal Carolina University.

Javari Phillips



Javari Phillips, a Conway High School Graduate and grandson of Albert Long WHS '69, will attend Coker University.

Keniah Wallace



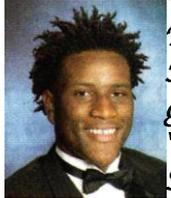
Keniah Wallace, a Early College Graduate and Granddaughter of Martha Bellamy WHS '69, will attend Coastal Carolina University.

Marquiez Carter



Marquiez Carter, a Early College Graduate and grandson of Mazie Singleton WHS '56, will attend Clemson University.

Terrell Hemingway



Terrell Hemingway, a Conway High School Graduate and grandson of Maggie Owens WHS '60, will attend University of South Carolina.

Jayla DeWitt



Jayla DeWitt, a Conway High School Graduate and granddaughter of Leo Michael DeWitt WHS '70, will attend USC Upstate in Spartanburg, SC.

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The Educational Foundation Scholarship, for those going into the field of teaching or continuing their educational pursuit, is awarded in memory of *Mrs. Etrulia P. Dozier, Mrs. Marie Floyd, Mr. Willard Dowling, and Mrs. Cynthia Brockington.*

The Whittemore Alumni "Booster," awarded by the *Daniels' Family*, is in memory of *Mrs. Katie Floyd Daniels*, one who was a staunch and keen supporter of the Alumni Association and a team organizer in the Association and in the Community.

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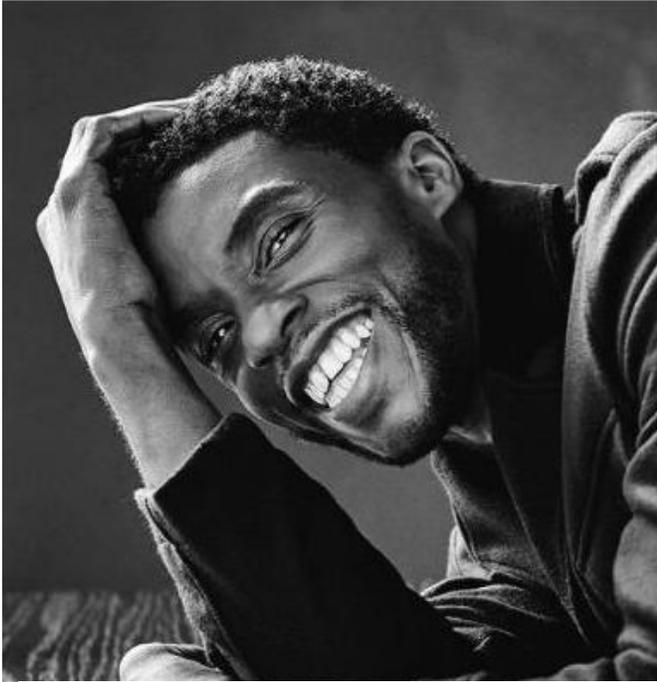
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Chadwick Boseman's Death Reminds Us That Colon Cancer Can Strike Early

by Dr. Jan M. Eberth and Dr. Whitney E. Zahnd – University of South Carolina



It is with immeasurable grief that we confirm the passing of Chadwick Boseman.

Chadwick was diagnosed with stage III colon cancer in 2016, and battled with it these last 4 years as it progressed to stage IV.

A true fighter, Chadwick persevered through it all, and brought you many of the films you have come to love so much. From Marshall to Da 5 Bloods, August Wilson's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom and several more, all were filmed during and between countless surgeries and chemotherapy.

It was the honor of his career to bring King T'Challa to life in Black Panther.

He died in his home, with his wife and family by his side.

Chadwick Boseman - Larger Than Life

A simple black-and-white photo and written memorial to Chadwick Boseman, well known for his memorable role as Black Panther's T'Challa, is now the most-liked tweet of all time on the social media platform Twitter. Before that, the most-liked tweet belonged to President Obama. Clearly, Chadwick was a hero to many.

Chadwick was born in November 1976 in Anderson, South Carolina. He attended Howard University and acted in many films and television shows over the years including his lead role in Marvel's Black Panther and his most recent role in Netflix's Da 5 Bloods. His death in August from colon cancer came as a shock to his fans, and many friends, particularly since he had played so many movie and TV roles in recent years. Unfortunately, Chadwick's story as a young man diagnosed with colon cancer has become more common in recent years.

While colorectal cancer screening has helped to reduce the number of people diagnosed with the disease over the past few decades, data show that the disease is increasing among persons under age 50. ***A 2018 report from the South Carolina Cancer Alliance shows that colorectal cancer rates among those younger 50 are persistently higher than national rates.***

Research from our team at the Rural & Minority Health Research Center at the University of South Carolina shows that new cases of colorectal cancer in persons under age 50 are consistently higher among rural South Carolinians compared to urban. In the 2012-2016 period, rates were 33% higher among rural South Carolinians younger than 50 compared to their urban peers. Even for persons over age 50, rural residents have had slower improvements than their urban peers. ***Data also show that non-Hispanic Black populations—particularly men-- are at higher risk for being diagnosed with and dying from colorectal cancer, regardless of age.***

Reflecting on these trends, the American Cancer Society (ACS) recently changed its screening recommendations for colorectal cancer screening. ACS now recommends screening starting at age 45 (rather than 50) for those at average-risk. Screening can detect cancer when it is early and more treatable. Screening is most effective if persons get a colonoscopy at least once every 10 years (or more often if polyps are found and a physician recommends more frequent testing), or a yearly fecal-blood test that you can do from the comfort of home. These tests can be ordered from a doctor, and referrals to specialists will be ordered if needed.

Don't know the signs of colorectal cancer? Well, it's all about the bowels! Regardless of age, if you notice changes in your normal bowel habits, blood in your stool, belly cramping, unexpected weight loss, and fatigue, talk to your doctor about these symptoms. People under age 50 are often mistakenly told not to worry about these symptoms or incorrectly diagnosed with something else. No matter the age, patients should be proactive about asking for these screening tests from their healthcare provider if they experience symptoms. If over age 50, symptoms or no symptoms, screening is important and saves lives!

For additional information about all cancers: www.cancer.org

Special appreciation to Mr. Lee H. Moultrie for reaching out to the writers to target this article for the Whittemore Community Magazine.

THE BUCKSPORT COMMUNITY Endeavors to Find Lost Ancestors

On Monday August 3, 2020, the **Whittemore Community Magazine Live Streaming** on Facebook had as its Guest, **Kevin Mishoe, Mary Owens, Grant Mishoe, and Frankie Weaver**, to talk about the rediscovery of the Eddy Lake Cemetery in Bucksport, SC. This amazing project, which encompasses finding the lost graves of enslaved and freed ancestors of the Bucksport community has stirred excitement in the Horry County community.



On Saturday, August 22nd The Association for the Betterment of Bucksport lead by **Kevin Mishoe** and local resident, **Mary Owens**, spearheaded a cleanup campaign to move forward with the rediscovery of a treasure, The Eddy Lake cemetery. As soon as the word got out, volunteers from near and far and all walks of life including members of the local **“Sons of The Confederate Soldiers”** organization reached out to **Kevin Mishoe** offering to help in the cleanup.

During this cleanup effort, three more graves were discovered with damaged head stones. The volunteers immediately started reconstructing the head stones with wood, cement glue, and steel braces. The cleanup started at 7:00 AM, in what seemed like a virgin wooded area, until about noon. The volunteers were rewarded with what was described some of the best barbeque chicken to be found in Horry County. **Mr. Mishoe** thanked the volunteers for their time for helping to remove mulch and forest debris from the surface of Eddy Lake Cemetery so that all of our ancestors have an opportunity to tell us their history.



ABOVE: A Similar look before the cleanup began.



Brenda Lee Owens Fletcher

Brenda Lee Owens Fletcher entered this life on **October 14th, 1954** to the late Mr. Zack Owens and Frances Mishoe Owens of Bucksport, S.C. She was born Twelfth of Twelve children. She is preceded in death by two siblings, John W. Owens and



1954 - 2020

LaVernon Owens, one daughter, Charlisa P. Owens Burton. Brenda was raised in Bucksport, S.C. Brenda transitioned on **August 25th, 2020**. *She leaves to cherish loving memories: her husband, Mr. Clyde A. Fletcher of Largo, Maryland, two in-laws, James Howard of Prince George County and Barbara Black, of Manhattan, N.Y.; three grandchildren; Alicia Owens, Shawn Burton, and Brendetta Burton of Fayetteville, N.C.; one great-grandson, Jordan Burton, Fayetteville, N.C. Brenda leaves nine siblings; Roy C. Owens (Mary V.); Bennie Lee Roy Owens (Annie Laura) of Conway, S.C.; Charles R. Owens, Wilmington, N.C.; Mary E. Owens, Conway S.C.; Mary E. Owens-Nance of Fayetteville, N.C.; Lessie V. Owens-Mtewa, Washington, D.C.; Vivian A. Owens, Silver Spring, MD.; Patricia Owens-Baten, Conway, SC; Francena Owens-Hicks, Conway, SC and Letha Hicks-Bryant, Hemmingway, SC.; Loving nieces, nephews, Relativ*



Ezekiel "Zeke" Moore

Ezekiel "Zeke" Moore was born on **October 14, 1932** in Bucksport, SC to the late Louis Moore, Jr., and Francella Graham-Moore. Zeke was a resident of Conway Manor for the past six (6) years until he became ill July 19, 2020. He departed this life on



1932 - 2020

August 8, 2020. He was the second oldest of his nine siblings and loved his family dearly. *Zeke's memories will be cherished by his children: (2) Sons, David of Maryland and Robbie Moore of Columbia, SC; (2) Daughters, Dorothy Bryant of Columbia, SC and Rebecca Moultrie of Conway, SC; His eight siblings: (3) Brothers, George of Washington, DC, Odell of Bucksport, SC and Larry Moore of Palmer, Massachusetts. (5) Sisters, Beatrice Moore of Bucksport, SC, Fannie and Frances Moore of Springfield, Massachusetts, Doris Moore-Duncan of Springfield, Massachusetts and Alma Moore-Jenkins of Myrtle Beach, SC. Three grandchildren, 23 nieces and nephews and other relatives, a very special cousin, Carolyn Willard, of Conway Manor, Conway, SC and A faithful buddy, Ralph J. Vaught, Jr., of Conway, SC.*



Henry Burgess

Henry Burgess was born on **February 15, 1946** in Georgetown, SC to the late Samuel and Essie Burgess Sr. Henry worked at the Beach House for 36 years. He departed this on **August 10, 2020**.



1946 - 2020

He leaves behind his wife of 55 years Patricia Burgess of Myrtle Beach, SC, 3 sons Anthony Burgess (Jennifer) of Bethune, SC, Jay Burgess (Windi) and Michael Burgess both of Myrtle Beach, SC, 2 brothers John Burgess (Patricia) of Pawleys Island, SC, Wesley Burgess of Myrtle Beach, SC and an adopted grandmother Florrie Cutting of Myrtle Beach, SC, 12 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, his puppy Mr. Pickles, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by his father and mother, 1 sister Susan Burgess, 3 brothers Walter Burgess, Samuel Burgess Jr and James Burgess.



Willie Clarence Faulk

Willie Clarence Faulk was born on **July 25, 1945** and departed this life on **August 29, 2020** at Grand Strand Memorial Hospital. Clarence was born in Conway SC to Willie Clarence Faulk Sr. and Irene Dicker son Faulk. He was preceded in death by his parents.



1945 - 2020

Spouse, Mozell Wright Faulk, sisters: Linda Stallings, Hilda, Alston and Shirley Faulk; brother, James Kenneth Faulk. Clarence accepted God as his savior when he was a teen at Bethlehem # I Missionary Baptist Church. Clarence graduated from **Whitemore High School in 1964**. After graduation, he moved to Newark New Jersey where he joined New Point Baptist Church. Upon relocation to New Jersey, Clarence met and married Mozell Wright. They were happily married for over thirty-three years. Clarence took care of his wife until her death in 2008. Clarence was employed by American Legion Tri-County Memorial Hospital and United Hospital. He retired from United Medical and Dentistry Hospital in 2011. After retirement, Clarence relocated back home to Conway, SC where he joined Palmetto Baptist Church. He enjoyed serving his members and being a blessing to anyone he met. *He leaves to cherish his memories, children: Lantonio Waldron (Sylvia) and Oneal Wright (Darlene), siblings: Leo Faulk Sr., Pearl Scott, Larry Faulk and Willa Faulk, eight grandchildren: eighteen great-grand, special nieces: Syphonia Legette, Monica Williams, Donna DelPalma, Adele Lafontaine, Sequoia Scott and Felici a Williams, Special nephews: Leo Faulk Jr., Cornelius Scott, Jamien Vereen, Robert Williams, Kenneth Faulk, and Lawrence Taylor. Clarence special friends; Sarah Woodbury, Covell Moore (Chip), Pete Wilkes Jr., Bobby Steel, Cleo Faulk, Paul Hickman and Dean Caldwin*



Robert L. Booker Jr.

Robert Booker Jr. was born on **October 2, 1965** in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Marjorie Booker and the late Robert Booker Sr. Robert attended Hudson Valley Community College where he obtained a degree in electrical technology. Robert L.



1965 - 2020

Booker, Jr. passed away on **Sunday, August 2, 2020**, at Conway Medical Center. *He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife Precious Booker, mother Marjorie Booker, one brother William Booker (Holly) of Colorado; Four sisters, Cindy Butler (Marrero, LA), Yolanda McDade (Tampa, FL), Robin Melacon (Kevin), and Fannie Booker (Marrero, LA). Five children and three stepchildren Robert Booker III, Donnell Booker (Dominique), Ashley Williams (Bryan), April Bartholomew, and Danyell Bartholomew of Tampa, FL. Stepchildren Roy Shakesphere (Karen) of Gainesville, FL, Eris Shakesphere of Hudson, NY, and Xaveir Shakesphere of Brooklyn, NY. He also leaves to cherish his memory 22 grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, brother-in-laws, a sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, friends and very special cousin Donnetta Wooten (Henry). Robert was predeceased by his father Robert Booker Sr. brothers; Emerson Butler, Curtis Booker, and Jones Booker.*



Laura Mitchell

Laura Mitchell was born on **September 10, 1932**. She departed this life on **August 6, 2020**.



1932 - 2020



Rev. Dorcas Green

Rev. Dorcas Green was born on **December 27, 1955**. She departed this life on **August 14, 2020**.



1955 - 2020



Rev. Donald White

Rev. Donald White was born on **November 22, 1935**. He departed this life on **August 13, 2020**.

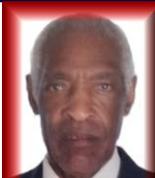


1935 - 2020



Edward "Eddie" McCray

Edward "Eddie" McCray was born to the late Taylor McCray and Lucille Poinsette McCray on **October 2, 1934** in Bucksport, South Carolina. He departed into his eternal rest **August 2, 2020**. Eddie grew up in a large and loving family in the Bucksport



1934 - 2020

Community where he worked with his father and brothers on the family farm. He attended the Richardson Training School in the Bucksport Community and Whittemore High School, in Conway, SC, where he graduated with the class of 1955. In 1959 he moved to Springfield Massachusetts and began work at the Diamond Match Corporation and was later employed as an Arms Inspector at the Springfield Armory. Eddie always had a strong work ethic. He secured a maintenance contract for the Springfield Community College and obtained a license to sell and deliver milk in the city of Springfield. Eddie courted his hometown friend Millie Marthena Owens, from Bucksport. They married on March 11, 1961. To this union was born their three children Constance Yvette, Edward Rondell and Deborah Lynnette. While raising his young family he worked and was actively involved in Third Baptist Church as a youth missionary under Reverend Fullilove. Eddie and Marthena started a local family business; a laundromat on highway 701 and a clothing store "Mac and Son." His wife Marthena, was the seamstress and managed the family business. He was also actively involved in his community as an entrepreneur, as a board member of the burgeoning Bucksport Water System, on the Bucksport Community Youth Sports committee and as a local volunteer Fireman.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his devoted wife of fifty nine years, Millie Marthena Owens McCray, three children, Constance (Wayne) Gregory of Philadelphia, PA; Lt. Colonel Edward Rondell (Melody) of Columbia, SC; one daughter of the home, Deborah Lynnette McCray; one nephew whom he raised as son, Pearson Blakney. He also leaves seven grandchildren John Simon, Philip Wayne and Mark Edward Gregory all of Philadelphia, PA; Susanna (Riccardo) Arroyo of Greensboro, NC; Joanna, GraceAnna and Johnathan Edward McCray all of Columbia, SC. Ten siblings have preceded him in death; Kathleen McKithen, Oscar, Lou Ella Wadell, Fred, Annie Bell, Carolyn, Joseph, Edna Ivery (his twin sister), and James Lee. He leaves one devoted sister Mary Reece of Bucksport, SC; one brother-in-law and four sisters-in-law: Mildred McCray of Bucksport, SC; Joe Owens and Mary Ryan, of Springfield, MA; Ruth Maddox of El Paso, TX and Laura (Council) Pickett, of Virginia Beach, VA. He also leaves a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.



Pastor Dr. Cassie R. Burroughs

Pastor Dr. Cassie R. Burroughs, 80, returned to her heavenly home on **August 3, 2020** after a valiant battle with a long illness. her peace. Pastor Burroughs was born to the late James and Elizabeth Alford of Green Sea, SC on



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February 26, 1940. She graduated from Finklea High School in Loris, SC. She married her best friend and fellow parishioner, Elder Sam Burroughs. They raised three children with love, respect and humility. She is preceded in death by her husband Elder Sam Burroughs; her parents James and Elizabeth Alford; two brothers Freddie and Donald Alford. *Pastor Burroughs is survived by her family and church community, two daughters: Thomasina B. Williams, Charlotte, N.C. and Beverly Anne Burroughs of Lawton, Oklahoma; her son: Tony Burroughs; her grandchildren: Patience Burroughs, Cassie Williams, Samuel Burroughs and Isiah Burroughs; her siblings Jeredine (Earl) Gore, Geneva Benson, James Alford, Willie (Doris) Alford, Rev. Ronald (Sarah) Alford. God blessed her with a host of spiritual children, nieces and nephews, which includes but is not limited to: Gwendolyn Scott, Paul Scott, Kathleen King, Promise Scott and Lynn Woods. Pastor Burroughs will be dearly missed by all her loved ones, as we celebrate the thought of knowing, that she is at peace with The Creator*

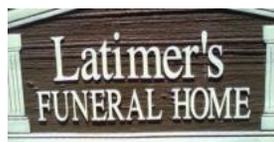


Woodrow Henry, Sr.

Mr. Woodrow Henry, Sr. departed this life **Aug. 2, 2020** at his home. He was born **Aug. 18, 1939** to Tom and Ida Henry. Both preceded him in death. He was educated at Whittemore High School in Conway, SC. He dedicated his life to his wife, his kids, and he worked as a logger until he retired. *He attended Oak Grove MBC. He married his childhood sweetheart Earlene Bryant. To this union, Nine children were born. Anita Miller and Dorothy Henry both preceded him in death. Delores Walter, Bobby, John Henry, Linda, Woodrow Jr., Sally, Patricia Gaskin, and Joseph who preceded him in death. Tom, Chermain, Michael, Wendy, Katrena Moody, Deon, one brother, Peter Booth, Cindy, all of his sisters preceded him in death. 30 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, a special friend of the family, Joann Henry.*



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George White

Mr. George White was born **June 21, 1934** in Conway, SC to the late Mr. George and Mrs. Lillie Mentz White. He was educated in the Horry county public School System. In 1965 Mr. White and his family moved to Norwalk, Conn.



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For almost 30 years. They moved back to Little River in the 1990's. He departed this life on **August 3, 2020**. He joined Mt. Calvary #2 Missionary Baptist Church. *He leaves to cherish his memory, his lovely wife Burnie Mae Bessant White; three children, Mildred White, Timothy White of little River, SC and Angela White (Tink) Butler of Green Sea, SC; three grands, three great-grands, one sister-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Mae Gore, one brother-in-law, deacon Otis J. Stevenson, Sr., of Little River, SC, two special friends, David Spivey and Loureen Harris and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.*



Agnes C. (Matthews) Bellamy

Mrs. Agnes Bellamy known as Aunt Aggie was born **Nov. 19, 1920** in Washington, DC to the late Wayman and Beatrice Matthews. The family moved to Baltimore where Agnes attended public



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schools and specialized in dressmaking. She had a passion for making clothes and was very stylish in her dress, wearing many unique outfits. She departed this life on **August 9, 2020**. Agnes married the late Johnnie Bellamy in 1950 and gained a stepdaughter and stepson. She joined Calvary Baptist Church and was a faithful member for 40 yrs. and served as an Usher, member of the ladies Guild and Flower circle. After her husband retired, they moved to Little River, SC. *She was a member of St. Joseph MBC under Rev. Theron Bellamy, Aunt Aggie lived a long life and leaves a legacy of love and a gift of precious memories for her sisiter, Allene Carter, her step-Daughter Mary Bellamy, 2 step grand- daughters, and great grands. also her nieces, Barbara, Sheila, and Sheranda (Brian). Nephews Elwood (Patricia) and Marvin, and a host of other nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. a special friendship with her 99 year old friend Mrs. Mary Ware.*



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