



WHITLOCK GINN RODD

A family that prays together, stays together.

Dear Family and Friends,

The Seasons of Life

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn to not judge things too quickly. So, he sent them each on a quest, one-by-one, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted.

The second son said no – it was covered with green buds and full of promise.

The third son disagreed, he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfilment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are – and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life – can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall.

Don't judge a life by one difficult season. Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Family, thank God for whatever season of life you're in.

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD 45TH FAMILY REUNION:

THE NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA COMMITTEE
WELCOMES YOU TO OUR WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD
FORTY-FIFTH (45th) ANNUAL FAMILY REUNION.

THEME:

"THREE ROOTS COMING TOGETHER AS ONE GIANT TREE."



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

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

Hotel Booking Information (Next page→)

Hotel Booking Information

HILTON GARDEN INN CHARLESTON AIRPORT



5265 International Boulevard

North Charleston, SC 20418

Phone Number: 1 843-308-9330

Everyone must use this [booking link](#) or call the hotel to make sure you get the correct rate. Below you will find the secure booking link for all attendees to make your reservation for our WGR 45th Family Reunion. **Keep in mind, all reservations must be made by May 27th 2025** in order to receive the group rate.

Hotel reservations link: <https://tinyurl.com/2xl3usy9>

OR

Scan the QR code with
your phone's camera.



If for any reason you are having trouble with the booking link, you can contact the hotel at 1-800- Hilton and speak with the reservations line or contact the hotel directly and speak with a front desk agent (843-308-9330) whom will be able to assist you. You may also contact one of our reunion committee hosts.

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Additional information can be found in Packet Phase 1, 2025 Family Reunion which was mailed/emailed out on Thursday September 12, 2024.

Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family Reunion Packet Phase 2 was sent out on Thursday October 10, 2024.

Please book your accommodations early to ensure availability. The WGR Family Reunion Committee can't stress enough how eager we are to see you in June 2025. Also, if you haven't begun to make payments for the different activities for the reunion please do so as soon as possible. Our family reunion is a celebration of our shared love, history, and the promise of a united future.

FEBRUARY 2025 “BLACK HISTORY MONTH”



2025 BLACK HISTORY THEME

African Americans and Labor

2025 marks the 100-year anniversary of the creation of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Maids by labor organizer and civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph, which was the first Black union to receive a charter in the American Federation of Labor. Martin Luther King, Jr. incorporated issues outlined by Randolph's March on Washington Movement. Issues such as economic justice into the Poor People's Campaign, which he established in 1967. For King, it was a priority for Black people to be considered full citizens.

The theme, “African Americans and Labor,” intends to encourage broad reflections on intersections between Black people's work and their workplaces in all their iterations and key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture across time and space and throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora.

Like religion, social justice movements, and education, studying African Americans' labor and labor struggles are important for organizing new interpretations and reinterpretations of the Black past, present, and future. Such new considerations and reconsiderations are even more significant as the historical forces of racial oppression gather new and renewed strength in the 21st century.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-IN



The Lord will command His loving kindness in the daytime;
And His song will be with me in the night,
A prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:8

Carolyn Lawton, Barbara Gray, Hilda Goodridge, Damon Raymond, Deborah Allen, Norman Solomon, Melvin Raymond, Jerome Raymond, Jasper Raymond, Jr, MaryAnn Brown, 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, 2yo Cymeian Ferguson, Tera and Patrick Carter

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD FAMILY 80+ CLUB:

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4

It's a beautiful reminder that God is faithful throughout all of life's ages and stages of life, offering His strength and protection.

The Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family
Acknowledge and celebrate the
One Hundred and Seventh Birthday (107th)



Mrs. Ora Smith
February 16, 2025

Hampton, South Carolina

An original member of Mount Olive Baptist Church Hampton, SC.,
the original church of our Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Ancestors



Message

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>From the Family Tree of:</u>
Ora Smith	107.....	Honorary Member
Ruth Cox.....	92.....	Minnie "Binkie" Ginn
Dorothy Rodd~Smart.....	93.....	Amos Rodd
Hazel Whitlock	91.....	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	85	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Thomas Rodd.....	85.....	Butler Rodd
Hezekiah Deligar, Jr.....	86.....	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.....	81.....	Sally Ginn
Melvin Raymond.....	80.....	Iva Whitlock

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:



JANUARY

Richard Bodrick II
Vaughn Martin
Louise Dell Whitlock
Cedric Geiger
Bennie Hines
Adelyn Paisley Washington
Dominic Mack
Brayden Coaxum
Naomi Solomon
Jason Battle
Chanel Sykes
Felicia Delaney

Shanna D. Bryan
Keenan Walker
Melissa Seabrooks
Dominique Singleton

Llyvonne Washington
L'yanah Whitlock
Jaris Williams
Sarah Deligar
Gerald Raymond
Chase Raymond.
Dorothy Rodd~Smart
Stacy Raymond
Aleese Barnbes
Noami Williams
Shaquana Rodd
Sara Brown-Wright

Emanuel Whitlock
Dorothea Gadsden
Taliah Singleton

FEBRUARY

Logan Whitherspoon
Shaquan Lockwood
Blair Monet Benson
Pasty Raymond
Patricia Rodd
Debra Geiger
Elijah Parker
Jason Battle
Kierria Austin
Robert Poole
Faith Rivers
Anthony Harrison
Roxanne Jones
Alice Walker
Troy Gray
Emanuel Stark
Briggett Murdaugh
Michael Whitlock

Laron Williams
Chase Smart
D'Quavien Williams
Armond Richardson
Tyler Whitlock
Julian Noel Raymond

Fred Frazier
Paris Brown
Juanita Gray

Cory Wright
Betty Raymond
Aaron Harrison



JANUARY

Mabel Harris

Yvonne Raymond
Gervey Whitlock, Jr.

Joe Battle, IV
Leslie Bodrick

Obie Mmeje

Kevin Smart

Anthony Felder

Diamond Francisco

DaQuante Smart

Maria Guity

Janie Sanders

Jordan Gray

Landon Smart

FEBRUARY

Bernard Williams

Dorothea Gadsden

Amber Allen

Charimaine Allen

Jasper Raymond, Jr.

Emanuel Whitlock, Jr.

Roderick Crawford



JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

Charles & Tammy Small

Olivia & Rudolph Whitlock

Becky & Stanley Alexander

Alexis & Brady Corrigan, Jr.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

Bonnie & Greg Hector

Barbara & Jay Lilley

Monique & Troy Anderson



WE REMEMBER:



JANUARY-FEBRUARY

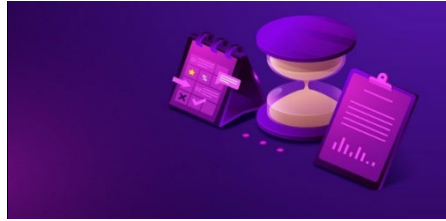
Ancestor

Iva Whitlock-Raymond 6th child of Grant & Julia Whitlock
February 25, 1895-December 3, 1993

W.W. Law	January 1, 1923-July 28, 2002
Barbara Manuel-Marshall	January 1, 1947-November 2, 2014
Willie Manuel, Jr.	January 5, 1948-July 12, 1997
Randolph (Dooley) Whitlock Jr.	January 5, 1953-March 20, 2015
Janet Johnson	1951 - 2019 January 5, 2019
Oliver Kennedy	January 10, 1927-June 9, 2014
Joseph Solomon	January 10, 1970 - January 15, 2020
George "Sonny" Kennedy	January 16, 1948-September 25, 2017
Virgie Simon-Simmons	January 21, 1943 - February 24, 2017.
Minnie Raymond	February 1, 1949-January 13, 1913
Irene Strickland	February 3, 1902-October 31, 2003
Patricia Rodd	February 3, 1947 ~ September 4, 2016
Carrie Whitlock	February 7, 1914 - February 5, 1993
Gladys Murdaugh	February 11, 1943- January 12, 2014
Alice Kennedy	February 14, 1929- November 14, 2018
Geneva (Nev) Whitlock	February 15, 1919- June 10, 2010
Rev. Charles A. Black	February 17, 1955-August 7, 2012
Deacon James E. Morris	February 19, 1927-March 11, 2018
Iva Whitlock-Raymond	February 25, 1895-December 3, 1993

BARBARA'S INSPIRATIONAL CORNER:

The Timekeeper's Hourglass



In a village governed by routine and tradition, a mysterious figure known as the Timekeeper appeared. He carried an hourglass that measured the time each person had left in their life.

Initially, people feared the Timekeeper, but they soon realized the hourglass was a reminder, not a threat. The wise Timekeeper taught the villagers the value of time and the importance of living in the present.

As people started appreciating each moment, the village transformed. Relationships deepened, creativity flourished, and kindness became a currency. The Timekeeper's hourglass no longer caused fear but served as a guide to a fulfilling life.

When asked about the hourglass, the Timekeeper explained, "Time is a gift; how you use it defines the quality of your life. Cherish the present, for it is the only moment you truly own."

Moral: The true measure of a rich life is not the quantity of time but the quality of moments lived fully and purposefully.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A third-grade teacher had her students ask their parents to tell them a story with a moral for their homework one day.

The next day, the kids came back and one by one, began to tell their stories. But then the teacher realized that only Katie was left.

"Katie, do you have a story to share?"

"Yes ma'am... My daddy told me a story about my mom."

"OK, let's hear it," said the teacher.

"My mom was a Marine pilot in Iraq and her plane got hit."

"She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol, and a survival knife."

"She drank the whiskey on the way down so the bottle wouldn't break and then her parachute landed her right in the middle of 20 enemy fighters."

"She shot 15 of them with the pistol, until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife, till the blade broke, and then she killed the last one with her bare hands."

"Oh my!" said the horrified teacher. "What did your daddy tell you was the moral to this story?"

"Stay away from Mommy when she's drunk!!!"

A little bird...

A little bird was flying south for the Winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him.

Morals of the story:

1. Not everyone who sh*ts on you is your enemy.
2. Not everyone who gets you out of sh*t is your friend.
3. And when you're in deep sh*t, it's best to keep your mouth shut!

LOVE Y'ALL!