

WHITLOCK GINN RODD

Family Newsletter
MAY - JUNE 2025

"A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER."

**Summer is close,
and so is our reunion!
Let's get ready to celebrate us!**



**2025 FAMILY REUNION
INFORMATION**

**PRESERVING THE LEGACY
OF HICKORY HILL CEMETERY**



PRAYERS FOR OUR ELDERLY



**BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**



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Dear Family & Friend,

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry,
Two day in which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday with its mistakes and cares,
Its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday. We cannot undo a single word we said, we can't
erase a single act we preformed. Yesterday is gone.

The other day that we should not worry about is Tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burdens, its
large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond our control.

Tomorrow will rise, either in splendour or behind a mask of clouds – but it will rise. Until it does we have
no stake in Tomorrow for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day – Today – Any man or woman can only fight the battles of one day. It's only
when you or I add the burdens of those awful eternities – Yesterday and Tomorrow – that we break down.

It is not the experience of Today that drives people mad – it is the remorse or bitterness of Yesterday or
the dread of what Tomorrow may bring.

Yesterday never saw Today & Today will never see Tomorrow.
So therefore let us live but one day at a time.

“That’s what life is: choosing to start over, taking it one breath, and one day at a time.”

Our lives radically change with every passing day. Though we all want to return to how our “normal” lives
once were, we can create something entirely new. Choose to start over; choose to reinvent yourself. Life is
short, but we have the gift of today. Do with it what you will.

2025 FAMILY REUNION

THE TIME IS ALMOST HERE FOR ANOTHER WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD 45TH FAMILY REUNION

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

ALL ROADS SHOULD LEAD YOU TO



HILTON GARDEN INN CHARLESTON AIRPORT

**5265 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 20418
Phone Number: 1 843-308-9330**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Have you booked your hotel and made your travel arrangements?**
- **Have You sent in the following forms for:**
 1. The Family Banquet
 2. The Family Cook-out
 3. The Family Tour
 4. Your Family T-Shirts (The deadline was May 1, 2025)
 5. The WGR Fashion and Talent Show Form
- **Have you entered the Whitlock-Ginn- Rodd Reunion Giveaway Raffle?**
 - You may win one hotel night, one banquet dinner, and one park ticket all for only a \$15.00 raffle ticket.
 - The value of this giveaway is \$294.00
- **Submit information for all 2025 WGR Graduates**
- **Memorial Service** – We will remember our loved ones that have passed in 2024-2025 in a video memorial with pictures. Please submit pictures and/or videos with their name, date of birth and date of passing to have them included in the memorial service. Send the information to:
 - Dexter Washington email: dwash324@yahoo.com by May 25, 2025.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ALL PAYMENTS AND INFORMATION IS
MAY 25, 2025**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN CARE OF THE ABOVE ITEMS,
PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY!!!**

Your swift response is appreciated. -WGR Reunion Committee

PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF HICKORY HILL CEMETERY:

[*Click here to read more about the cemetery.*](#)

First and foremost, the Whitlock-Ginn-Rodd (WGR) Board extends our heartfelt thanks to Isaac Smith and Geraldine Brown for their tireless dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to maintaining Hickory Hill Cemetery. Thanks to their efforts, this sacred ground remains a peaceful and respectful place for families and friends to visit and honor their loved ones.

Hickory Hill Cemetery spans just over an acre. The land was originally used by slave masters to bury enslaved individuals, and over time, our ancestors continued that tradition, laying their loved ones to rest here. The current heirs have graciously allowed it to be used for its current purpose, as they too have family members who passed away on this land, including during the Civil War.

Unfortunately, many African-American cemeteries have fallen into neglect and disrepair, only to be erased by the development of homes, apartment complexes, highways, and railroads. This is a painful reality we must work to avoid.

[*Click here to read more*](#) about the cemetery's history and review the maintenance schedule and finances.

GOOD & WELFARE: LOVE~CARE~CONCERN

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Patricia Williams, Samuel Jamson, Bennie "Punkin" Raymond, Cardy Raymond, David Raymond, Pamela Ferguson, Carolyn Lawton, Cymeian Ferguson, Tara Carter, Barbara Gray, Hilda Goodridge, Damon Raymond, Deborah Allen, Norman Solomon, Melvin 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, Martha Lawrence and anyone that is not listed.

WHITLOCK-GINN-RODD FAMILY 80 YEARS PLUS CLUB:



Respect the Old when you are YOUNG,
Help the weak when you are STRONG,
Confess the fault when you are WRONG,
Because one day you will be OLD, WEAK AND WRONG!

** WGR 80+ Club Welcomes Lois Huger **

OUR DISTINGUISHED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED MEMBERS

Name:	Age:	From the Family Tree of:
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.....	88.....	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	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	82.....	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

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| • Teresa Whitlock | • Tyon Martin |
| • Lillian Murdaugh | • Laverne James |
| • Mattie England | • Etienne Pourtout |
| • Betty Rose Smith | • DaSheanna Williams |
| • Kourtlyn Smart | • TYteanna Williams |
| • Jarin Smart | • Beyonce Williams |
| • Nyeem Parker | • Carolyn Baqi |
| • Lovely Mixon | • Sable the "Cat" |
| • Marcus Wright | • Hakeem Johnson |
| • Leon Drayton | • Kholbi Washington |
| • Elemiel Reeves | • Laura Whitlock |
| • Queen Ester Ford | • Horace Greene |
| • Becky Alexander | • Quinton Brown |
| • Tyler Alexander | • Wendy Esannason |
| • Joequatia Francisco | • Deloris Samuels |
| • Koshia Black | • Delores "Lokey" Washington |
| • Willie Horton | • Bennie Raymond |
| • Samiya McNeil | • Mitchell Westcott |
| • Grayson Williams | • Betty Rose Smith |
| • Larry Whitlock | |
| • Robert (Tyree) Solomon | |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES



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| • Delrenia & Richard Bodrick | • Hadiyah & Reggie Singleton |
| • Leon & Elizabeth Drayton | • Gerald & Sylvia Raymond |
| • Edna & Troy Gray | • Benita & Jimmie Washington |
| • Sylvonia & Thangelo Whitlock Sr. | • Willie & William Hall |
| • Billy & Elizabeth Mitchell | |

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



- Kelyse Johnson
- Keesha Walker
- Janelle Curtis
- Rev. Alvin Raymond
- Diane Williams
- Machell Raymond
- Kendall Allen
- MonaLisa Drake
- Benny Crawford
- Amari Harrison
- Jayvon Whitlock
- Loretta Lloyd
- Madison Pelzer
- Janell Russell
- Ebony Starke
- Raymond Whitlock
- Rufus Lloyd
- Lela Jordan Gray
- Melvin Raymond
- Brian Baker
- Devante Murdaugh
- Trey Singleton
- Janese Whitlock
- Jasean Whitlock
- Ezekiel Whitlock
- Stephen Poole
- Kyre Moultrie
- Tamiyah Whitlock
- Trayce Whitlock
- Pouppy Hector
- Tracy Witherspoon
- Norman Solomon
- Elisa Solomon
- Teryn Whitlock
- Vincent Myers
- Thomas Rodd
- Richard Rodd
- Keenan Walker, Jr.
- Ashlie Allen

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



- Tracy & Terell Witherspoon
- Rev. Ben & Janet Moultrie
- Rufus & Loretta Lloyd
- Penny & Larry Stokes
- Louise & Michael Whitlock
- Joe and Greta Whitlock

WE REMEMBER

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal
Love leaves a memory no one can steal"



"Remembering a life well lead and all the joy it brought to so many."

Geneva "Dilcy" Deloach	May 2, 1926 - December 10, 2018
Ruth Ellison	May 7, 1924-February 6, 2010
Elease R. Rodd	May 8, 1914-May 10, 1986
Saundra Whitlock	May 9, 1954-May 19, 2011
Latisha Rodd	May 9, 1973-Dec 17, 2024
Nora Manuel	May 11, 1899- July 26, 1980
Herman (Poppy) Simmons	May 12, 1948-February 1, 2014
Monroe Whitlock	May 15, 1926-December 26, 1999
Mark Williams	May 17, 1933-January 30, 1993
Matthew Williams	May 17, 1933-November 4, 2020
Ruth M. Black	May 18, 1938-March 2, 2016
Mary Louise Sanders	May 23, 1933 - November 21, 2018
Jerome Cockerhan	May 23, 1949-February 17, 2021
Queen Sheba Whitlock	May 25, 1906-May 30, 2004
Michael Chance	May 26, 1955-June 25, 1993
Florrie (Gussie)Raymond	May 28, 1932-December 22, 1997
Susan A. Williams	May 31, 1945- November 3, 2016
Thelma Frances Williams -	June 1, 1931-December 1980
Virginia O. Whitlock-Smart	June 8, 1926-September 28, 2016
Shirley Chisolm	June 9, 1948-January 26, 2021
Mother Albertha F. Gamble	June 12,1934~
Raymond Whitlock	June 16, 1963 - May 19, 2020
Richard "Mickey" Rodd, Sr.	June 27, 1932~ April 27, 2024

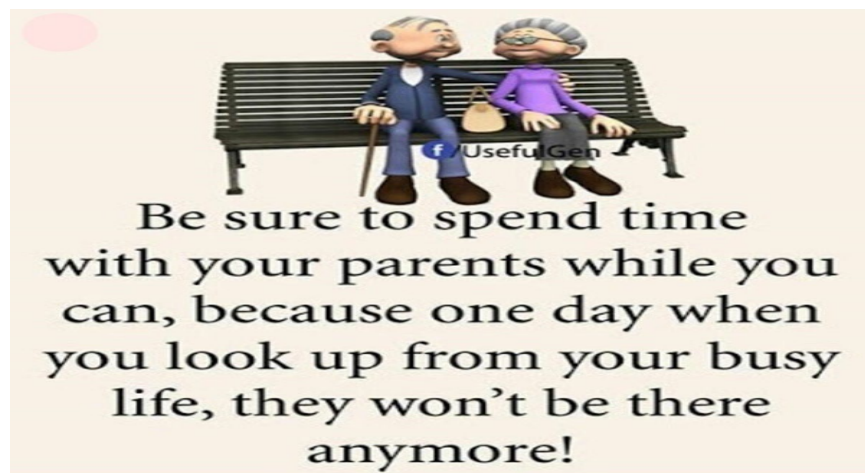
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Parents are often the unsung heroes of our lives, tirelessly working to provide love, support, and guidance. Mothers and fathers have a special place in our hearts, and their love and sacrifices deserve recognition.

Whether it's a mother's comforting touch or a father's wise words, parents have a unique ability to inspire and uplift us.

So take a moment to reflect on the amazing parents in your life and the countless ways they have shaped you into the person you are today.

"Parents were the only ones obligated to love you; from the rest of the world, you had to earn it."



"Love your parents and treat them with loving care. For you will only know their value when you see their empty chair."