

WHITLOCK GINN RODD

Family Newsletter

JULY-AUGUST 2025

THANK YOU!:
FOR A SUCCESSFUL
FAMILY REUNION!

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 25 - JUNE 28

2026

Congratulations to our

WGR GRADUATES

NO DREAMS DEFERRED!

THE SEABROOKS

Swimming & Singing

Read about this WGR fantastic duo inside.

WHITLOCK GINN RODD

A family that prays together, stays together.

July - August 2025 Family Newsletter

To the Family and Friends of the WGR 45th Family Reunion,

The success of the WGR 45th Family Reunion was a collective effort. We'd like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the hosts for their exceptional work organizing such a memorable event. Your dedication and hard work truly made the reunion a joyous occasion for all.



We also want to express our appreciation to every family member who attended. Your presence and enthusiastic participation brought a special warmth and energy that made the reunion truly unforgettable. It was wonderful to see everyone come together.



Thank you all for contributing to a successful and heartfelt reunion.

WHITLOCK-GINN-RODD 46TH FAMILY REUNION

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY JUNE 25 - SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2026



**The 2026 Reunion information will be sent out in our September-October Newsletter.
In the meantime, put the date on your calendar and begin saving your traveling money.**

Our deadline will be April 15, 2026.

Laughter that echoes through generations.
From toddlers to parents, grandparents, great-grandparents,
Cousins, aunts and uncles.

“One Family, Many Stories.”

WHITLOCK-GINN-RODD 2025 GRADUATES



FROM THE  OF: **JOE WHITLOCK, SR.**

Zora Elizabeth Geiger



Zora a college Freshman will be attending Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA

Daughter of Cedric and Debra Gieger,
Granddaughter of Billy and Elizabeth Mitchell.

Tyler Lavelle Whitlock

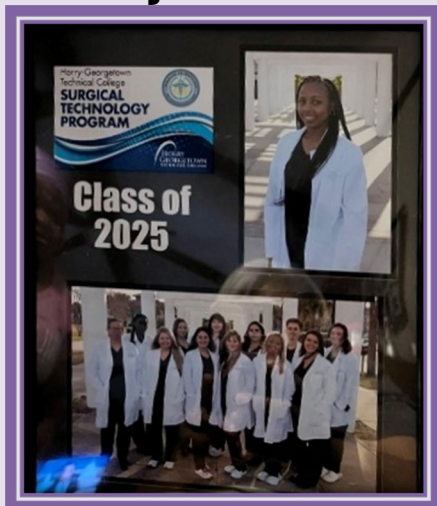


Ashley Ridge High School
Summerville SC
Sylvonia & Thangelo Whitlock Sr.



FROM THE ROOTS OF: Minnie "Binki" Ginn-Grandson and Cass Grandson

Najee White



Surgical Technology Coastal Carolina University
Conway, SC, daughter of Ms. Robin White,
granddaughter of Mrs. Jacqueline White

Brandon Curry, Jr.



Klein Forest High School, Houston, Texas

Great grandson of
the late Ms. Eva Ruby Mae Huger

Traquan Jones



Son of Denise Alston, Great grandson of the late
Mrs. Vivian H. Frasier

Jeremiah Jenkins-Dozier

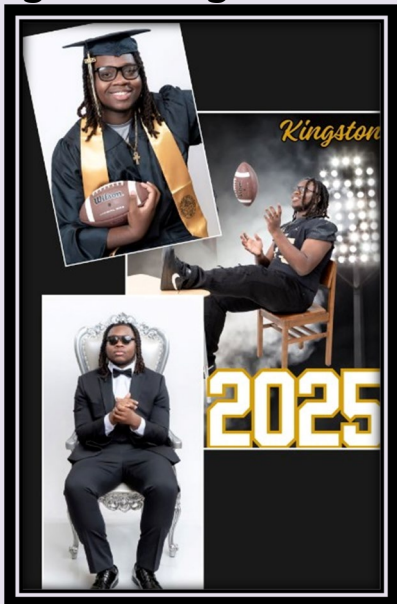


Morningside Elementary School
to North Charleston Middle School, North Charleston,
SC.

Son of Mr. Alfred Dozier, Jr.,
grandson of Ms. Odenthia H. Dozier.

FROM THE OF: AGNES WHITLOCK

Kingston Huger-Richard



FROM THE OF: MINNIE WHITLOCK

Khobi Crumley

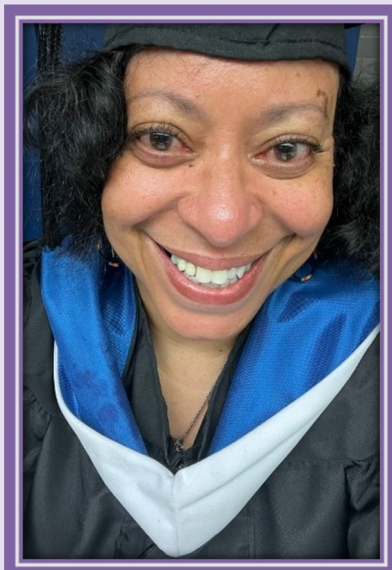


Entering High School Barnwell, SC

Granddaughter of Dexter Washington and
great-granddaughter of Marion Washington.

FROM THE OF: IVA & STELLA WHITLOCK

Azelia Penny Williams



Bachelor of Arts Degree

Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies

Robert A. Lehman City Of New York University

Penny's Journey to A Degree...Determination!

I am writing a short story regarding my long journey to receiving my bachelor's degree at sixty-two years of age. Mommy Daisy tried her best to encourage me to go to college right after high school. I did begin that August, however I discovered I was expecting my first baby, and I left college.

It wasn't until I was around the age of 30 that I truly had a desire to further my education. I enrolled in college, majoring in Human Services. The first semester, I got all A's...4.0. The sad part was that I had to take one

remedial algebra, which I just could not comprehend. Semester after semester, I did great in every class except algebra, so eventually I left college.

Though I worked, I felt I was capable of more. Several years later, I made up my mind that I was going back, that I was going to pass algebra. Once again, I enrolled in that same college. This time, I found myself in a relationship that was abusive, physically and emotionally, I had to leave...which also meant leaving college again. This time I thought, the degree was not mine's to pursue or achieve.

Many years later, I began looking at ads for schools, I thought about it off and on. One day I came across two of the saddest cases of child abuse, that of Aniya Day Garette and Gabriel Fernandez. To work as a Child Protective Specialist, you must have a bachelor's degree. Once again, I enrolled in college with a goal to work for the Agency for Children's Services (ACS). I was on a mission to help as many children and families as I could. My son's feared for my safety, one of my daughter's reminded me that I could not save every child.

During my time at Lehman College, I learned so much, yes there's of course the academic learning...however, even at my age, there was still life learning and so much spiritual growth. While in attendance at Lehman, two of my true good friends transitioned. During my last two semesters, my landlord had me in housing court because he wanted the apartment for his relatives. I fell and broke my ankle into five pieces which landed me back in the wheelchair for a while and sadly my Mommy Era transitioned.

Through it all...I completed all requirements and credits for my BA on December 20, 2024. The ceremony was on May 29, 2025. I graduated with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Psychology and a minor in Early Childhood Education.

All Praise to God

I was also invited to participate in a program entitled Project LAW, which was 10 weeks. This program prepares one for Law school, I completed it this past February, March and April with a grade average of 96 %.

I was hired by ACS around the middle of April; I am supposed to begin training in September. As I am going through the On boarding steps as a CPS worker, I am also working along with the college towards pursuing Law, I will have to decide between the two...either way, my goal is to assist children and families.

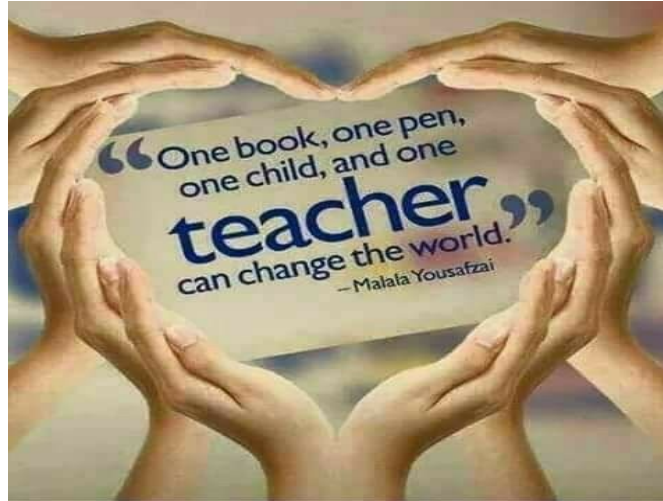
In closing, I would like to ask that everyone please pray for the children and families.

I would like to dedicate this little part of my story to someone I love and miss so much...My Aunt, My Best Friend, My Godmother Alice.

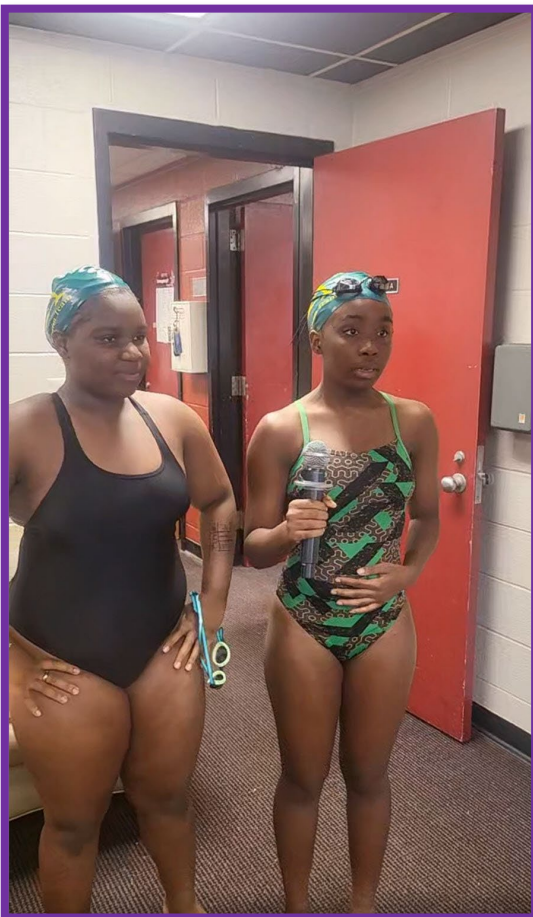
Azelia Penny Rachel Williams

Thank you Cousin Barbara for sharing and caring.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL - YEAR 2025/2026



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SEABROOKS TWINS



Swimming is a sport that demands extraordinary physical and mental resilience. Beyond the rigorous training and strict discipline, success in the pool is a test of perseverance where the right mindset is as crucial as physical strength.

We would like to recognize the remarkable achievements of young champion swimmers, **Isaa and Melia Seabrooks**. These talented sisters, daughters of the late Isaac Seabrooks and Melissa Seabrooks, are not only exceptional athletes but also gifted vocalists. They recently performed a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem at the Columbia City Swim meet. The Seabrooks sisters are the granddaughters of the late Edith "Tiny" Solomon and are from the family tree of Walter Whitlock.

[Click here to hear them sing the National Anthem](#)

WHITLOCK HISTORIAN INFORMATION

Dear Family,

I hope this message finds you all well.

I'm reaching out to share that we are currently looking for someone to step into the important role of Family Historian. This is a meaningful opportunity for anyone who has a passion for preserving our family's stories, documenting our genealogy, and helping keep our shared history alive for future generations.

The Family Historian's responsibilities may include:

- Collecting and organizing family records, photos, and documents
- Recording family stories and memories
- Maintaining our family tree and genealogy research
- Sharing updates with the family through newsletters, reunions, or social media

If you're interested, or if you know someone in the family who might be a great fit, please have them contact our secretary Barbara Gray. We'd love to talk more about the role and how we can support whoever takes it on.

Thank you for helping us keep our family's legacy strong and connected.

Warm regards,

Porshe' Robinson

WGR FAMILY REUNION FUTURE HOST 2027

Family members that are considering hosting a future WGR family reunion will receive a hosting packet which will have the necessary information for successfully hosting the WGR family reunion.

Please contact our Secretary, Barbara Gray /Porshe' Robinson if you are interested in hosting our family reunion in year 2027 and beyond.

2026 WGR FAMILY REUNION HOST INFORMATION

Year:	City:	Host:
2026	Wilmington, NC.....	Briggett Bartlett~ Delrenia Bodrick

WGR VARIOUS WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH & GET INFO

WGR Emails sent out weekly bag541@aol.com
Birthdays each month & Newsletter bi-monthly
WGR [I am a Whitlock-Ginn-Rodd!](#) Facebook page
WGR WEBSITE www.WGRfamily.com (Being Updated)

WGR FAMILY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION



WHITLOCK GINN RODD
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Family Newsletter

I've been communicating with our family for over 40 years through our family newsletter. Constantly talking isn't necessarily communicating. The two words 'information' and 'communication' are often used interchangeable, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out while Communication is getting through.

As I get information from family members, I can continue to communicate with the entire family through our newsletter. I write and share so you can hear our family news through our newsletter.

You can receive the newsletter through email (please email me your email address), you can also receive the newsletter by regular old fashion US postal service for \$25.00 per year.

Newsletters are sent bi-monthly for the following months.

- January-February
- March-April
- May-June
- July-August
- September-October
- November-December

If you want to share information you may email me or send your info via US mail. I cannot read lengthy text on my small phone so don't text me a lengthy message. You do not have to wait until the month of your birthday, anniversary, etc. Send the info well in advance and I will file it until the proper date. If you know of family members that are not receiving the newsletter feel free to share information with them and let them know to email me their email address to be added to the mailing list.

NEWSLETTER CONTACT INFORMATION:

 **Barbara Gray**
1036 Taso Trail
Acworth, GA 30101

 **Cell Phone or Text: (770) 906-4006**

 **Email: bag541@aol.com**

THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS THAT HAVE PAID.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN WGR NEWSLETTER FORM.

To ensure your family's information is included in the newsletter, please fill out the attached **"Keeping in touch form"** and send it to me, even if you are not paying for a subscription. This will allow me to update your address, birthdays, and anniversaries.

WGR FAMILY ANNUAL DUES FORM



MEMBERSHIP DUES

**THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS THAT HAVE PAID.
PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE ATTACHED WGR DUES FORM.**

WHITLOCK-GINN-RODD HICKORY HILL CEMETERY

Dear Family,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

I'm writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you who contributes your time, effort, and resources toward the upkeep of our family cemetery. Your generosity and dedication ensure that this sacred place remains a beautiful, peaceful resting ground for our loved ones and a space where we can all gather to remember and honor our family's history.

The work you do—whether it's cleaning, repairing, landscaping, or contributing financially—does not go unnoticed. It's through your commitment that we're able to preserve the dignity and legacy of those who came before us, and maintain a connection to our roots for generations to come.

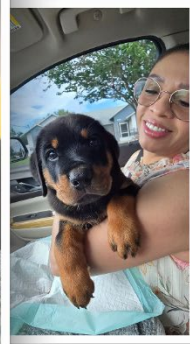
Below are the names of family and friends that have donated this quarter:

- **Robert Pool \$25**
- **LaTonya Mixon \$25**
- **Porshe Robinson \$25**
- **Jasper Raymond \$26.00**
- **Pamela W. Ferguson \$4.00.**
- **Alvin Raymond \$100**
- **Arthur Murdugh \$ 100.00**
- **Norman Solomon \$450**

Thank you for helping keep this special place in such wonderful condition. Your support means more than words can express, and I am truly grateful to be part of a family that takes such pride in caring for our heritage.

With love and appreciation,
Geraldine Brown
Isaac Smith

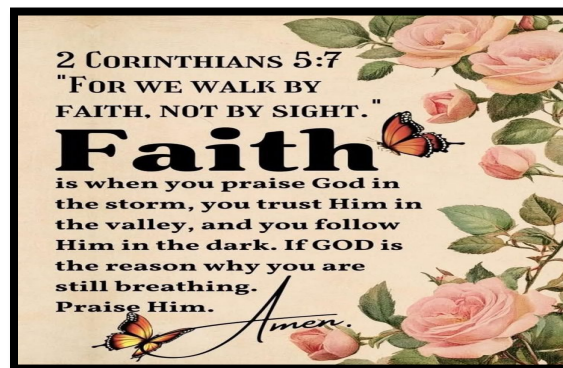
NEW ADDITION TO THE GRAY FAMILY



Troy & Edna Gray added a new family member. Sarge the Rottweiler has already begun driving his sister Blu, an American Staffordshire Terrier, nuts with his endless energy. Sarge is quickly learning commands and rings his own bell when he must go outside and potty! We look forward to years of enjoyment with Sarge.

Sarge is the grand dog of Barbara Gray and cousin to Sable "Cat" Pourtout.

SICK, HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME



*"God, give me the strength to face challenges with courage and the faith
To overcome them through your guidance."*

EXTRA PRAYERS FOR CYMEIAN FERGUSON 2 YEARS OLD SUFFERING WITH A HEART CONDITION

The WGR family is sending big hugs, love, kisses and most of all,
Get-Well-Soon Prayers to a very special little guy.

Keep his parents Dyketa Gregg and Cleveland Ferguson, Jr. and grandparents Pamela and Cleveland Ferguson, Sr. in your prayers as well. -Tree of Joe Whitlock, Sr.

Alvin Raymond, Cymeian Ferguson, Samuel Jamison, David Raymond, Carolyn Lawton, Hilda Goodridge, Damon Raymond, Norman Solomon, Melvin Raymond, Jasper Raymond, Jr, Ruth Cox, Henry 'Junior' & Janese Whitlock, Virginia Manigo, Sabrina Murdaugh, Peggy Washington, James Lilley, Myla Hector~Birch, Llyvonne "Bonnie" Washington, Martha Lawrence and anyone that is not listed.

WHITLOCK-GINN-RODD 80+ CLUB

YOU HAVE SO MANY
beautiful CHAPTERS LEFT
TO WRITE. *Keep going...*



<u>Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>From the Family Tree of:</u>
Ora Smith	107	Honorary Member
Ruth Cox.....	93.....	Minnie "Binkie" Ginn
Dorothy Rodd~Smart	93.....	Amos Rodd
Hazel Whitlock	91.....	Walter Whitlock
Janese Whitlock.....	89.....	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.....	88.....	Family Friend
Willie Mae Hall.....	86.....	Walter Whitlock
Earline Lagair	88.....	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	84.....	Walter Whitlock
Mary Ann Brown.....	84.....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Carolyn Lawton	83.....	Iva Whitlock
Leonard Murdaugh, Jr.	83.....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Betty Rose Smith.....	83	Iva Whitlock
Hilda Goodridge	83.....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Sarah Deligar	81.....	Laural Ginn
Lovely Mixon	81.....	Sally Ginn
Robert Mixon	81.....	Sally Ginn
Melvin Raymond.....	80.....	Iva Whitlock
Leroy Singleton, Sr.....	80.....	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Lois Huger.....	80.....	Minnie "Binkie" Ginn

JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



JULY BIRTHDAYS



- **Anthony “Pop” Washington**
- **Theresa Washington**
- **Darlene Wilkins**
- **Schonda Williams**
- **Chase Raymond**
- **Tyquez Deligar**
- **Zayne Moultrie**
- **Jamel Holmes**
- **Ruth Cox**
- **Simone Whitlock**
- **Earline LaGair**
- **Leroy Singleton, Jr.**
- **Justin Smart**
- **Shay Whitlock**
- **Marijane Ameenah**
- **Olivia Whitlock**
- **Marijane Ameenah aka ‘Pie’**
- **Bennie Hines, Jr.**
- **Lauren Brown**
- **Nyah Parker-Floyd**
- **Jaylen Curtis**
- **Charlie Aiken Mixon**
- **Elisha Farmer**
- **Jazmin Mixon**
- **Nuri Belle Harrison**
- **Ciera Sykes**
- **Xavier Ahmed Parker**
- **Virginia Manigo**
- **Hilda Goodridge**
- **Jahquita Whitlock**
- **Alis Pollock**
- **Ja’Niyah Moultrie**
- **Nathaniel Simon**
- **Mack Williams**
- **Vanessa Williams**
- **K’Rena Hines**
- **Antoneisha Harold**
- **Dynasty Singleton**
- **Chavez Raymond, Sr.**
- **Charlene Washington**
- **Adrienne Whitlock**
- **Raymond Ford, Jr.**
- **Brenda Horton**
- **Tarvon Whitlock**
- **Latonya Mixon**
- **Dwayne Francisco**
- **Michael Wilkins**
- **John Whitlock**
- **Traymel Outlaw**
- **Larry Charles Stokes**
- **Malik Baqi II/MJ**
- **Willie D. Hall**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Bobby Murray
- Kevin Smith, Jr.
- Pamela Hines
- Rebecca Willis
- Nassir Black
- Jimmie Washington
- Vonae Martin
- Chloe Whitlock
- Keishia Brown
- Zayne Moultrie
- Garland Williams
- Trayce Whitlock
- Iesha Harrison
- Jazzilyn Singleton
- Kiera Stark
- Treasure Taylor
- Chauncey Black
- Rodney Curtis
- Meaghan Whitlock
- Charles Small, Jr.
- Eva Clark
- Heather Goodrige
- Azalea (Lea) Williams
- Demetruis Akiens
- Benita Washington
- Willie Whitlock
- Elizabeth Drayton
- Trevor Singleton
- Nuri Belle Harrison
- Jaynei Stone
- Najee White
- Jacqueline White
- Shawn Williams
- Addison Gray
- Jenil Whitlock
- Randolph Whitlock, Jr.
- Destinee Mixon
- Brandon Bamberg
- Helen Frazier
- Ato Myers
- Alice Huger
- Briggett Barlett
- Tyrus Wilson
- Serigo Battle
- Patricia Rodd
- William Hall
- Rosa Black
- Dejon Cheathem
- Valerie D. Hall
- Willie Mae Hall
- Hakeem Singleton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JULY

Angie & Troy Gray II
 Betty & Melvin Raymond
 Alice & David Walker
 Ronnie & Sarah Farmer
 Aaron & Ieshia Harrison



AUGUST

Cedric & Debra Geiger
 Alvin & Bennie Raymond
 Cheryl & Norman Solomon

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

With aching hearts, their spirits will be forever etched in the memory of all those who knew and loved them.

“Sleep on in Paradise, until we meet again.”



Patricia Raymond~Williams

Celebration of Life Patricia Raymond Williams, daughter of the late Jasper Raymond, Sr. and Florrie Newton Raymond, was born on September 15, 1951 in Hampton County, South Carolina and departed this life Friday, May 30, 2025, from labor to reward, at CaroMont Regional Medical Hospital in Gastonia, North Carolina. She was a member of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board, Golden Age Circle and as a Deaconess. She loved Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Pat graduated from C.C. Byrd High School in Fairfax, South Carolina, Voorhees Technical College in Denmark, South Carolina and Gaston College in Dallas, North Carolina. Pat retired from the Gaston County Health Department after twenty-two years. Pat will be remembered for the love of her family and friends. Her laughter, cooking, planting flowers and traveling will be missed. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Clyde Raymond and Joe Lewis Raymond; and her niece, Annie Raymond. She leaves to cherish precious memories to her husband of 55 years, Bernard Williams of the home; five children, Kelvin Smart (Sheila) of Dallas, NC, Vanessa Williams of King Mountain, NC, Tonya Bryant of Walterboro, SC, Garland Williams (Ann) of Gastonia, NC and Crystal Williams of Kings Mountain, NC; siblings, Clara Jimson (Samuel) of Rock Hill, SC, Jasper Raymond (Betty) of Charlotte, NC, Jerome Raymond (Regina) of Tampa, FL, Michael Raymond (Janie) of Greenville, SC, Rev. Alvin Raymond (Bennie), Evangelist Jacquely Raymond and Rev. Steve Raymond both of Dallas, NC, David Raymond of Gastonia, NC; step-siblings, Bridgett and Tosha Ginn of Columbia, SC and Yvonne Raymond of Clover, SC; cousin, Carolyn Lawton of Columbia, SC; special friend, Sylvia Williams of Shelby, NC; a host of grands and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews other relatives and friend

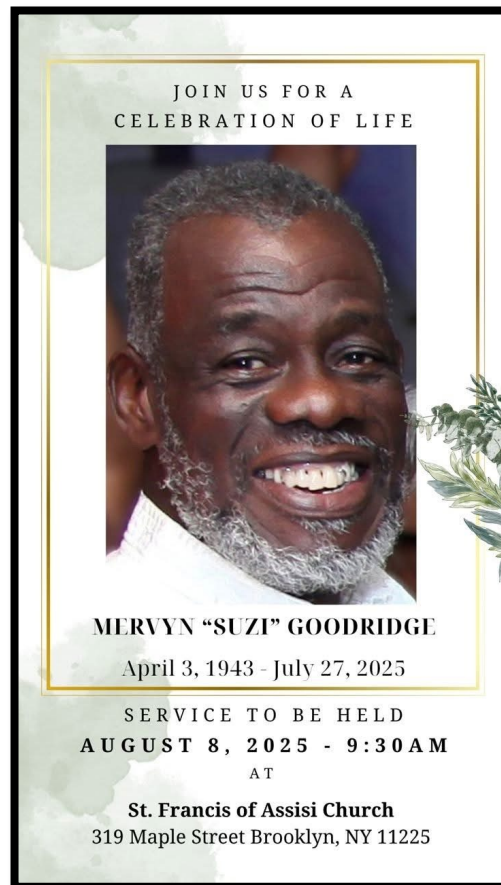
🌹Cindy Vasquez🌹

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Maya Angelou

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of 🌹Cindy Vasquez🌹
she is the daughter of Calvin Lee Rodd. She is the great granddaughter of Amos Rodd.

Cindy traveled from state of Washington (Seattle, Washington area) by car to our family reunion in Atlanta, GA in 2023; she was so excited to meet a lot of her family for the first time. I am so grateful that she never forgot how we made her feel.💜

She is survived by her husband Francisco Vasquez Sr. son Franciso Vasquez Jr., and two daughters Monique Vasquez and, Marlina Vasquez.



Mervyn "Suzi" Goodridge

Mervyn was the uncle in-law to Hilda Goodridge and granduncle to Alishia Goodridge and Heater Goodridge-Dawkins Brooklyn, NY.



Alice L. Lindley Harmon

August 30, 1944-July 23, 025

Mrs. Alice was a dear friend of Ernestine "Peggy" Washington in the nursing facility that they are in. She was one of the first people to greet and welcome Peggy on her arrival at the home. Barbara, Bonnie and Briggett adopted Alcie as our aunt.

WE REMEMBER



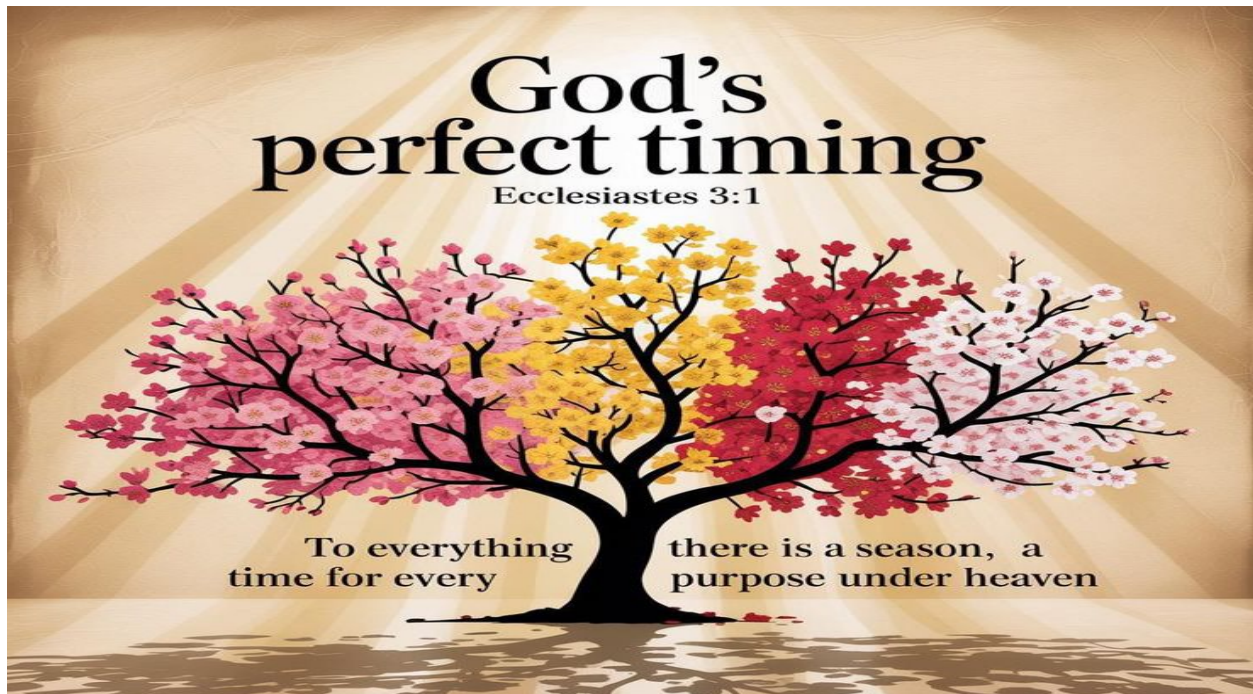
Clara M. Green
Deacon Howard Priester
Mother Annie Whitlock
Elder George Kennedy
Sariah Deligar-Howard
James Chisolm
Kennedy R. Griffin
Charles Addison-Frazier
Mother Verna Sanders
Mother Mary Rodd-Clark
Cameran Jhamari Martin
Michael Whitlock
Ernestine (Aunt Teen) Wright
Virginia Verdree
Ronald Chisolm Jr
June Martin

July 5, 1931-April 3, 2016
July 5, 1941-September 12, 2016
July 7, 1885-October 22, 1979
July 11, 1924-March 28, 2006
July 15, 1969-October 24, 2017
July 16, 1924-December 16, 2004
July 17, 1961-April 28, 2013
July 22, 1945- November 12, 2018
July 27, 1910-May 12, 1995
August 2, 1914-November 5, 2005
August 2, 2003-November 21, 2022
August 7, 1962-May 1, 1993
August 16, 1921-November 4, 1995
August 16, 1922-May 8, 1985
August 17, 1969-January 2, 2007
August 19, 1943 -August 10, 2019

Minnie Whitlock-Green
Denise Williams
Eva Mae Kearse

Aug.27, 1907-September 28, 1981
August 29, 1966 -May 16, 2015
August 30, 1924-April 20, 2003

BARBARA'S INSPIRATIONAL CORNER



"We've Come This Far By Faith"

I thank God for the WGR Family we have a powerful bond that can provide strength and support in times of need. When the members of our family come together, we form a united front that is capable of facing any challenge. Unity in our family allows for love, trust, and understanding to flourish.

Let us continue to dwell on our family near and far. If family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live. Family is not any important think. It's everything. The most important in the world is family and love. We are living in a changing world that haven't experience. No matter what God is in control. We have to trust and believe. We are truly blessed to have the love for each other. I sure do Love Y'all!

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

BE LIKE THE BUTTERFLY

