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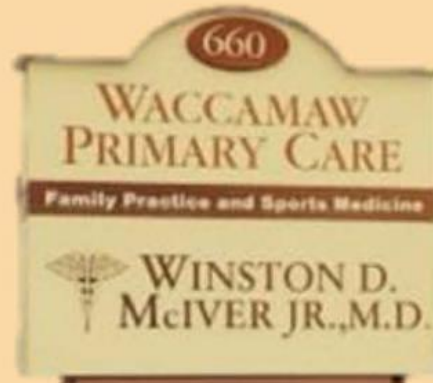
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## **Conway/Myrtle Beach Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is Honored in Atlanta, Georgia**

We are thrilled to share the recent accomplishments of the Conway/Myrtle Beach (SC) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The chapter has just been awarded the J. Michael Green Alumni Chapter of the Year Award by the Southeastern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. at their annual province council, held from March 30th to April 1st, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. This award recognizes the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of alumni chapters from the Southeastern Province. The Southeastern Province includes chapters from South Carolina, Georgia, Nigeria, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates.

This is a tremendous achievement for the chapter and a testament to their dedication to community service and mentorship. The chapter is highly visible in Horry County, hosting several community service events throughout the year, including their annual fish fry and the St. Jude Sunday of Hope.

In addition to their community service efforts, the Conway/Myrtle Beach Alumni Chapter also provides a successful male mentoring program called Kappa League. The program provides young men in the community with opportunities for personal and professional development through mentorship, academic support, volunteerism, and leadership training. This program has been featured in our magazine several times and currently has 14 young men enrolled.

We are proud to feature the Conway/Myrtle Beach (SC) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in our magazine and congratulate them on their well-deserved recognition. Their positive impact on the community is truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future.





## WHITTEMORE RACEPATH Historical Society, Inc.

Dear Whittemore Alumni/Friend:

We are writing to request your assistance in saving the Whittemore Elementary School, a historical landmark in our community from demolition. The City of Conway proposed in 2017 to convert the Whittemore Elementary School into a thriving community center for its residents and now has changed their decision due to unforeseen factors. We truly believe that this historical landmark is worth the effort to save it and preserve its legacy.

As you are aware, Whittemore was the only school that Blacks could attend. The teachers and staff, although provided with substandard material, were dedicated to helping us to be the best that we could be. There are so many that have made major contributions to the community, state and country who at some point attended this great school.

Currently, we have organized as Whittemore Racepath Historical Society, Inc. (WRHS), an organization dedicated to working to preserve historical structures in our community. We are asking for your support and commitment to this project to save our dear ole Whittemore Elementary School. To join the organization there is a membership fee of \$25.00 per year. We are also soliciting donations above yearly membership fees to support this worthwhile project. We need your help sharing information and encouraging others to join. There is power in numbers.

*Please join the Whittemore Racepath Historical Society by one of the following ways:*

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*Your donations are needed to finance our preservation efforts.* Feel free to mail in your donation, use CashApp, PayPal or select "Donate" online to use your debit/credit card.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Rev. Kenneth E. Floyd, Sr, Membership Chairman at 843-902-4825 or Mrs. Genar Faulk, Treasurer at 843-248-9390, or email your question to: [whittemorehistorical@gmail.com](mailto:whittemorehistorical@gmail.com).

Together we are stronger! Go Whittemore Bulldogs!

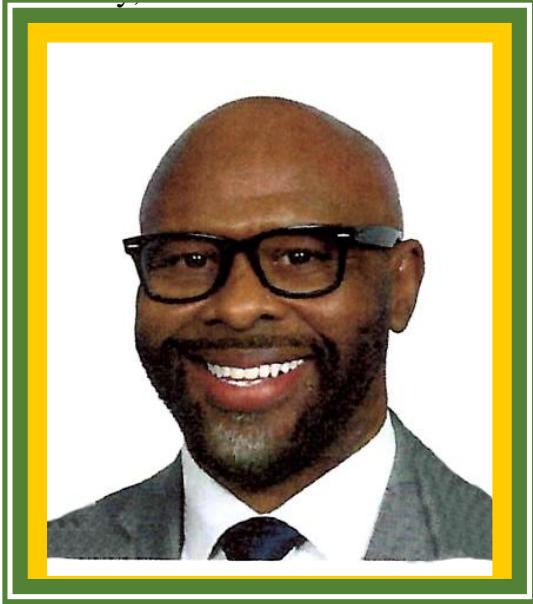
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# Bucksport Native Captures Presidential Profile

*Forwarded by Ms. Mary E. Owens*

The World Community Magazine and Staff are filled with excitement to have the opportunity to profile Horry County native, **Dr. Corey L. McCray**. Dr. McCray is the son of *Ms. Lois McCray Davis and Mr. Jerry Lang of Bucksport, South Carolina*. He is a **1988 graduate of Conway High School** in Conway, SC.



**Dr. Corey L. McCray**

Corey L. McCray, PhD, the ninth President of Paul D. Camp Community College (Camp), is a 27-year veteran educator.

Dr. McCray prides himself on being a servant leader with vision and energy focused on student success, innovation, and excellence. As an educator and leader, he is committed to the practice of shared governance, and has always centered his work around fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Dr. McCray was appointed by former Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Chancellor Dr. Glenn DuBois to serve as Interim President of Camp Community College and began his service on April 1, 2021. Dr. McCray was appointed President of Camp by the Virginia State Board of Community Colleges in October of 2021. Before coming to Camp Community College, Dr. McCray served as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Programs for the VCCS, responsible for providing oversight of system-wide support for academic career education and workforce development programs.

Prior to his work at the VCCS, he was the Executive Vice President

and Vice President for Workforce at Tidewater Community College (TCC). As such, he served as Chief Academic Officer, Chief Student Affairs Officer, and Chief Workforce Officer. He also led the establishment of TCC's Skilled Trades Academy.

Before going to TCC, Dr. McCray served as Executive Director of the Pruden Center for Industry and Technology in Suffolk, Virginia. In that capacity he was a founding member of the Hampton Roads Public Works Academy and one of the first Governor's Science Technology Engineering and Math academies for Career and Technical Education. He also served as president of the Virginia Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators. He is an alumni and board member of the CIVIC Leadership Institute, a board member of the Hampton Roads Workforce Council, a board member of the Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce, and a past Virginia Ship Repair Association board member.

Dr. McCray holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Workforce Education and Training from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Teacher Certification in Technology Education from Old Dominion University, a Master in Education Leadership and Supervision from Cambridge College, and a Ph.D. in Education Leadership from Old Dominion University. He is also an Aspen Presidential Fellow.

A former teacher, coach, principal and community college adjunct professor, Dr. McCray is also a proud military veteran.

Dr. McCray sees his role at Camp in many ways, including as an economic champion for the region and an advocate for the college and local community. During his first 100 days and beyond, Dr. McCray has built relationships with community stakeholders, business and industry, and internal and external academic partners. He has forged a solid collegiate culture among faculty, staff, and students while ensuring innovative delivery systems to achieve student access and success for.

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# CLEAC Recognizes Horry County Officers



**John Bonsignor**  
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*CLEAC (Community Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee)* a multi-cultural group of individuals comprised of law enforcement, elected and public officials came together with civic activists and decided that it is better to get ahead of the problems than behind them. Their goal is to encourage support for law enforcement and strengthen communications and mutual respect between citizens and police. **CLEAC** also has a special purpose, which is to “bridge the gap between cops, kids, and the community.”



**Reggie Dyson**  
Co-Chair



*Co-chairs of this respected Organization are **John Bonsignor** and **Reggie Dyson**.*

**CLEAC** takes tremendous pride in operating its monthly program called, “To Honor an Officer.” Each month for an entire month, **CLEAC** will highlight and recognize an officer and his/her family for their contributions and excellence. Each precinct will choose one of its officers who will be honored and featured through several radio, TV, and online mediums.

**On April 19, 2023**, Valentino Restaurant in Surfside Beach, SC, hosted the **CLEAC Awards Presentation**. On this occasion, Presentation of Officers of the Months for February and March was made by **Sheriff Phil Thompson, Horry County**. Sheriff Thompson gave an inspirational talk on the merits of an Officer being so chosen to receive such a meritorious and noteworthy award.

**Chief Joseph Hill, Horry County Police Chief**, called upon Sgt. Jill Domogauer of the Horry County Police Department to receive the Officer of the Month for February.

Chief Hill extolled the outstanding and leadership role Sgt. Domogauer displayed during her 15 years of service to the Department.

The next recipient as Officer of the Month for March was announced by **Chief Amy Prock Myrtle Beach Police Department**. Prior to the presentation of a plaque and medal to PFC Kevin Reilly, Chief Prock spoke of Reilly's dedicated service, work ethics and performance to the community and the Myrtle Beach Police Department. Kevin is a terrific and loyal member of our team Prock concluded.

# PROSTATE CANCER:

## We Cannot Say Enough About it !!!

**The World Community Magazine** keeps emphasizing the disease of Prostate Cancer because Prostate cancer (PrCA) is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death among men (American Cancer Society). Nevertheless, prostate cancer is serious business, and the best way to handle a diagnosis is to be informed.

Our literary research reveals a wealth of knowledge exists with a question & answering tabulation compiled from various sources. **LET'S GET STARTED:**

### What is the difference between Stage 1 and Stage 2 prostate cancer?

Stage 1 prostate cancer means the cancer is still limited to the prostate and has not spread. Stage 2 prostate cancer means the cancer cells remain confined to the prostate gland, but may be more at risk of spreading than in stage 1. Stage 3 prostate cancer means the cancer is locally advanced (*City of Hope [www.cancercenter.com](http://www.cancercenter.com)*).

### How quickly does prostate cancer spread?

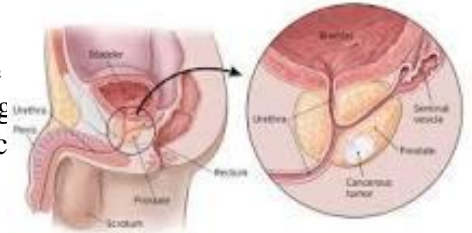
Normally, prostate cancer takes up to 8-15 years to spread. This is observed in as much as 80% of cases. However, 1 in 5 cases may be more aggressive, resulting in cancer spreading faster. This rate differs with every patient and is generally determined using the **Prostate-specific antigen** test or the **PSA** test (*HealthyActive.org*).

### What are signs that prostate cancer is getting worse?

Prostate cancer that's more advanced may cause signs and symptoms such as: (1) trouble Urinating (2) Decreased force in the stream of urine (3) Blood in the urine (4) Blood in the semen (5) Bone Pain (6) Losing Weight Without Trying (7) Erectile dysfunction (*HealthyActive.org*).

### Where is the first place prostate cancer spreads to?

If prostate cancer spreads to other parts of the body, it almost always goes to the bones first. These areas of cancer spread can cause pain and weak bones that might break. Medicines that can help strengthen the bones and lower the chance of fracture are bisphosphonates and denosumab (*MayoClinic.org*).



### At what age is prostate cancer most aggressive?

If you're black or you have a close relative with prostate cancer, they jump up at 40. About two-thirds of all prostate cancers are diagnosed in men age 65 and older. But the older you are, the less aggressive the disease is, especially after 70 (*WebMD.com*).

### What is the best treatment for early stage prostate cancer?

Radiation therapy is a good choice for many men with early-stage prostate cancer. It is also the best treatment for older men or those who have other health problems. There are different types of radiation therapy: External beam radiation (*Cancer.org*).

### What is the life expectancy after prostate removal?

None of the side effects of prostate removal affect life span. Although the prostate is necessary for fertility, it's not necessary to sustain life. There's no connection between prostate removal and a shortened life span (*Healthline.com*).

### Does a PSA test show if cancer has spread?

Your PSA level helps your provider decide how likely it is that the cancer has spread beyond the prostate. It also helps your provider decide how likely it is that your cancer will be cured with treatment. Other clues about your prognosis come from your cancer's stage, grade and Gleason score (*Mayoclinic.org*).

**We Cannot Say Enough About it !!!***Continued from Page 11***Does rising PSA mean cancer is growing?**

The PSA level is an important tool to monitor the cancer, but not every rise in PSA means that the cancer is growing and requires treatment right away. To help limit unnecessary anxiety, be sure you understand what change in your PSA level might concern your doctor (*American Cancer Society*).

**What is an alarming PSA level?**

PSA levels under 4 ng/ml are generally considered normal, while levels over 4 ng/ml are considered abnormal. PSA levels between **4 and 10 ng/ml** indicate a risk of prostate cancer higher than normal. When the PSA level is **above 10 ng/ml**, risk of prostate cancer is much higher (*Clevelandurology.net*).

**What is the next step after an elevated PSA?**

Today, the next step for determining if you have prostate cancer after an elevated PSA is to obtain a prostate MRI. MRI exams allow your Urologist to: Put your PSA level into context with the size and shape of your prostate. Diagnose potentially cancerous lesions residing in the prostate (*ouhealth.com*).

**What is the best thing to drink for your prostate?**

Both green tea and hibiscus tea are among the top drinks for prostate health. Both types of tea contain potent antioxidants. Studies show that green tea can help prevent prostate cancer from forming and may also slow the growth of aggressive prostate cancer (*Prostate.org.nz*).

**Who is Most at Risk of Being Diagnosed?**

The average age of a prostate cancer diagnosis is 66, according to the ACS, and it's rare to be diagnosed with prostate cancer before the age of 40. This is why testing isn't usually suggested until you are at least 45. The men most affected by prostate cancer are older than 50. Your chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer increases with age, too. According to the [Prostate Cancer Foundation](#), the following is a list of a man's chances of [developing prostate cancer at different age ranges](#):

- Before 50: 1 in 403
- Between 50 and 59: 1 in 58
- Between 60 and 69: 1 in 21
- Between 70 and 79: 1 in 14

The chances of being diagnosed with the disease continue to rise after 80.

**In addition to age being a telling factor in how likely it is a male will develop prostate cancer, so is race. While** diagnosis rates fell for all races between 1999 and 2022, according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), black men consistently were diagnosed with prostate cancer far more frequently than any other racial group. Some trends over the 16 years include:

- *Black men were diagnosed with prostate cancer more than 50 percent the national average per 100,000 people.*
- *Whites and Hispanics were diagnosed at similar rates, both of which fell just below the national average.*
- *American Indian/Alaska Natives and Asian/Pacific Islanders both fell more than 50 percent below the national average of diagnosis rates per 100,000 people.*

*It's suggested that black males in America start to get tested earlier than white men (in their 40s rather than their 50s), because black men have been found to have more advanced prostate cancer when it is diagnosed, which means earlier testing could catch the disease earlier on. Researchers chalk this trend up to a couple reasons, including, but not limited to: generally having less quality facilities (thus lower quality care), genetics, and having certain environmental and dietary differences than other black populations around the world. (Black men in Africa are diagnosed with prostate cancer less frequently than African-American men, which would suggest the living environment—and all the stress and differences in diet that come with it—could influence the higher diagnosis rates.*

**Summary:** A novel imaging technique is capable of showing reactive astrocyte-neuron interactions. The technique sheds new light on Alzheimer's pathologies and offers a potential breakthrough for the diagnosis and treatment of dementia.

**Recently, a team of South Korean scientists led by Director C. Justin LEE of the Center for Cognition and Sociality within the Institute for Basic Science made a new discovery that can revolutionize both the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease.**

The group demonstrated a mechanism where the astrocytes in the brain uptake elevated levels of acetates, which turns them into hazardous reactive astrocytes. They then went on further to develop a new imaging technique that takes advantage of this mechanism to directly observe the astrocyte-neuron interactions.

Alzheimer's disease (AD), one of the major causes of dementia, is known to be associated with neuroinflammation in the brain. While traditional neuroscience has long believed that amyloid beta plaques are been the cause, treatments that target these plaques have had little success in treating or slowing the progression of Alzheimer's disease. On the other hand, Director C. Justin LEE has been a proponent of a novel theory that reactive astrocytes are the real culprit behind Alzheimer's disease. Reactive astrogliosis, a hallmark of neuroinflammation in AD, often precedes neuronal degeneration or death.

Lee's research team previously reported that reactive astrocytes and the monoamine oxidase B (MAO-B) enzyme within these cells can be utilized as therapeutic targets for AD. Recently, they also confirmed the existence of a urea cycle in astrocytes and demonstrated that the activated urea cycle promotes dementia. ***“We expect MCT1 can be a new therapeutic target for AD.”***

However, despite the clinical importance of reactive astrocytes, brain neuroimaging probes that can observe and diagnose these cells at a clinical level have not yet been developed.

In this latest research, Lee's team used positron emission tomography (PET) imaging with radioactive acetate and glucose probes ( $^{11}\text{C}$ -acetate and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG) to visualize the changes in neuronal metabolism in AD patients. Dr. NAM Min-Ho, one of the first authors of this paper, stated, “This study demonstrates significant academic and clinical value by directly visualizing reactive astrocytes, which have recently been highlighted as a main cause of AD.” Furthermore, they demonstrated that acetate, the main component of vinegar, is responsible for promoting reactive astrogliosis, which induces dementia.

First, the researchers demonstrated that reactive astrocytes excessively uptake acetate through elevated monocarboxylate transporter-1 (MCT1) in rodent models of both reactive astrogliosis and AD. It was discovered that the elevated acetate uptake is associated with reactive astrogliosis and boosts the aberrant astrocytic GABA synthesis when amyloid-beta, a well-known toxin protein in AD, is present. The researchers showed that PET imaging with  $^{11}\text{C}$ -acetate and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG can be used to visualize the reactive astrocyte-induced acetate hypermetabolism and associated neuronal glucose hypometabolism in the brains with neuroinflammation and AD. Moreover, when the researchers inhibited reactive astrogliosis and astrocytic MCT1 expression in the AD mouse model, they were able to reverse these metabolic alterations.

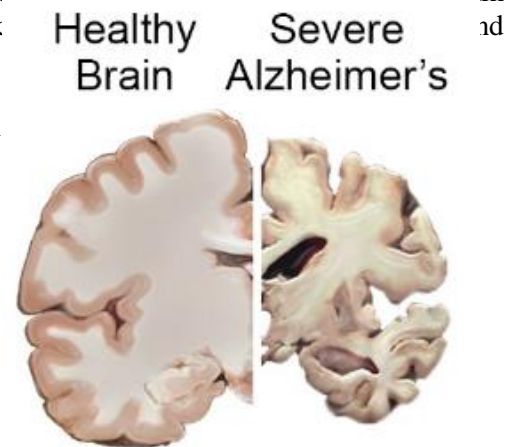
Dr. YUN Mijin commented, “Reactive astrocytes showed metabolic abnormalities that excessively uptake acetate compared to normal state. We found that the acetate plays an important role in promoting astrocytic inflammatory responses.”

By using this new imaging strategy, the group discovered that alterations in acetate and glucose metabolism were consistently observed in the AD mouse model and human AD patients. They were able to confirm that a strong correlation exists between the patient's cognitive function and the PET signals of both  $^{11}\text{C}$ -acetate and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG. These results suggest that acetate, previously considered an astrocyte-specific energy source, can facilitate reactive astrogliosis and contribute to the suppression of neuronal metabolism.

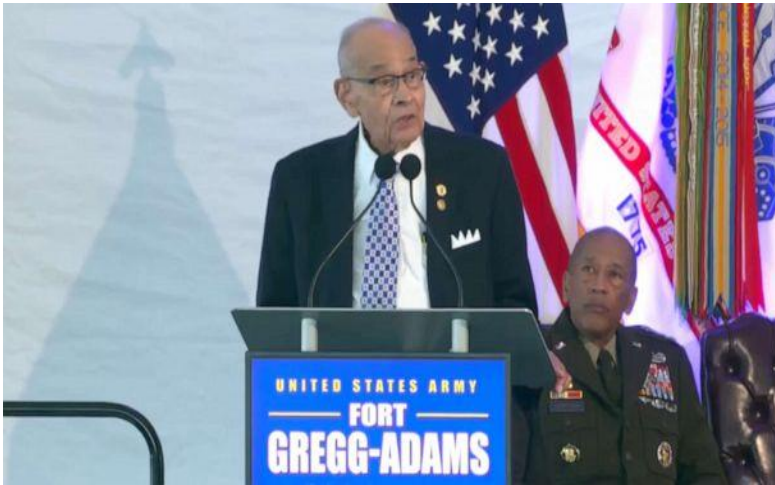
Dr. RYU Hoon remarked, “By demonstrating that acetate not only acts as an energy source for astrocytes but also facilitates reactive astrogliosis, we suggested a new mechanism that induces reactive astrogliosis in brain diseases.” Until now, amyloid beta ( $\text{A}\beta$ ) has been suspected as the main cause of AD, and thus they have been the main focus of most dementia research. Unfortunately, PET imaging targeting  $\text{A}\beta$  has had limitations in diagnosing patients, and drugs aimed at removing it as a target for AD treatment have all failed so far.

However, this study offers us a new possibility of using  $^{11}\text{C}$ -acetate and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET imaging for early diagnosis of AD. In addition, the newly discovered mechanism of reactive astrogliosis through acetate and MCT1 transporter suggests a new target for AD treatment.

Dr. C. Justin LEE stated, “We confirmed a significant recovery when inhibiting MCT1, astrocyte-specific acetate transport, in an AD animal model,” and added, “We expect MCT1 can be a new therapeutic target for AD.”



**Fort Gregg-Adams** is one of several Army installations being redesignated.



**Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Gregg** speaks at the redesignation ceremony where Fort Lee was renamed Fort Gregg-Adams.

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**Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg**, one of the pioneers the Virginia post is renamed after, during the ceremony. Among his accomplishments in over 35 years of service beginning in 1946, Gregg was the first Black quartermaster officer to rise to the rank of brigadier general, according to **Maj. Gen. Mark Simerly**, commanding general of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and senior commander of Fort Lee. When Gregg was promoted to lieutenant general, he became the first Black officer in the Army to reach a three-star rank.

The army post was also renamed in recognition of **Lt. Col. Charity Adams**, who paused her pursuit of a master's degree in psychology to serve in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps during World War II, the Army said. At 25, she was chosen to lead the sole unit of predominantly Black women in the European Theater of Operations. Her unit delivered mail to and from millions of soldiers fighting in Europe.

The military base had previously been named after Gen. Robert E. Lee, the commander of the Confederate forces.

During Gregg's remarks, he noted how proud he was to share the honor with Adams. "Her performance in getting the mail delivered in a very chaotic environment has made the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion a legend that gets bigger every day," he said.

Simerly described the two pioneers as "exceptional leaders." "They led with dignity, they looked the part, they maintained their composure and they led by example," he said. "In short, these two epitomize the professional qualities we seek in every leader who wears the uniform of the United States Army."

Fort Gregg-Adams is one of several [Army installations](#) being redesignated in the mission of removing displays commemorating the Confederacy, according to the Army.

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# Black Women Should Start Breast Cancer Screening at Younger Age, Study Suggests



**A Black Woman palpates her breast to check for signs of breast cancer.**

A Black woman palpates her breast to check for signs of breast cancer. (Getty Images) Breast cancer is the second-most-common cancer among women and the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Even though it's slightly less prevalent among Black than white women in the U.S., Black women are more likely to die from the disease.

**The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)** — a group of independent medical experts who make recommendations about clinical preventive services, such as screening tests — recommends that women begin breast cancer screening at age 50. However, the group notes that women have the choice to begin getting mammograms earlier, starting at 40.



**A nurse prepares a patient for mammography.**

Now researchers involved in a large new study are proposing that health policymakers and clinicians consider screening Black women for breast cancer earlier than other racial and ethnic groups, starting at age 42. This strategy, the researchers said, could reduce the breast cancer mortality gap that exists between Black and white women.

Although Black women are diagnosed with breast cancer at similar rates as other ethnicities, they have dramatically higher mortality rates. Compared with white women, Black women have a 4% lower incidence rate of breast cancer but a 40% higher risk of dying from the disease.

The significant breast cancer mortality disparity between the two groups has remained stable since 2011 after widening over the past three decades, according to the researchers.

The study looked at a total of 415,277 female breast cancer deaths in the U.S. from 2011 to 2020. The dataset included age, race and ethnicity categories.

The researchers then estimated the 10-year cumulative risk of dying from breast cancer in the general population after reaching age 50 — the time the USPSTF recommends that women begin biennial mammograms. Based on the data, the study authors concluded that Black women reach this risk level at 42, roughly eight years before white women, and they propose that it would make sense to screen them earlier.



**A young Black woman prepares for a breast exam and mammogram.** *“The take-home message for U.S. clinicians and health policymakers is simple. Clinicians and radiologists should consider race and ethnicity when determining the age at which breast cancer screening should begin,” Dr. Mahdi Fallah, one of the authors of the study and leader of the Risk-Adapted Cancer Prevention Group at the German Cancer Research Center in Heidelberg, Germany, told CNN.*

Robert A. Smith, senior vice president of cancer screening at the American Cancer Society, said the study was “nicely done” and he expects it “to generate considerable discussion about enduring disparities in the risk of breast cancer death between Black and white women.”

“This study suggests that our current recommendations for mammographic screening in the U.S. (and the age at which women start this screening) should not be uniform and should instead be based on one’s risk of breast cancer,” Dr. Rachel Freedman, a breast medical oncologist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, told Yahoo News in an email.

She noted that current guidelines for breast cancer screening already recommend that the time a woman initiates routine mammograms be based on her risk of developing cancer. However, race and ethnicity have not been traditional factors that are considered in these decisions, and perhaps they should be.



**A woman does a breast self-exam at home.**

Smith said that, as the authors of the study noted, cancer screening guidelines have historically been based on risk in the general population, even though certain groups may have different levels of risk. “More and more, there are calls to tailor recommendations not only to group differences but individual differences, since individuals in groups can have similar variance in the risks we see between groups,” Smith said in an email. But both Smith and Freedman noted that many medical groups’ breast cancer screening recommendations already differ somewhat from the USPSTF guidelines referenced in the study.

“The American Cancer Society recommends that all women begin screening at age 45,” Smith said, adding that women should also have the opportunity to begin screening earlier. Most women, he explained, do not wait until they are 50 to get their first mammogram and instead begin screening in their early 40s. Smith also said his organization is in the process of updating its breast cancer screening guidelines. “We are examining the scientific literature for how screening guidelines could differ for women in different racial and ethnic groups, and by other risk factors, in a way that would reduce disparities based on risk and disparities in outcome,” he said. ***Continued on Page 19***

# Black Women Should Start Breast Cancer Screening at Younger Age, Study Suggests

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**A sonographer performs an ultrasound scan on a woman's body.**

Although earlier screening may be beneficial for women of all ethnicities, some experts have doubts that earlier screening for Black Americans will make a dramatic impact on the current disparities in mortality rates because these disparities, they say, are more strongly correlated to things such as socioeconomic differences and differences in access to health care, which earlier screening recommendations cannot address. Biological factors also contribute to the disparity in the breast cancer mortality rate between Black and white women, experts say. According to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, “Black women are disproportionately affected by more aggressive subtypes, such as triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) and inflammatory breast cancer.” They are also more likely to get diagnosed at an earlier age and when the disease has progressed to advanced stages. Freedman said that early screening may have some impact in reducing the breast cancer mortality gap because it may find cancers earlier, but there are multiple factors that go into the long-term outcome of a woman with the disease. Some of these include “tumor features, tumor biology, treatments received, barriers to care, lack of access to high-quality care, and disproportionate degrees of poverty in Black women compared with white women,” she said. “Screening is an important piece but certainly not the only piece,” Freedman explained. “In some places where screening rates are high across race and ethnicities, you will still see mortality differences.” Even though Freedman thinks the study’s findings are intriguing and should be followed up with further studies, these are not sufficient to change current screening practices, she told Yahoo News.

The researchers who conducted the study acknowledged that multiple factors, including those highlighted by Freedman, contribute to the disparity in the breast cancer mortality rate between Black women and women of other ethnicities. But even though these issues are complex, the authors propose this early testing strategy as an easy step that could potentially make a difference. “Making everything too complex may lead to doing nothing,” the researchers said. “One can try to start from a first scientific step (like race- and ethnicity-adapted screening) and evaluate and build more complex steps along the way and reevaluate. Otherwise, the racial and ethnic disparity of early-onset BC [breast cancer] mortality may continue or even widen again.” *Aforementioned Article is Courtesy of Laura Ramirez-Feldman, Reporter for Yahoo News.*

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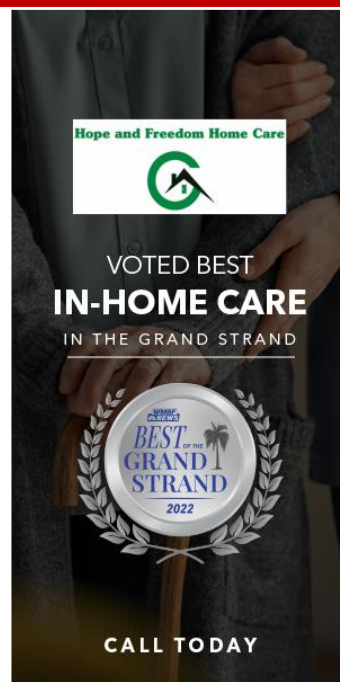
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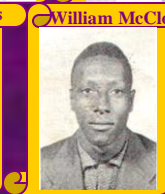
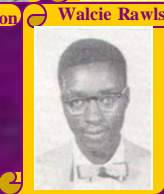
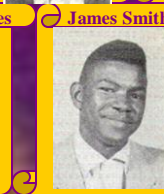
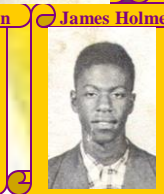
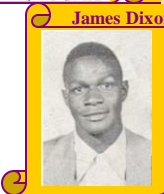
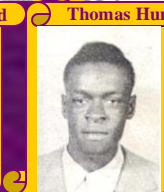
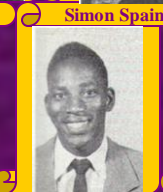
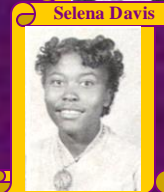
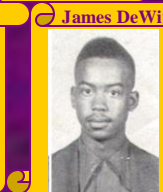
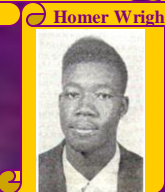
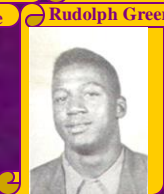
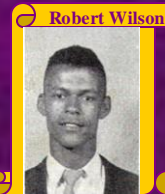
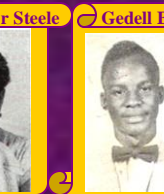
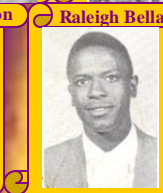
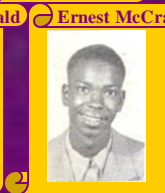
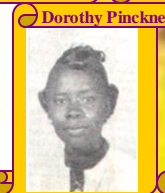
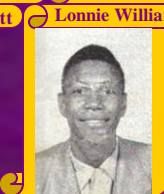
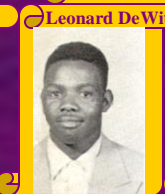
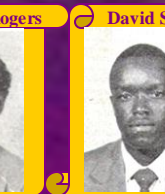
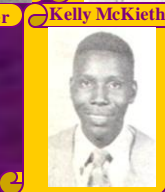
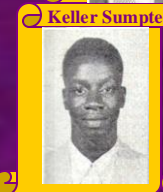
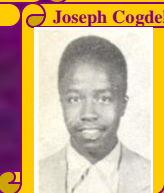
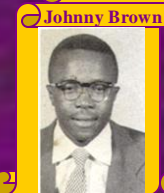
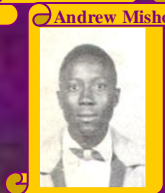
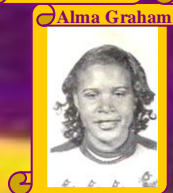
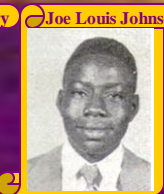
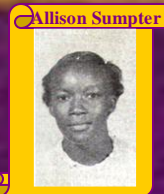
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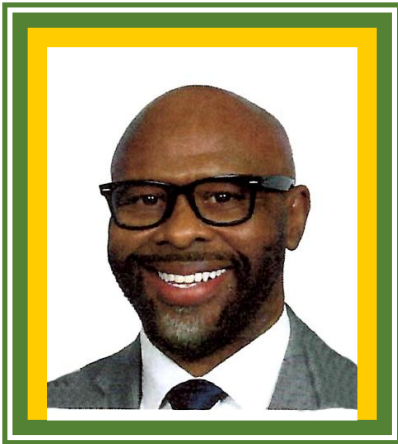
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## Bucksport Community Day Celebration Highlights Senior Citizens Wrapping the Maypole

*By Mary E. Owens*



**2023**

**ABOVE:** Senior Citizens Wrapping Maypole at James Frazier Center, April 30, **2023**

**BELOW:** Students Wrapping Maypole at Whittemore Elem. School, **1953**



**1953**

On April 30, 2023, the Senior Citizens of Bucksport, SC engaged in an activity that reflected a tradition for more than 50 years at Whittemore Elementary School in Conway, SC.

The wrapping of the maypole was one of the most exciting times of the year for an event that was well-planned by the talented and skilled faculty of Whittemore Elementary School. Additionally, it was methodically implemented by the well-disciplined students who were fortunate to be a participants in the wrapping of the maypole.

According to **Ms. Mary E. Owens**, Bucksport resident, "the purpose of the wrapping by the Senior citizens in Bucksport was to promote unity while having fun, bonding, and getting to know and understand others. Also, allowing our children to see activities we participated in while growing up in Bucksport, SC."

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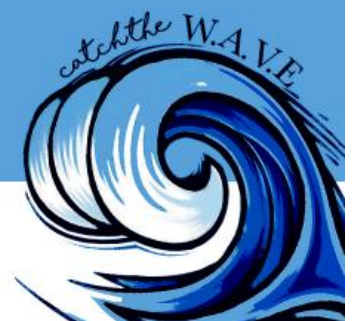
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Stephanie is an inspiration to her classmates, school, and community. She is passionate about making and keeping the planet clean and will be a force to be reckoned with as she is determined to better our planet. Stephanie was very honored to have been recognized as the Recycling Student of the Year, and upon receiving the award inquired even further to know what else she can do to further help the environment. The Solid Waste Authority was honored to award this deserving student who demonstrates willingness to “Protect Tomorrow’s Environment Today” through tireless efforts to clean up our world.

# Chesterfield Missionary Baptist Church Reveals The Symbolic Meaning of Seven

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Chesterfield Missionary Baptist Church (*Rev. James R. Matthews, MDiv., Lead Servant*) gathered on this glorious day to commemorate the reason that God sent His only son, Jesus, into the world. This week we highlighted the salvation story; that he came not to condemn but to save. **On Friday, April 7, 2023**, the Disciples of Chesterfield hosted the noon day service, **“The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ.”**

This is the day and hour identified in scripture as the day of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This service consisted of seven preachers, known to the community, each presenting a sermonette on one of the scriptural phrases uttered by Jesus from the cross. **Ms. Dorothy Floyd** extended heartfelt greetings to the audience with an appreciation for their attendance.



**Minister Tammy Riggins**, Assoc. Min. of Mt. Calvary #2 MB Church, Little River, SC, powerfully opened the program with the first word of *Forgiveness*, Luke 23:34, *“Father forgive them for they know not what they do”*; followed by **Reverend Nathan Vereen**, Pastor of Pleasant View MB Church in Sunset Beach, NC, giving the second word of *Salvation*, Luke, 23:43, *“Verily I say unto thee, today shall thou be with me in paradise.”*

**Reverend Basil Walker**, Pastor of Prince Chapel MB Church, Loris, SC, preached the third word of *Relationship*, John 19: 26-27, *“Woman behold thy son! Behold thy mother”!*

**Reverend Tyler Gaines**, Pastor of Wampee Baptist, Longs, SC, Conway, SC, presented the fourth word of *Abandonment*, Matthew 27:46, *“My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me”?*

The fifth word of *Distress* was brought by **Minister Deshawn Bromell**, Assoc. Minister of Mt. Pleasant MB Church, Little River, SC, John 19:28 *“I thirst”*;

**Reverend Dr. Sonny Bridges**, Pastor of Bethlehem #1 MB Church, Conway, SC, delivered the word of *Triumph*, *“It is finished”* John 19:30;

**Minister Shelbia Wiley**, Associate Minister, Chesterfield MB Church, Longs, SC, touched our hearts with the final word of *Reunion*, *“Father into thy hands I commend my spirit.”* *The Chesterfield Choir* rendered spirit filled hymns and contemporary musical selections related to each word to complete each sermonette. **Ms. Ann Vereen**, gave the closing remarks. Following the soul penetrating worship service, a delectable meal was served.

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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.

After a few weeks we began to meet at the church but in the 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 morning beginning at 9:00 am.

*(So far we haven't missed a Sunday due to inclement weather)*

We pray, hear a summary of the Sunday School lesson by the Superintendent, the choir sings, an offering is lifted and we hear the Word.

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.

**Devotion**

\*Call to Worship.....Minister  
 \*Morning Prayer.....Minister  
 \*Choral Response.....Choir  
 \*Responsive Reading #604 .....Minister & Congregation  
 Morning Hymn.....Choir  
 Scripture.....Minister  
 Selection.....Choir

**Tithes & Offering**

Offertory Selection.....Choir  
 \*Offertory Prayer  
 Announcements  
 Recognition of Visitors

Spiritual.....Choir  
 Message.....Pastor Dozier

Scripture Highlights \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Invitational Hymn.....Choir

\*Remain Standing

\*Closing Prayer  
 \*Doxology  
 \*Benediction



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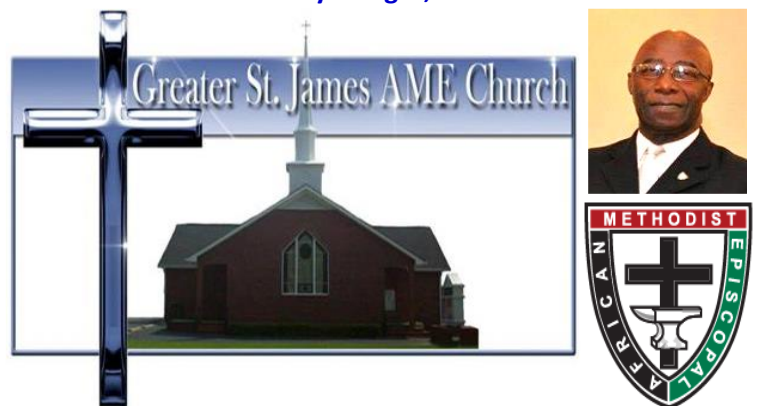


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**Alison Lynn Smoot-Pierce**

**Alison Lynn Smoot-Pierce** passed away on **March 29, 2023**, from complications from cancer. Alison was born on **May 25, 1963** in Memphis, Tennessee, and raised in Sheridan, Arkansas. She graduated with a degree in Chemistry from the University of Arkansas Little Rock



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(Little Rock) and attended graduate school in San Antonio, Texas where she earned a master's degree in Biochemistry. It was in Texas where Alison met and married Michael Pierce. Prior to moving to Conway, South Carolina Alison & Michael lived in Rockville, Maryland where she worked at the National Institutes of Health. Alison was a gifted scientist who took immense pride in her research and enjoyed the process and complexity of biology. It was in Maryland where their son Zachary (Zach) Nathaniel was born. Alison and her family moved to Conway, South Carolina where she taught a variety of courses in Biology at Coastal Carolina University. Alison had many interests and passions including a love of animals, art, music, crafting, and science fiction literature. Nothing made her prouder and more complete than the time she was able to spend with and raise her son. *Alison is survived by her husband Michael and son Zachary, Mother Joy Ann Smoot, sisters Alana Smoot and LeAnn Waddle, and six nieces and nephews.*



**Charles J. Richardson**

In the afternoon of **Sunday, April 16, 2023**, at 2:37 pm **Charles Richardson, Jr.**, a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend passed away. He was 82 years old. He was born on **November 26, 1940** to the late



1940 - 2023

Charles Richardson, Sr. and the late Pearlline Fisher. Charles attended Miami-Dade County Public Schools and graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School. Charles began working at an early age building houses with his father. With his work ethic and the building construction his father taught him, he became a building construction teacher at the Miami Dorsey Skills Center where he taught electrical and plumbing for many years. One son, Antonio Richardson; three siblings, Henrietta Symonette, Edna Rolle, and Alfred Richardson; two aunts, Debris Fobes, and Hazel Fisher-Mendigo; three uncles, William Fisher, James Fisher, and Dr. Carlton Fisher all preceded him to the grave. *Charles leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife Juliet Johnson-Richardson of Bucksport, South Carolina; ten children of Miami, Florida that will miss him dearly, Marisa Beck, Pearlina (Charles) Fashaw, Marcia Richardson, Charles (Diane) Richardson III, Raymond (Phyllis) Richardson, Mark (Daphne) Richardson, Elliott (Jamie) Johnson, Sheldon Richardson, Charlene Richardson, Shannon Richardson; five siblings that loved him profoundly, Francina H@ Janet Thomas, Helen Moss, Jacquelyn Green and Shirley Richardson all of Miami FL; one aunt, Melvna Gibson; mother-in-law Virginia Williams of SC; two sisters-in-law, Clementine (Harold) McCray and Rosemary Richardson; seventeen grandchildren, twenty-1 grandchildren and a host of niece cousins, and friends. Charles will be missed by his family and friends.*



**Joseph Montgomery**

**Joseph Montgomery** departed this life on **April 13, 2023**. He was born on **July 16, 1949**, in Vance, South Carolina to the late Luella Miller Jefferson and Walter Montgomery. Joseph obtained his education at Whittemore High School in Conway, South



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Carolina. He earned a diploma in Data Processing machine operator in 1976, in 1978 he received a degree in Associate Business and General Business, in 1980 he received a diploma in Electronics Servicing Technology, and a degree of Associate of Occupational Technology. Joseph is preceded in death by both of his parents Luella Miller Jefferson and Walter Montgomery; one daughter, Corin Montgomery of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; four brothers, Harold and Nathan Montgomery, Richard and Steve Collier of Conway, South Carolina; one sister, Margaret Collier of Conway, South Carolina; and one grandchild, Ashley Montgomery of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. *He leaves to mourn and cherish precious family members his wife Debris Montgomery of Conway, South Carolina; two sons, Joseph (Yolanda) Montgomery Jr. of Patterson, New Jersey, and Price (Lisa) Montgomery of Longs, South Carolina; one daughter, Angie Montgomery of Conway, South Carolina; fifteen g sixteen great-grandchildren, sp Marilyn, and a host of nieces, nephews, close*



**George Junior Murray**

**George Junior Murray** was born on **January 3, 1933**, to the late Rev. George Murray, Sr., and Viola Huggins-Murray. On Thursday, **March 9, 2023**, God dispatched angels to his hospital room at Wilmington Hospital to lead him from his earthly home into eternal



1933 - 2023

rest. Even though we can no longer enjoy his beautiful smile, the beautiful singing, the laughter, and the times he spent with loved ones here, we have memories that we will cherish forever. One of his favorite songs was "May the Work I've Done Speak for Me" and he lived to hear the words "Well Done." *George leaves to cherish his loving memory: his daughter Jackie Murray of Tennessee; son Anthony Murray of North Carolina; one sister, Charlotte Murray-Sherman of Bucksport, SC; four grandchildren, LaWanda, LaTura, Erica, and Michael; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, with a close bond with his cousin Joann Henry. He also had a long-term companion of many years, Francine Worley. Along with his parents, George was preceded in death by four sisters, Eva Murray Evans, Rebecca Murray Bromell, Julia Murray Herriott, and Annie Mae Murray Young; three brothers, Isaiah Murray, David Murray, and William "Bill" Murray.*



**Malik Naji Rashaud Sherman**

**Malik Naji Rashaud Sherman**, son of Diana L. Moore and Dennis L. Sherman was born **July 24, 1997** in Conway, South Carolina. God called him home on **April 15, 2023**. Malik is an Arabic name that means "King", which he was. Malik was



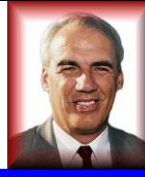
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heavily involved in extracurricular activities throughout his K-12 years including Track and Field, Basketball, and Football. Malik didn't let his extracurricular activities get in the way of his academics. Not only did he run track, but he also chased A's and B's in the classroom. Malik was like no other, you didn't know Malik if he didn't ask to detail your car or do your landscaping, which he loved dearly. *Malik Sherman leaves to cherish his memories his children, Aalayah Aniah Marie, Aalaysia Amia Marie, and Aiden Ryheem Naji Sherman; his parents, Diana L. Moore, and Dennis L. Sherman; six brothers, Shae (Christian) Sherman, Damone (Desiree) Sherman, Ny'mek Park, Dennis Sherman, Jr., Jamarian Sherman, and Omarion Sherman; five sisters, Alexis Sherman, Tykir Sherman, Annie Woods, Dre Morgan, and Anastacia Sherman; along with a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.*



**Dennis George McGarvey**

Dennis George McGarvey was born **June 29, 1949** in Conway, South Carolina. Dennis (73) passed away at home due to Alzheimer's on **Friday, April 7, 2023**, surrounded by his family. He is preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Marianne S. McGarvey, and sisters Diane Barker and Debbie Donley. *Survivors include 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews who call him "Uncle Denny".*



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**Mardenia A. Pierson Knox**

**Jerry Wayne Moody**

**Benjamin Lee Floyd**

**Mardenia A. Knox Pierson** was born **June 17, 1963**, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to the late Emma Ruth Knox Pierson and Andrew Mason, Sr. She departed this earthly life at the tender age of 59 on **Friday, April 14, 2023**, at her home. Her will to live, faith in



**1963-2023**

God and the love and prayers of family and friends carried her through to celebrate life. Affectionately known as "Marty", she attended the Myrtle Beach High School receiving a diploma and graduating with the class of 1976. She worked at Hotel Blue as the laundry room supervisor for seven and a half years. Spending time with her grandchildren and shopping was a must among the few things that Mardenia loved to do. Two sisters, Pamela Simmons of Conway, and Latay Brown of South Carolina, and one brother, Andrew Mason, Jr. of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina preceded her in death. **Mardenia leaves to cherish her loving memories her four children, Randy Knox, Reggie Knox, Ashley Knox, and Martia Knox all of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; one brother, Jeremiah Mason of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; thirteen grandchildren, a special friend, Brenda Ford of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; a special adopted daughter, Nakiea Pickett of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; a special aunt, Shelia Bland of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and a host of other family and friends.**



**Mr. Jerry Wayne Moody**, son of Mrs. Jeanice Vereen Moody and the late Levi (Lee/Lebe) Mack Moody was born **February 3, 1971** in Longs, South Carolina. Jerry attended Horry County Schools. He departed this life on Friday, **April 21, 2023**. Jerry



**1971- 2023**

is preceded in death by his father, Levi (Lee/Lebe) Mack Moody; one brother, Levi Moody; one nephew, Levi Moody, Jr., and one niece, Inez Moody. **Jerry leaves to cherish his one and only child and daughter, Caresha Jimneka Ladson; his loving mother, Jeanice Moody; two sisters: Rosa Moody Wilson and Arvel German (the late Stanley German); two brothers: James Moody and Anthony Moody; one sister-in-law, Veronica Thompson Frink (Lyndon); three nephews: Ricky Moody (Chaquita), Robert Moody, Lamond Ford; four nieces: Shakirha Davis, Kyesha Huggins, Laqueshia Moody and Kamille Moody; sixteen great nieces and three great nephews; four uncles: Jack Moody (Francis), Bobbie Joe Moody, Lenford Vereen, Ronnie Vereen (Merline); aunts: Rosa Lee Moody, Barbara Moody Hyman (Darren), Sally Mae Moody, Annie Miles, Nora Peral Knox (Gerald); one special cousin, Lenwood Vereen and a host of many relatives and friends.**



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**Benjamin Lee "Benny" Floyd** was born to the late Deacon and Mrs. Isaac Roosevelt (Bessie Sessions) Floyd, Sr. on **November 14, 1945**, in the Toddville Community of Conway, South Carolina. He departed this life on Tuesday,



**1945-2023**

**April 4, 2023**. Benny was educated in the Horry County public school system On January 13, 1973, Benny was joined in holy matrimony to **Miss Doris Ann Carter. m. He leaves to cherish many fond memories, his former wife: Ms. Doris C. Floyd, Myrtle Beach, SC; three children: Aprelle (Stephen) Brown, Conway, SC; Benjamin (Kelli) Floyd, II, Myrtle Beach, SC; and Tarra Anderson Gause, Conway, SC; 6 Grandchildren: Jonathan Brown (Amoni Clark), Jacksonville, FL; Jonica Brown, Conway, SC; Benjamin "BJ" Floyd, III, Evan Floyd, Namir Floyd (all of Myrtle Beach, SC); and Brandon Gause, Conway, SC; 1 Great granddaughter: Aubrey Brown, Jacksonville, FL. Benny also leaves to cherish many fond memories, step-mother Alene Floyd, Conway, SC; three sisters: Helen Bromell, Hamden, CT; Frances Vernon, Lawton, OK; and Dianne Floyd, Conway, SC; and one brother: Rev. Henry Glenn (Elouise) Floyd, Sr., Norwalk, CT; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in law: Sadie Mae Carter, Myrtle Beach, SC and Addie Mae Bellamy, North Myrtle Beach, SC; Frank (Daphne) Carter and George (Audrey) Carter all of Baltimore, MD. He will be sorely missed and delightfully remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances.**



**Da'Ja Sherron**

**Deloris Wilson Bowens**

**Hazel Green**

**Da'Ja Sherron** was born on **August 27, 1990**, in Myrtle Beach, SC to Sissy Cox and Timothy Gadson. Da'Ja Graduated from Myrtle Beach High School in 2008 and following her graduation, she relocated to Atlanta, Ga. She was a member of Sandy Grove



**1990- 2023**

Missionary Church. She departed this life on **April 26., 2023**. **Da'Ja leaves to cherish her loving memory, her children: Kh'Mya Watts, Kelsey Gaston, and Kensley Gaston; five sisters: Demetrice Francis (Vincent) Dunbar of Covington, Fa, Latisha Knox, Krystal Cox, Shania Sutton, and Deandra Black, all of Myrtle beach, SC; one brother, Timothy Sutton of Myrtle Beach, SC, God-parents: Michelle Dukes, Sammie Spivey and Flora Vereen; three nieces and four nephews, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Dala also leaves behind her lifelong best friend, Basheba James.**



**Deloris Wilson Bowens** was born on **September 2, 1951**, to the late Sammie "Bubba" and Bertha Mae Hannibal Wilson in Bishopville, SC. One sister, Bertha Lee Wilson and two brothers, Kenneth Wilson and Butch Hannibal, preceded



**1951 - 2023**

her in death. She departed this life on **April 25, 2023**. She attended Hartsville County Public Schools until her parents relocated to Conway, SC. Deloris completed her education in the Horry County Public Schools, where she graduated from Whittemore High School in 1971. Deloris was the proud mother of Anthony "Pokey" Wilson and Ch'quita Wilson. In 1989 De or s married the love of her life, Charles "Stove Pipe" Bowens. **Deloris leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Charles Bowens ; one son , Anthony Wilson ; one daughter Chiquita Wilson ; one step-daughter Melinda Bowens; two step-sons , Charles Bowens and James Bowens; nine grand- children, three great-grandchildren , seven sisters : Rosa-Lee Wells , Doris Sessions , Juanita (Alfred ) Scott, Gloria (Roy), Spain, Pauline Williams , Elouise (Stafford) White , and Linda Melvin; two brothers , John Hannibal (Star) and Emmanuel Hannibal (Evetta), and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends .**



On Sunday, **March 19, 2023**, Hazel Green departed this life. **Mrs. Hazel Connor Green** was born on **September 5, 1941** in Little River, SC to Nettie Maud McCray and Lewis Connor Jr. **Hazel leaves her loving legacy with her husband, Sammie**

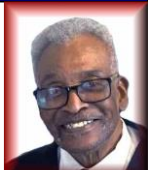




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**Green; sons, Curtis and Kevin Vereen; and her daughter, Pennie (Keith) Livingston all of Longs, SC; her bonus children: Thomacine Smith, Longs, SC, Tony (Brenda) Connor, Lithonia, GA, Maxine Connor, Little River, SC and Wanda (Gary) Dotson, Stone Mountain, GA; step daughters: Rosemary, Tracy, Saberina, Jacquelin and Gwen; her sister and best friend, Doreatha Stevens, Little River, SC. She cherished her in-laws: daughter-in-law, Vanessa Vereen; sisters-in-law: Priscilla Maye, Geraldine Gore, Annie Neal Vereen, Bertha Green, and Ethel Lewis; brothers-in-law: Randolph (Carolyn) Vereen, James Edward and Truman Maye. Hazel's strand of grandbaby pearls was numbered: 17 grands, 19 great-grands and 4 great-great-grands. Her special friends, Lucille Batts, Fannie Smith, Elneda Gause and Erma Lee Ellison also grieve the loss of their friend. There is a host of relatives and friends who will miss Hazel's presence in their lives.**





<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Harold Bernie Long</b></p> <p><b>Harold Bernie Long</b> was born in Conway, South Carolina on <b>July 4, 1938</b> to the late Jeff Bernie and Julia Bell Long. He graduated from <b>Whittemore High School in 1958</b>. In 1961, he met and married Emma Florence Smalls and they migrated to Long Beach, New York. <b>He leaves to cherish the legacy of his life his devoted wife of 61 years Emma, his loving children Betty Ford of Myrtle Beach, SC; Debra Long-Fulani (Richard) of Griffin, GA; Judy Bodley of Clarksville, TN; Lisa Johnson (Eric) of Hanlpton, GA; Ex-Chief Harold Long III of Uniondale, NY; bonus children Penney Wilbon of Greenville, SC; Rodney Pruitt and Randall Keith Moorehead; 9 Grandchildren, Yoshica Smalls-Jones (Rich), James Bodley Jr., LaRae Bodley, LaNisha Bodley, Xavier Johnson, Malcolm Johnson, Maya Johnson, Emily Long, and Anais Long; 3 Great-Grandchildren, Riya Jones, Reanna Jones, and Royce Jones; 1 Godchild, Ivy Hickland; 2 sisters, Cleo Vernon of Bridgeport, CT and Lillie Mae Jones of Asbury Park, NJ; his sisters, Christine Mitchell, Pearl Lucille McKeever, and Rosa Lee Long preceded him in death. He also leaves to cherish his memory, a host of Brother-in-laws, Sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and the entire New Zion FBH Church family.</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>1938 - 2023</b></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Peggy Beaty Randall</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. Peggy L Randall</b> entered into eternal rest peacefully on <b>April 12, 2023</b>. Peggy was born on <b>June 7, 1947</b>, and raised in the Sandridge Community of Conway, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her mother, the late Eva R. Windley, and father, the late Phillip Beaty. Peggy matriculated in the schools of Horry County Schools and graduated from Whittemore High School in 1964 and then relocated to New York. - Peggy also wed Roland Randall and from their union, two children Roland Randall Jr. (PeeWee) and Darlene Melissa Randall were added. Peggy reared her family in Mt. Vernon, New York while pursuing her educational goals. Peggy became a registered nurse after graduating with a B.S. in Nursing and Community Health from Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York in 1984. <b>Peggy is survived by her Son, Roland Randall, Jr. and Darlene Melissa Randall-Bright; Six Grandchildren: Shakila Randall, Aqiyl Randall, and Ronniqua Bright, Sherraine Randall, James Randall and Tamia Randall; two Great-granddaughters, Nevaeh Amira-Marie Randall; Herizen Randall; Sister, Gayle L. Brown; and a host of other relatives and friends.</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>1947-2023</b></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marie Floyd</b></p> <p><b>Marie Floyd</b>, also known as "Queen Rie," made her transition from earth to heavenly spirit on <b>March 22, 2023</b>, at the age of 86. She was born on <b>March 5, 1937</b>, to Charlotte Higgins and Steven Thomas, both of whom preceded her in death. Marie was also predeceased by her late husband William Richard Floyd as well as her sister and brothers: Dorothy Bradley, Joshua Higgins, Bob Higgins and Step-son Richard <b>Floyd. She is survived by her children Laura Robinson, Mark Robinson, Larry Floyd, and Garry Floyd, grandchildren; Tamar Robinson, Shakira Robinson, Shameka Robinson, Nekea Robinson, Tyri Suitt, Isyss Floyd, Denali Floyd, Prince Floyd, Ines Floyd, Luzmarie Floyd, Issac Floyd, Alec Floyd, Seth Newton-Floyd, Greg Burton, James Overton, Juanita Bowers great grandchildren; Steffon Robinson, Shawn Robinson, Stephanie Robinson, Ariana Suitt and Austin Suitt and a dozen others. In addition, she is survived by her step-children and Linda Wright. She was also dearly loved by her extra special relatives Alvin, Lavaughn &amp; Bernice Dillings, the Bradley family, Laura Raiford &amp; Family, Luttie Floyd, Audrey &amp; Leon Squire as well as her beloved dog, Kiro Floyd</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>1937- 2023</b></p> </div>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Janice James</b></p> <p><b>Janice-Mae James</b>, 57, was born on <b>February 9, 1966</b> to Andrew James Jr. and Rosa Lee James in Conway, SC. Janice was educated in Horry County Public School System. She departed this life on <b>April 2, 2023</b>. Janice was predeceased by her Father Andrew James Jr., Mother Rosa Lee James, her brothers James Green and Donald Ray Jordan. <b>She leaves to cherish her memories: Her ONE and ONLY child Lakeisha James (Kevin), Grandsons Tre'Veon James, Jeffery Myers and Great-grandson Noah James. Her siblings: Linda Little, Dennis Green, Al Green (Kim), Andrew James III (Jamie), Coretha James(Anthony), Douglas James(Pamela) and Ronald Smalls and a host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces and Nephews.</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>1966 - 2023</b></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ruby Proctor</b></p> <p><b>Ruby S. Rose Proctor</b> 67, of Conway, SC departed this life on <b>Sunday April 16, 2023</b>. She was born in Washington, DC on <b>August 1, 1955</b> to the late Mary and Namon Rose. Ruby embodied what it means to be a Christian through her continuous, unrelenting love for Jesus Christ, our Savior. Ruby was an Ordained Minister and served as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the choir, and volunteer. She was a loving and doting wife and mother. Her favorite pastimes were going out to eat with her dear husband Rodney, reading her bible, sewing, painting, drawing, and spending time with her family and friends. Ruby was known for her contagious smile, selflessness, kind spirit and willingness to help those in need. <b>Ruby is survived by her husband of 16 years, Rodney Proctor; her daughter Tracina Lee (Gary), her grandchildren Kendra(Darrell) Gary Jr(Crystal) and Darrien; 5 great-grandchildren Asiah, Essence, King, Kash and Isiah; 2 sisters Linda King and Robbin Rose-Gross. She was also blessed with 4 bonus children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild that she shared with her husband Rodney and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her sisters Donna Kemp and Brenda Rose.</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>1955 - 2023</b></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Angela Michelle Dukes</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. Angela Michelle Dukes</b>, beloved daughter of Martha Collins and late Finley Collins of New York. Michelle was born to Maxine Vereen and Kenneth Grissett, on <b>February 11, 1970</b>, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. She was called home on <b>April 19, 2023</b> to take her eternal rest. "Michelle" as she was called, was educated in the Mabel Dean Bacon in Manhattan New York. Also graduated from Benedict College, Columbia, SC and Paul Quinn College, Texas. She grew up in New York City, and later she moved to Myrtle Beach and attend Sandy Grove Baptist Church at a young age. Michelle was employed at T-Tech for several years before her illness. She was very talented and had several different skills. <b>Michelle leaves to cherish her precious memories her husband Ted Dukes, son Tyric Dukes of Richmond, Virginia. Siblings: Kenneth Grissett (Almeia) Ft Lauderdale, Jessie Grissett, Raleigh NC, Annette Atkins (Ernest) Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Janette Kelley (Darrell) Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Marce Grissett (Marcie) Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Eric Grissett (Yolanda) Charlotte, NC, Alfonso Grissett (Lamita) Stone Mt, Ga, Christal Vereen, Myrtle Beach, SC, Lamar Vereen, Myrtle Beach, SC, and the late Reketa Vereen and Lisa Grissett and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and special friends.</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>1970 - 2023</b></p> </div>
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