

# WHITLOCK GINN RODD

*Family Newsletter*

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Greetings Family & Friends,

“This is the day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad in it “

Hurricane Helene devastated communities throughout states in September that didn't realize that they were in the path of the hurricane. In times like these, we grapple with how quickly life can spiral out of our control. Than Hurricane Milton got angry in October and showed up in Florida.

Father, we pray for disaster survivors who have lost homes, livelihoods, possessions, and security, and we pray for the communities that have been destroyed. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead. Pour out an extra measure of strength for first responders who are working long hours. We pray for an outpouring of support that will meet every need through the generosity of others. Thank you, Lord, for promising to provide all that we need. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

We share condolences with our Sergeant of Arms John Whitlock on the passing of his brother Norris Whitlock. Norris was a part of the New York & New Jersey family that traveled on chartered buses for decades. He will surely be missed.

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that we extend appreciation to our WGR 2025 family reunion committee on preparing for our upcoming family reunion. This event serves as an opportunity to reflect on our shared history, honor our elders, and strengthen the ties that bind us together. We look forward to your presence at what promises to be a meaningful and joyous occasion.

Yours sincerely,  
President, Alvin Raymond ~  
Porshe' Robinson, Vice President



**PLEASE VOTE!**

**Vote early if you can but whatever you do, please vote!**



**Luciana Gray**

**Great Granddaughter of Barbara Gray**

## **WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD 45TH FAMILY REUNION:**

**THE NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA COMMITTEE  
WELCOMES YOU TO OUR  
WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD  
FORTY-FIFTH (45<sup>th</sup>) ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION  
“THREE ROOTS COMING TOGETHER AS ONE GIANT TREE**



**"WGR wisdom is stored in the branches, leaves and, trees of our ancestors"**

**Check the Family information Packet Phase 1 (One) for the 2025 Family Reunion which was mailed/emailed out on Thursday September 12, 2024. The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family Reunion Packet Phase 2 was sent out on Thursday October 10, 2024.**

**You can also check our family website for information. Our WGR Facebook page**

**[I am a Whitlock-Ginn-Rodd!](#) and website [www.WGRfamily.com](http://www.WGRfamily.com)**

**Please mark your calendar to meet the deadline that the committee has put forth. The information for the family reunion was sent out in September and October to give you the opportunity to make plans financially and to also make sure you have enough time to make travel arrangements.**

## WGR NEWSLETTER PAYMENT:

If you have not paid for your newsletter and would like to receive the newsletter via US mail, please send in a payment of \$25.00 to Barbara Gray ~1036 Taso Trail~Acworth, GA 30301.

## SICK, HOMEBOUND, AND NURSING HOME:

Barbara Gray, Hilda Goodridge, Damon Raymond, Deborah Allen, Norman Solomon, Melvin Raymond, Jerome Raymond, Jasper Raymond, Jr, MaryAnn Brown, Thomas Rodd, Jennifer Rodd, Ruth Cox, Henry 'Junior' & Janese Whitlock, Virginia Manigo, Myra Jamison, Lois Huger, Sabrina Murdaugh, Peggy Washington, James Lilley, Richard Bodrick, Myla Hector~Birch, Llyvonne "Bonnie" Washington, Lovely Mixon & Robert Mixon, and Martha Lawrence.

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. *Psalms 103 1-2*

## WHITLOCK-GINN FAMILY 80 YEARS PLUS CLUB:

### EMBRACE THE BENEFITS OF AGING:

#### **I celebrated my Seventy Fifth (75) birthday last month!**

One of my many prayers was giving thanks for our 80 plus club. Our family is truly blessed. When I started this club years ago to celebrate our elderly family on their birthdays. Realizing the importance of aging and we had quite a few; I decided to celebrate them every month. Today we have 25 members. "Life is precious."

I asked God to bless and keep me healthy so I may join this club one day. God is willing and able to use us, no matter how young, and no matter how old we are. We should always remember that God wants us to care for, respect, honor, and value the elderly, especially ours.



"Old age is a blessing from the Lord. We should never be afraid of aging."





**A smile is a welcomed sight that invites people in.**  
**We welcome William & Willie Mae Hall to our 80 + Club**  
**“You know you’re a senior when your joints are more accurate than the weatherman.”**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>From the Family Tree of:</b>
Ora Smith .....	106 .....	Honorary Member
Ruth Cox .....	92 .....	Minnie “Binkie” Ginn
Dorothy Rodd~Smart.....	93 .....	Amos Rodd
Ben Sanders .....	90 .....	Minnie ‘Binkie’ Ginn
Hazel Whitlock .....	90 .....	Walter Whitlock
Janese Whitlock .....	88 .....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Henry ‘Junior’ Whitlock.....	91 .....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Cressie Walker.....	89 .....	Rodd Family
William Hall.....	88.....	Walter Whitlock
Virginia Manigo .....	88 .....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Martha Lawrence .....	87 .....	Family Friend
Willie Mae Hall.....	86.....	Walter Whitlock
Earline Lagair.....	86 .....	Agnes Whitlock
Maj.(Ret) Arthur Lee Murdaugh...85 .....		Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Thomas Rodd .....	85 .....	Butler Rodd
Hezekiah Deligar, Jr.....	85 .....	Laura Ginn
Geraldine ‘Gerri’ Brown.....	83.....	Walter Whitlock
Mary Ann Brown.....	83 .....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Carolyn Lawton.....	82 .....	Iva Whitlock
Leonard Murdaugh, Jr. ....	82 .....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Betty Rose.....	82 .....	Iva Whitlock
Hilda Goodridge.....	82 .....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Sarah Deligar.....	81 .....	Laural Ginn
Lovely Mixon .....	80 .....	Sally Ginn
Robert Mixon .....	80 .....	Sally Ginn

**Happy belated anniversary ~May 25<sup>th</sup> William & Willie Mae Hall**  
**May God bless you both and give you all the happiness in this world.**

## SEPTEMBER~OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**Michelle Horton  
Bernard Gadsden  
Julia Shaw  
Myra Jamison  
Cheryl Solomon  
Kelsey Smart  
Chelsey Williams  
Denise Woody  
Tammy Small  
Delvin Crawford  
Christalyn Solomon  
Joyce Russell  
Jourdon Bryan  
Terreal Witherspoon  
Ernestine Washington  
Kalani Paris Sykes  
Janet Moultrie  
Steve Williams  
Jeremiah Moultrie  
Isaiah Curtis  
Syreeta Corbin  
Lee Martin  
Kyleik Middleton  
Patricia Williams**

**Roger Taylor  
Tracy Whitlock  
Tawanna Williams  
Fred Wright III  
Stephaine D. Whitlow  
Tyrell Whitlow  
Delrina Bodrick  
Sakani Smith  
Haskell Raymond  
Johnnie Jamison  
Lazetta Young  
Jane Ieirce  
Anthony Williams  
Diamond Harrison  
Henry Whitlock  
Cymphonique Thomas  
Nevach Johnson  
Geraldine Thompson  
Barbara Gray  
Bertha Williams  
Charles Small, III  
Jaes Singleton  
Joe Whitlock, Jr.**

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**



**Moneak & Dominic Mack  
Natalya Bodrick~Mmeje & Obieze Mmeje  
Ashlie & Kennard Allen  
Carolyn & Leroy Singleton  
Bernard & Patricia Williams  
Kelvin & Shelia Smart**

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**



**Alysa Jackson  
Angela Henry  
Melvin Raymond, Jr.  
Annette Whitlock  
Bracelon Drayton  
Pamela Crawford  
Nikki Raymond  
Marion (JR) Leach  
Tammy Small  
Caleb Mack  
Janie Raymond  
Cleveland Ferguson, Jr.  
Jackie Green  
Jackie Black  
Khary Brown  
Cressie Walker  
Chemene Harrison  
Syreeta Corbin  
Leroy Singleton, Jr.  
Kaydence Smart  
Sarah Farmer**

**Delmar Whitlock  
Katisha Chisolm  
Jacquaz Cooper  
Paris Nicole Martin  
Barbare Cochran  
Thomas Rodd  
Jamal Washington  
Warren Brown  
Shautria R. Smalls  
Shawntna Rodd  
Aquilles Harrison  
Fred Johnson  
Isaa Seabrooks  
Melia Seabrooks  
Shavonna Harrison  
Porche Brown  
Chanel Frazier  
Leona Brown  
Brandon Williams  
Joshua Duncan**

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Johnnie & Myra Jamison  
Willie & Brenda Horton

### WE REMEMBER



Julie Addie Lee Miley	September 4, 1928-October 5, 2018
Richard Pinckney	September 16, 1949-March 2015
Leroy Kearse, Jr.	October 13, 1941~July 12, 1995
George Fuller, Sr.	October 15, 1909~February 1, 1999
Catherine Granderson	October 17, 1908~November 6, 2012
Ms. Abigail Verdree	October 14, 1957~ October 12, 2023
Dennis D. Gray	October 18, 1970~September 22, 2023
Richard Henry	October 20, ~ October 4, 2022
Clyde Raymond	October 22, 1955~ February 11, 2018
Isaac Seabrooks, Jr.	October 25, 1961~March 10, 2022
Leonard Murdaugh, Sr.	October 26, 1916~June 29, 2008

The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you shall never pass away."



**CONDOLENCES:**

**NORRIS “PINKY” WHITLOCK**

*Celebration of Life*



**Norris Whitlock**  
**“Pinky”**

**Our Gift**  
November 12, 1944

**God’s Gift**  
September 11, 2024

Service: Thursday, September 19, 2024  
Viewing: 5:00pm-6:00pm | Service: 6:00pm

**Paradise Baptist Church**

23 Fort Washington Avenue | New York, New York 10032

**Officiant**  
Reverend David Jenkins

**Organist**  
Pastor Joshua Brown

Norris Whitlock, 2nd oldest son of the late Joe and Caroline Whitlock

was born in Jamestown, South Carolina on November 12, 1944. On the morning of September 11, 2024 at his residence in Manhattan with loved ones at his side, Norris departed this life and went home to be with the Lord at the age of 79.

Norris attended Eastern District High School and graduated along with the class of 1965. He joined the US Airforce shortly after graduating high school, served his country and received an honorable discharge on December 10, 1968. He was a very proud veteran! In addition, he also studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Norris was extremely talented in the arts and loved music, with Jazz and Motown being among his favorites genres. Some of his favorite artists were Marvin Gaye, The Temptations Aretha Franklin and Smokey Robinson.

On December 6, 1969, Norris married his first love, Lillie Middleton. From that union they created a beautiful daughter, Tiffany Whitlock born on October 9, 1971. Lillie Whitlock preceded him in death on June 5, 1989.

In the early 70's, Norris sang with the J.M.B Mass Choir at Solomon Temple Baptist Church in the Bronx. Norris was a jack of all trades and over the course of his life, worked for several companies such as IBM, Citibank, and McGraw to name a few. He later became employed by NYC Health & Hospitals. He retired from Medical Recovery Group in 2020, he rededicated his life to Christ. He was truly a family man, loved life, family reunions, and lived life to the fullest until he became ill in 2021. Norris shared the last few decades of his life with his partner Claudine Dillard, who was by his side until his passing.

Norris leaves many behind to cherish his memories: his daughter Tiffany Whitlock, his life partner Claudine, bonus daughter Shatone Bailey, two grandchildren, Simone and Izana, two sisters, Leona Brown and Hilda, four brothers, Henry Whitlock Jr., John Whitlock, Joe Whitlock, and Willard Whitlock who preceded him in death. Four sisters-in-law, Janese Whitlock, Laura Whitlock, Gretta Whitlock, and Jane Whitlock. Two brothers-in-law Goodridge and Sinclair Brown who preceded him in death. Along with a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and many friends.

Sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But, you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven-bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He knew my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.

Yes, I am sorry I had to leave you,  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And now I am resting here.  
Yes, I have crossed on over to glory  
And to you I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we will meet again someday.

*FROM THE TREE OF JOE WHITLOCK, SR.*



## **Era Mae Kilpatrick**

**October 25, 1945 ~ October 6, 2024**

Era Mae Kilpatrick (Big Momma ) (Mother Kilpatrick) was born on October 25, 1945 in Savannah, Georgia passed away October 6, 2024 at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair New Jersey.

Era Kilpatrick attended the Estill, South Carolina school system . She obtained a bachelor and masters degree from seminary school. Era was employed at

Showboat Casino in Atlantic City New Jersey, as a security officer where she retired. She was a longtime member of Voice of Deliverance Church.

Era was predeceased by her husband Leroy Kilpatrick Sr, by her late mother Julia R. Singleton and her late father Hubert Rowe. She had two children that predeceased her, a son named Thomas Eugene who passed away in 1966 and a daughter named Lela Mae Moore who died in 1999.

Her surviving children are Leroy Kilpatrick, Jr. (Lourdes) of Bridgeton, NJ, Anthony Sapp (Shirley) of Estill, SC, Azelia Penny Williams (Larry) of Bronx, NY, Mona Drake of Chicago, Illinois, Freddie Ruth Jr. (Wendy) of West Orange, NJ, Paula Ruth-Glass of Bloomfield, NJ, and Nina Ruth-Brunson (Darryl) of Jamestown, NC.

She is also survived by grandchildren: Leroy Kilpatrick III (Johanly) of Sicklerville, NJ, Leroy Kilpatrick IV of Bridgeton, NJ, Erika Cambrelen (Jonathan) of Vineland, NJ, Luis Moya of Vineland, NJ, Lourdes Eyliana Rivera of Vineland, NJ, Isaiah Ruth (Alayna) of Linden, NJ, Herbert Ruth (Dacheray) of Bloomfield, NJ, Kyle Moore of Pennsylvania, Elyse Ruth of East Orange, NJ and a host of other grandchildren , great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Era is survived by siblings - Brenda Jean-Pierre, and Booker T Singleton Jr., both of Brick NJ ,Gloria Benkowski of Kearney NJ, Bernard and Christopher Singleton both of Newark NJ, Minnie Joann Singleton of Atlantic City NJ., Ruby Shaw of Fredericksburg Va. Debra Singleton of Williamsburg VA, Carolyn Lawton of West Columbia, SC and Melvin Raymond (Betty) of Port Wentworth, Ga.

She leaves behind special daughter Selena Epps, spiritual daughter Joann Dorris and special daughter/caretaker Maria (Wendy) Bent.

The Kilpatrick Family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many calls, visits, and expressions of love, sympathy, and acts of kindness that have been extended to us during this time of bereavement.

Era was the granddaughter of and from the tree of the late Iva Whitlock-Raymond.

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## **Carmichael Donnell Williams**

Granson to the late Robert Willaims of Brunson, SC and son to the late Cleo Williams. Michael was from the tree of Agnes Whitlock.

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## **Shu-Shu**

Fontana Lynn Russell I **#YorkieBadGirl** (Fur Baby)

**December 2, 2008 ~ September 29, 2024**

“Your bark may be silent, but your sweet spirit echoes loudly in our life. The cut is deep right now, but over time, it will become a scar filled with Shu-Shu’s life's moments.”

Daughter of Janell Russell and granddaughter of Mattie “Mickie” England of Savannah, GA. Tree of Walter Whitlock.

## BARBARA'S INSPIRATIONAL CORNER



What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank him yesterday. . .

What if God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow him today. .

What if God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as his day. . .

What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain. . .

What if God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others. . .

What if God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today. .

What if God took away his message because we failed to listen to the messenger. . .

What if God didn't send his only begotten son because he wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin. . .

What if the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door to our heart. . .

What if God answered our prayers the way we answer his call to service. . .

"You were made by God and for God, and until you understand that, life will never make sense."