

WHITLOCK GINN RODD
"A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER."
NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024

Hello Family!

Are you ready for 2025?

Ready or not, it is right around the corner!



**2025 FAMILY REUNION
INFORMATION**

THE STORY OF LIFE



**REMEMBERING
OUR ANCESTORS**



**BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**



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The Story of Life

Sometimes people come into your life, and you know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson, or help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be, but when you lock eyes with them, you know at that very moment that they will affect your life in some profound way.

Sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair at first, but in reflection, you find that without overcoming those obstacles, you would have never realized your potential, strength, willpower, or heart.

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness, and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul. Without these small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smoothly paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable but dull and utterly pointless.

The people you meet who affect your life, and the successes and downfalls you experience help to create who you become. Even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are probably the most poignant and important ones. If someone hurts you, betrays you, or breaks your heart, forgive them, for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious when you open your heart. If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love you, but because, in a way, they are teaching you to love and how to open your heart and eyes to things.

Make each day count! Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you possibly can, for you may never be able to experience them again. Talk to people you have never talked to before, but actually listen. Let yourself fall in love, break free, and set your sights high. Hold your head up because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you. You can make your life anything you wish. Create your own life, then go out and live it with absolutely no regrets.

As we enter into a New Year:

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.

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**

“THREE ROOTS COMING TOGETHER AS ONE GIANT TREE”



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

Check the 2025 Family Reunion information Packet Phase 1 which was mailed/emailed on Thursday September 12, 2024.

Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family Reunion Packet Phase 2 was mailed/emailed 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 our website www.WGRfamily.com

Please mark your calendar to meet the deadlines the committee has put forth. The information for family reunions are sent out in September/October to give you ample time to financially plan for the reunion and to make sure you have enough time to make travel plans and other arrangements for a stress free reunion.

LET'S REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-IN:

1. Carolyn Lawton,
2. Barbara Gray,
3. Hilda Goodridge,
4. Damon Raymond,
5. Deborah Allen,
6. Norman Solomon,
7. Melvin Raymond,
8. Jerome Raymond,
9. Jasper Raymond, Jr,
10. MaryAnn Brown,
11. Ruth Cox,

12. Henry 'Junior' &
Janese Whitlock,
13. Virginia Manigo,
14. Myra Jamison,
15. Lois Huger,
16. Sabrina Murdaugh,
17. Peggy Washington,
18. James Lilley,
19. Richard Bodrick,

20. Myla Hector~Birch,
21. Llyvonne "Bonnie"
Washington
22. Lovely Mixon & Robert
Mixon,
23. Martha Lawrence

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD FAMILY 80+ CLUB:



I did not get old on purpose
It just happened.
If you're blessed,
It could happen to
YOU!

The older you get
The more you become
Like a computer.
You start out with plenty of memory
And drive, but then you
Become outdated and
You have to have all
Your parts
Replaced!
Do not get all-weird
About getting older
Our age is merely the
Number of years the world
Has been enjoying us!
"I don't mind getting older
But, my body is taking it badly."
"Young at heart

Thank You Lord For Keeping our elders for another year.

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Age:</u> | <u>From the Family Tree of:</u> |
|--|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Ora Smith | 106 | 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 | | 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..... | 82 | Laural Ginn |
| Lovely Mixon | 80 | Sally Ginn |
| Robert Mixon | 81 | Sally Ginn |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES:



Trevaughn Sheppard
Nyla Corbin
Jennifer Rodd
Luciana Marie Gray
Cierria Austin
Gregory Hector
Megan Dickerson
Angie Gray
Mickell Raymond
Amber Brown
Shaquette Drayton
Anne Murray
Aeris Breanna Allen
Robin Bamberg
Clara Jamison
Devonte Martin
KaZariah Jackson
Malik Baqi
Vera Mae Samuels
Curtis Edward
George Q. Brown

CJ Holmes
Walter B. Clark
Ka'Zariah Washington
David Walker
Willie Whitlock, Jr.
Moneak Mack
Carl Holmes
Robert Mixon
Crystal Martin
Jernel Chisolm
Arianna Edwards
Alex Choute
Beverly Michael
Allyson Cabanas
Jantrell Moultrie
Rodriquez Whitlock, Sr.
Emanuel Kent Whitlock, Jr.
Andre Lloyd
Jonathan Alexander
Antoinette M. Wilson
Tequan Whitlock



Janese & Henry Whitlock
Stephanie & Tom Finch
Diane & Herbert Williams
Hezekiah & Sarah Deligar

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:



Alayissa Harrison
Cameron Stark
Kalani Leach
Norman (Alex) Solomon
Carol Rodd- Curtis
Dennis Jamison
Charles L. Roberts
Ashanti Williams
Deborah Allen
Eriel Stark
Tyrell Chisolm
Deja Holmes
Rudy Whitlock
Rudolph Whitlock
Schenteria Blake (twin)
Schanequa Blake (twin)
Taylor Ford
Pamela Ferguson
Hazel Whitlock
Kyree Whitlock
Condarrion Murdaugh
Precious Williams
Jayarus Williams
Desmond Williams
Hezekiah Deligar Jr.
Hezekiah Deligar III
Devonte Martin
Jeremiah Moultrie
Marley McCabe
Lillian McKinney

Dana Taylor
Roger & Dana Taylor
Amber Peince
Stanley "Cherokee" Drake
Tangelo Whitlock, Jr.
Nautica Whitlock
Valentine Lupemba
Antonio Brewer, Jr.
Linda Solomon
L'yanah Whitlock
Jacob Williams
Alexis Bradley
Breannah Turner
Martel Whitlock
Tricia Whitlock
Thangelo Whitlock, Sr.
Deborah Williams
Diondra Gray
Mary Evans
Vilette Harrison
Patrick Whitlock
Darius Horlback
Tonya Williams
Cleveland Ferguson, Sr.
Antwan Brown
Walter Samuels
Porshe Robertson
Abriona Lockwood
Ronnie Farmer
Eriel Starke



Emmanuel and Tricia Whitlock
Helen & Fred Frazier
Mary Ann & Warren Brown
Jennifer & Naanam Deligar
Roger and Dana Taylor

Octavia & Stanley Wright
Patrice & Kennard Bruton
Samuel & Clara Jimson
Charlene & Dexter Washington

WE REMEMBER:



What we once enjoyed, we can never lose.
All that we love deeply becomes part of us.
REMEMBERING OUR ANCESTORS



Stella Whitlock Haynes
4th child of Grant and Julia Ginn Whitlock.
December 24, 1894 ~ March 23, 1985

Mollie Whitlock
9th child of Grant and Julia Ginn Whitlock.
December 18, 1909 ~ December 5, 1979

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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| Lovelle Davis | November 10, 1920 - August 6, 2014 |
| Catherine Hopkins | November 10, 1928-January 30, 2016 |
| Amelia Davis | November 10, 2010 |
| Willard Whitlock | November 11, 1948-January 22, 2010 |
| Norris "Pinky" Whitlock | November 12, 1944~September 11, 2024 |
| Linda Williams | November 14, 1948- March 9, 1995 |
| Nicole Martin | November 14, 1967-December 22, 2011 |
| Robert Williams | November 15, 1925-July 16, 1999 |
| Ricky D. Rodd | November 21, 1968-December 2, 2007 |
| Marion Washington | November 22, 1931-August 10, 2008 |
| Elder Charles E. Black | November 24, 1939-June 24, 2016 |
| Agnes L. Jefferson-Huger | November 25, 1915-June 2, 1994 |
| Rodriquez D. Whitlock, Sr.. | November 26, 1971-February 1, 2019 |
| Daisy Belle Williams | November 27, 1915-June 16, 1982 |
| Sadie Green | November 29, 1929- December 2019 |
| Shu-Shu Fontana L. Russell | December 2, 2008 ~ September 29, 2024 |
| Randolph Manuel | December 5, 1931-July 17, 2014 |
| Kenya Raymond | December 7, 1975-January 19, 1995 |
| Kevin Whitlock | December 10, 1954 -March 8, 2022 |
| Henry Mann | December 17, 1935-May 23, 2002 |
| Mollie Whitlock | December 18, 1909-December 5, 1979 |
| Stella Whitlock | December 24, 1894-March 23, 1985 |
| Angus Whitlock | December 24, 1930-January 16, 2006 |
| Wanda Long Miller | December 28, 1956-January 7, 2002 |
| Julia Singleton | December 29, 1923-July 13, 1981 |
| Edith Solomon | December 31, 1945-July 4, 2018 |

CONDOLENCES:



BEN SANDERS, JR.

April 19, 1934 - November 8, 2024

Ben Sanders, Jr., born on April 19, 1934, in Hampton County, South Carolina, to the late Bishop Ben Jeremiah Sanders, Sr., and Mother Verna Sanders, lived and fulfilled 90 years of purpose and destiny on this earth before answering the call of the beloved Almighty GOD on November 8, 2024.

“Ben”, “Junior”, “Ben Jr”, “Be Be”, “Uncle Son”, or “Elder Sanders”, as he was affectionately known to family and friends, grew up and was educated in his birth home of South Carolina. At the tender age of 18, Ben left his birthplace and moved to Brooklyn, New York, in 1952. He resided in New York until 2019, when he moved to Decatur, Georgia, to live with his loving daughter and son-inlaw until his departure for his heavenly home.

Ben, throughout his years in Brooklyn, New York, held various jobs, including working at the High School of Music and Art and for the New York City Board of Education, where he retired after 30 years of dedicated service. His work ethic and dedication earned him the respect and admiration of all those he encountered.



Ben lived a life of “Devotion and Spiritual Passion” for the Almighty GOD and GOD’s people until the end of his days. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at the age of 18 and shortly thereafter received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He deeply loved and was devoted to studying the Word of God, embodying II Tim 2:15, “Study to show thyself approved unto God...” As a result of intense study and his progression in his faith, Elder Sanders grew to be a gifted psalmist, teacher, preacher, writer, and conversationalist who was always eager to share the Word with anyone willing to receive the message he disseminated. His spiritual influence touched countless lives, guiding souls to Christ. He was a true soldier for GOD.

Elder Sanders’s love for GOD and GOD’s people motivated him to serve passionately and with commitment in many churches during his pilgrimage on this earth, starting in South Carolina at Ebenezer Holiness Church (his father’s church) and Little Mt. Sinai Holiness Church (his mother’s church), and later in New York at The Pentecostal House of Prayer For All People, Inc. under the late Bishop Julio Felix and St. John Pentecostal Church, and in many other churches up and down the East Coast. Elder Sanders left a lasting impression whenever and wherever he served.

“Junior”, “Ben Jr.”, “Be Be”, or “Uncle Son”, to his family, was a presence. A devoted husband to his beloved late wife of 57 years, Mary Louise Lingard. A loving and supportive father to his daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Denise and Darrell, and Pamela Dolores and Gary. An embodiment of love, loyalty, selflessness and support to his late parents, eleven siblings and other extended family members, without hesitation. Ben was the brother who could always be counted on, the uncle who showed up in times of need, an overall true family man who believed in the power of togetherness.

Ben, in addition to work, religion, and family, was passionate about music. Outside of gospel, he understood other genres, but especially had a love for classical music, attending classical orchestral and classical choir concerts. He loved and was known for playing the guitar. It was under Bishop J. Felix where he had his musical beginnings and was introduced to the guitar. As he continued to develop his skills over the years, he

passed down his love and knowledge of the guitar to his brothers, Dan, Carey, and Samuel (Sammie).

A man who gave without expectation, checked in with loved ones, helped those in need, brought laughter and a smile to all he encountered, brought a bit of sunshine and kindness wherever he saw it was needed, was Ben. He left behind a legacy of generosity and joy.

Ben, as now being a part of that Great Cloud of Witnesses, joins his cherished wife, Mary Louise; parents, Bishop Ben Jeremiah Sanders, Sr., and Mother Verna Sanders; beloved sisters, Freddie Mae Sanders, Miriam “Easter” Burch (Willie), Verna Mae “Ducky” Patterson (Oliver), Deborah Sanders Holloman (Davis), and Naomi Sanders; brother, Aaron Sanders; and many other immediate and extended family members.

Ben’s legacy continues through his daughters, Mary Denise Shinn (Darrell) and Pamela Dolores Foster (Gary); sister, Lillian Murdaugh (James); brothers, Moses Sanders, Bishop Daniel Sanders (Ruth), Samuel Sanders, and Carey Sanders; three aunts, Mary Johnson, Easter Morrell, and Thelma Smart; his church families; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

TRIBUTE OF LOVE

Though he will be deeply missed, the memories of Ben J. Sanders Jr.’s, unwavering faith, love, and kindness will remain in our hearts forever. His laughter, wisdom, and dedication will live on, a testament to a life that truly exemplified grace, love, and devotion. Rest in peace, Dad, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Elder Sanders, until we meet again.

Ben is from the tree of Minnie Ginn.



Elene (Lacewell) Brown
July 20, 1950 ~ November 22, 2024 (age 74)

BROOKLYN, NY—Elene Lacewell Brown, 74, formerly of Riegelwood, NC, died Friday, November 22, 2024, at home in Brooklyn, NY.

The funeral was held at 12:00 PM Monday, December 2, at Graham Chapel AME Zion Church, 458 East Arcadia Road, Riegelwood, NC, by Elder Eddie Lacewell. Her burial will be in the Graham Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation was at The Peoples Funeral Chapel Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and at the church Monday 30 minutes prior to the service.

Surviving are her sons, Tyrone Brown of Leland, NC and Kendrick Brown of N. Chesterfield, VA; brother, Eddie Lacewell of Brooklyn, NY; sister, Pamela Graham of Riegelwood, NC.

Elene was the friend of Helen Frazier and Barbara Gray but as most friends the Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd family becomes their family as well. Elene traveled to a few family reunions and supported us in our fundraisers.

Elene represents the tree of Minnie Whitlock.



**Merdis Loretta Smalls of Decatur, Georgia
November 26, 1945 - November 30, 2024**

Gone from this world, but forever near, an angel of care we hold so dear. At seventy nine, your work is now done, a race well run, a crown well won. Your hands that healed, your heart so wide, gave comfort and hope, stood by each side.

Through years of service, both strong and kind, you eased the burdens of heart and mind.

On Saturday November 30, 2024; God in His infinite wisdom, called His daughter, Merdis Loretta Smalls 79, of Decatur, Georgia formally of Charleston, South Carolina from labor to reward.

The most precious memories of Mrs. Merdis Loretta Smalls will resound in the life of her beloved husband; Sam Smalls Jr., one son Richard (Delrenia) Bodrick; six grandchildren; Sidearis Huger, Natalya (Obeize) Mmeje, Leslie Bodrick, Richard Bodrick II, Latoya Scott, Rashad Bryant; six great-grandchildren, Nicholas Turner, Anarah Huger, Charity Deloach, Sirae Huger, Amara Mmeje, Olanna Mmeje; three great- great grandchildren; one sister, Ada Williams; two brothers, Douglas Lawton and Tommy Skipwith; a host of cousins and friends.

Merdis represents the tree of Minnie Ginn.