

WHITLOCK GINN RODD

"A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER."

NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST 2024

Hello Family!

Are you prepared to vote!

Vote and make your ancestors proud.



**FAMILY REUNION
INFORMATION**

PLAN TO



NEW FAMILY MEMBERS



**BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**



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July - August 2024 Family Newsletter

Dear Family & Friends,

One of my favorite civil rights leaders is Fannie Lou Hammer.



I've been voting since I was 20 years old and I know how important it is for us to vote, especially for people of color. No matter what nationality you are, not matter what your party affiliation is (Democrat, Republican or Independent), **YOU MUST VOTE!**

I've always voted as a Democrat and will continue to do so because I still believe in the Democratic party. The most important thing is that we all vote. Encourage our young people to vote. If you are not a registered voter, please check your state and find out when the last day you are eligible to register to vote in the 2024 election, then get registered right away and make sure you vote. Remember, when you don't vote, you are saying, "I don't count or matter in this country".

Important:

Check if your state offers early voting and take advantage of it if available. If not, vote as soon as you can. Remember, it's crucial to vote!



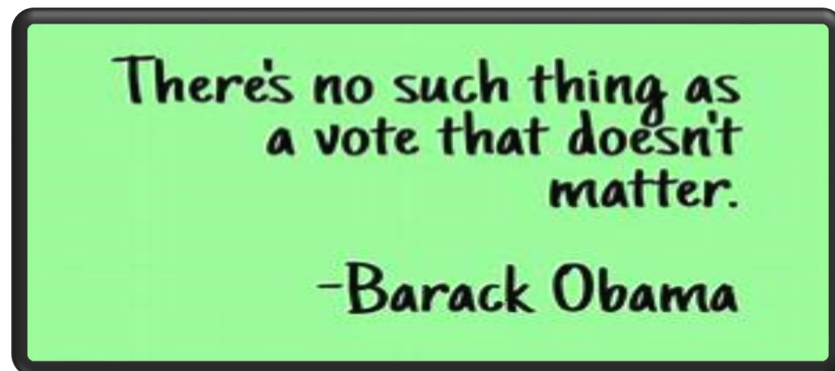
Casting our vote is the most important and fundamental action you can take in our democracy. Voting has always been a duty and a privilege to past generations of women, and African Americans who fought hard for their right to vote. They prevailed against fascism and

totalitarianism (a form of government that attempts to assert total control over the lives of its citizens).

Voter turnout tends to hover between 50-60% in presidential elections, with low turnout attributed to apathy, disillusionment, or simply the feeling that's one's vote won't make a difference. But nothing is further from the truth.

Also make sure to find out where your voting location is before you go vote. Please family and friends,

VOTE on Tuesday November 5, 2024!



I don't know if VP Harris was thinking of Fannie Lou Hammer when she chose "freedom" as her theme song by Beyoncé, but it sure was a perfect choice!

WGR 2024 ~2026 NOMINATION RESULTS

Nominations for Family Positions
We had 55 responses from the nominations Forms.

Position:	Name:	Votes:
President.....	Alvin Raymond	54
Vice President:.....	John Whitlock	23
.....	Porshe Robinson.....	31
Secretary;.....	Barbara Gray	55
Sergeant at Arms	Gerri Brown	19
.....	Porshe Robinson.....	4
.....	John Whitlock	31
Chaplain.....	Steve Raymond	24
.....	Gerri Brown	1

WGR ELECTED OFFICERS YEARS 2024~2026

President.....	Alvin Raymond
Vice President:.....	Porshe' Robinson
Delrenia Bodrick.....	*Treasurer
Llyvonne Washington.....	*Auditor
Secretary	Barbara Gray
Sergeant at Arms	John Whitlock
Chaplain.....	Steve Raymond
By-Laws/Parliamentarian	*LaTonya Mixon

**The positions of Treasurer, Auditor, By-Laws & Parliamentarian are appointed by the board.*

WGR NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Patricia Rodd.....	Rodd Historian
LaTonya Mixon.....	Ginn Historian
Jantrell Williams	Whitlock Historian

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD 45TH FAMILY REUNION



YOU'RE INVITED!

TO OUR 45TH

WHITLOCK-GINN-RODD FAMILY REUNION

THURSDAY, JUNE 26th – SUNDAY, JUNE 29th, 2025

HILTON GARDEN INN

5265 International Blvd, North Charleston, SC, 29418

LOCATED IN HISTORIC

NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

NIGHTLY RATE:

\$208.16

The nightly rate includes:

TAXES, BREAKFAST, AND PARKING

WGR FAMILY REUNION FUTURE HOST ~STATE & CITY

Family members and or committees, that are considering hosting a future WGR family reunion will receive a hosting pamphlet which will have the necessary information for successfully hosting the WGR family reunion.

Please contact our Secretary, Barbara Gray if you are interested in hosting our family reunion in year 2027.

WGR FAMILY REUNION FUTURE HOST ~STATE & CITY

Year:	City:	Host:
2025.	Charleston, SC	Carolyn Singleton Co-Host Delrenia Bodrick
2026	Memphis, Tennessee.....	Delrenia Bodrick
2027.....	Please contact our Secretary, Barbara Gray if you are interested in hosting our family reunion in year 2027.	

THE WGR WEBSITE

Our family website is live at www.WGRfamily.com. We're continually updating our family website so check back often.

WGR FAMILY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION



I've been communicating with our family for 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 texts on my small phone. You do not have to wait until the month of your birthday, anniversary, etc. Send the info and I will file it until the proper date.

NEWSLETTER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Barbara Gray Information: 1036 Tasso Trail-Acworth, GA 30101

Cell Phone or Text: (770) 906-4006

Email: bag541@aol.com

A "Keeping in Touch" form is attached.

WGR FAMILY ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION FORM


WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD FAMILY REUNION MEMBERSHIP DUES

**PAYMENT
DUE**

Please complete and submit the attached membership dues form with your payment.

HICKORY HILL CEMETERY DONATIONS

If you have not donated or would like to make a donation, please make your check or money order out to “Hickory Hill Cemetery Fund”.

Mail to: Geraldine Brown or use CASH APP : \$gerriwhitlock
Post Office Box 357
Hampton, SC 29924
Phone: (803) 383-6691
Email: browngerri03@gmail.com

CONGRATUATIONS GRADUATES

“Prayers and blessings on your graduation and for your future.”



Jahquita Whitlock

Daughter of Jenaya Whitlock is graduating with full honors and will be attending York College on a 5-year scholarship. Jahquita is also the granddaughter of John and Laura Whitlock, and great-granddaughter of Carrie and Joe Whitlock, Sr.

“WELCOME NEWBORNS” (NEW LEAVES OF THE WGR FAMILY)



Lela Jordan Gray was born on June 15, 2024 to the parents of Angie and Troy Gray II, Lela is the granddaughter of Troy & Edna Gray, and the great-granddaughter of Barbara Gray. Lela brings excitement to the family which began at the hospital as she decided to arrive in the elevator at 5lbs 4ozs. Lela is growing fast to the delight of her Grammy (Barbara Gray).

Messiah was born July 10, 2024, to Faith Williams. He is the grandson of Charlene and Dexter Washington.

Both **Lela & Messiah** are new leaves on the tree of Marion Washington and Minnie Whitlock Green.

"Babies are bits of stardust, blown from the hand of God."

SICK~HOMEBOUND~NURSING HOME

"You can't make a cloudy day a sunny day, but you can embrace it and decide it's going to be a good day after all."



**Bennie "Punkin" Raymond, Norman Solomon, Melvin Raymond, Robert
Mixon, Jerome Raymond, Jasper Raymond, Jr, Allan Whitlock, Mary
Ann Brown, Thomas Rodd, Jennifer Rodd, Ruth Cox, Henry 'Junior'
Whitlock, Janese Whitlock, John Whitlock, Virginia Manigo, Myra
Jamison, Lois Huger, Sabrina Murdaugh, Peggy Washington, James
Lilley, Norris Whitlock, Richard Bodrick, Myla Hector~Birch, Llyvonne
"Bonnie" Washington , Lovely Mixon, Robert Mixon, Martha Lawrence.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget none of His benefits;
Who pardons all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases;**

Psalms 103:2~3

WHITLOCK~GINN~RODD 80 YEARS + CLUB



Eight decades+ of grace, wisdom,
and an unyielding spirit!
May your life continue to be as magnificent as the
journey you've traveled.



THE CLUB WELCOMES (4) 80 + CLUB MEMBERS

Hezekiah Deligar, Jr., Sarah Deligar, Robert Mixon and Lovely Mixon.

Name:	Age:	From the Family Tree of:
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	Jow Whitlock, Sr.
Henry 'Junior' Whitlock....	90	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Cressie Walker	89	Rodd Family
Virginia Manigo	88	Joe Whitlock, Sr.
Martha Lawrence.....	87	Family Friend
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

JULY ~AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



JULY

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

AUGUST

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
Sinclair Brown
Azalea (Lea) Williams
Demetruis Akiens
Benita Washington

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 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



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

WE REMEMBER

"You're gone, but not forgotten.
You were loved by so many and are still missed."



Clara M. Green.....	July 5, 1931-April 3, 2016
Deacon Howard Priester	July 5, 1941-September 12, 2016
Mother Annie Whitlock	July 7, 1885-October 22, 1979
Elder George Kennedy	July 11, 1924-March 28, 2006
Sariah Deligar-Howard.....	July 15, 1969-October 24, 2017
James Chisolm	July 16, 1924-December 16, 2004
Kennedy R. Griffin	July 17, 1961-April 28, 2013
Charles Addison-Frazier	July 22, 1945- November 12, 2018
Mother Verna Sanders	July 27, 1910-May 12, 1995
Mother Mary Rodd-Clark.....	August 2, 1914-November 5, 2005
Cameran Jhamari Martin	August 2, 2003-November 21, 2022
Michael Whitlock	August 7, 1962-May 1, 1993
Ernestine (aunt Teen) Wright.....	August 16, 1921-November 4, 1995
Virginia Verdree	August 16, 1922-May 8, 1985
Ronald Chisolm Jr.....	August 17, 1969-January 2, 2007
June Martin.....	August 19, 1943 -August 10, 2019
Minnie Whitlock-Green	Aug.27, 1907-September 28, 1981
Denise Williams	August 29, 1966 -May 16, 2015
Eva Mae Kearse.....	August 30, 1924-April 20, 2003

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

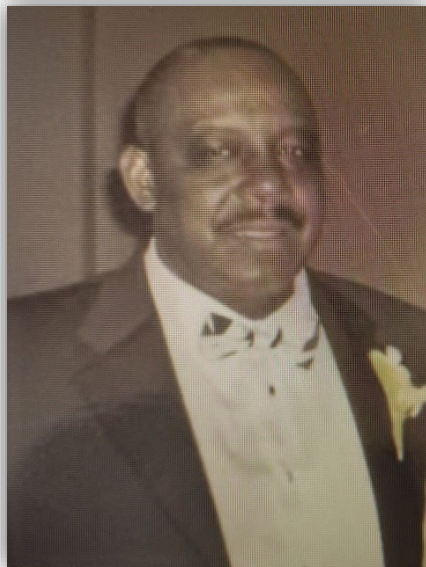


Kathleen "Nikki" Whitlock

Ms. Kathleen D. Whitlock entered eternal rest on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 7:27 a.m. at Upstate Hospital, Syracuse, New York. She was born on September 9, 1970, to Willie and Alice Whitlock of Syracuse, New York.

She was a member of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. Kathleen attended Syracuse Public Schools. She also attended Onondaga Community College. She worked at Syracuse Development Center where she took great satisfaction in her work, up until she was injured. She loved to travel with friends and family. The only thing she loved more than collecting vintage purses were her 3 grandchildren.

She leaves to cherish her memories her parents, Willie Whitlock of New York and Alice Whitlock of Florida. Three daughters; Krystal Asia N. Jarvis, Sabriyah McBride (Victor) both of North Carolina, and Niki Whitlock of New York. Two nieces she raised; Myracle & Antoneshia Walton both of New York. Three grandchildren; Kyrie, Sanai, and Kaiden Stackhouse. Two sisters; Antoneisha Whitlock of Florida and Sarah Declue of South Carolina. Four brothers Willie Whitlock Jr. of New York, Rudy Whitlock (Olivia) of Florida, Charles Whitlock of South Carolina, & Fred Whitlock of Florida. Godson; Justin Shipman Jr. and a host of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends & other relatives



AARON HARRISON, SR.

Aaron Harrison Sr. was born on April 20, 1951 to the late Reverend O'Donnell and Ethel Hiers-Harrison in Smoaks, South Carolina. At an early age, he attended Lovely Hill Baptist Church in Smoaks, South Carolina. He departed this life on May 23, 2024 at Brookdale University Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

He received his education from Ruffin High School in Ruffin, South Carolina, where he played on the football team and served as a school bus driver for the Colleton County School District.

After graduation in 1971, he moved to Brooklyn, New York where he worked as a security officer. In 1974, Aaron worked as a Sterile Processing Technician at Long Island College Hospital (LICH). While on the job for 38 years, he was affectionately known as "Harry." At work, he also met the love of his life, Vilette 49 years ago. They were married for 42 years.

Aaron was a "king of all trades and master of all." He could build and repair anything. He loved telling stories, making others laugh, and always had a giving spirit. After he retired from LICH, he joined Mt. Ollie Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York where he was a Handyman and a member of the Trustee & Usher Board.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jackie Harrison; four sisters Pernell Risher, Naomi Stamps, Lucretia Rogers, and Brenda Harrison-Hilliard.

Left to cherish his life and legacy is his wife Vilette Harrison; four children, Tarra Lowery of Florence, South Carolina, Aaron Jr. Harrison of Powder Springs, Georgia, Anthony Harrison of Brooklyn, New York, Shavonna Harrison of Powder Springs, Georgia; seven grandchildren, Shaniqua, Diamond, Amari, Trezahn, Chyane, Alayssia, and Nuri "NuNu" the apple of Papa's eyes; four great grandchildren, Shaliyah, Aquilles, Sharaya, and Ahkir; one sister, Robin Mack of Carmichael, California; five brothers-in-law, John Hilliard of Awendaw, South Carolina, Cyril (Anette) Washington of Columbus, Georgia, Angus Jr. (Donnie) Whitlock of Bronx, New York, Frasier (Carrie) Collier of Ridgeville, South Carolina, Eric Collier

(Barbara) of Louisville, Kentucky; five sisters-in-law, Michelle (Ted) Collier of Stone Mountain, Georgia, Laverne James of Columbus, Georgia, Yolanda (Kevin) Monroe of Bayshore, New York, Diane (Hebert Sr.) Williams of Brooklyn, New York, Kim Collier of Summerville, South Carolina; beloved cousin, Rebecca Harrison of Brooklyn, New York; favorite nephew, Kenneth Rodgers of Pennsylvania; longtime best friend, Washington "James" Moore of Brooklyn, New York and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



**BRIAN RAYMOND
OF BRUNSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
1974 - 2024**

The grandson of Jasper Raymond, Jr. of Gastonia, NC Brian Raymond of 4725 Luray Highway was hit by a car on July 4, 2024 In Hampton County US 321 north of Estill, SC. Brian died Tuesday July 9, 2024 at Memorial Health, Savannah, Georgia. Funeral services for Mr. Brian Raymond was held on Sunday, July 21st New Abundant Life Church of God in Christ, Varnville, South Carolina. Burial was followed in the Macedonia Church Cemetery, Brunson, South Carolina. He is the great grandson of Gussie and Jasper Raymond, Sr. Brian is a leaf from the tree of Iva Whitlock~Raymond.



ALICE FAYE BURRIS LEACH

Alice Faye Burris Leach was born in Gaston County, NC on June 26, 1942. She entered eternal rest on Wednesday; July 17, 2024 at Caromont Regional Medical Center, Gastonia, NC.

Alice is the sister of Bennie “Punkin” Raymond who is the wife of our WGR family President Alvin Raymond.

BARBARA’S INSPIRATIONAL CORNER



Is the theme song of our Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd for 44 Years

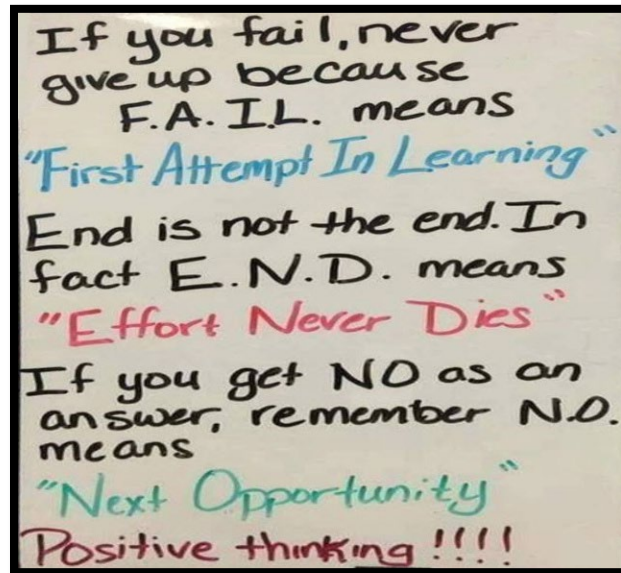
We've come this far by faith
Leaning on the Lord
Trusting in His holy word
He's never failed us yet
Can't turn around
We've come this far by faith

Remembering is an important part of our family reunion. In some ways we are seeking to help our family recall the magnificent stories of both the Old and the New. We are seeking to “remember” that the stories of our family are magnificent templates through which we can see the power and glory of God in our own lives.

Yes, our future can and will be changed as we participate in the stories, but this song that has been so prominent in the Black Church and the Whitlock~Ginn~Rodd Family Reunion reminds us that as we tell the stories, we must connect our story to the Bible story. We must remember what God has done. For God hasn't stopped taking people through red seas. No, God hasn't stopped freeing people from slavery. Yes, God still comes to us like Abraham and tells us of a promised land where God is leading us. And yes, God is still in the resurrection

business as God still revives us to live hopeful and powerful lives in the present.

We can never lose track of the importance of memory. And neither can we lose track of the importance of connecting God's faithfulness to a new day that is only possible because "God has never failed us yet."



LOVE Y'ALL