

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

In Appreciation to our LIFETIME MEMBERS OF THE PIEDMONT ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Thank you for your support of the PAA and May God Bless

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<i>Wilford Walker</i>	<i>Ezell Sullivan</i>	<i>Ernest Jones</i>
<i>Agnes Young</i>	<i>Isaac Johnson</i>	<i>Dr. Patricia Drummond</i>
<i>Jessie Jamison</i>	<i>Willie Wooden</i>	<i>Johnny E. Poole</i>
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<i>Sadie Nesbitt</i>	<i>Genice McIver Thompson</i>	<i>Vardrey F. Fleming</i>
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<i>John Williams, Jr.</i>	<i>Grady Brooks, Jr.</i>	<i>Willie Henderson</i>
<i>Rosa Byrd</i>	***Samuel L. Zimmerson, Sr.	<i>Sharley L. Hill</i>
***Richard Byrd	<i>Ronald Cox</i>	<i>Thurman Norris</i>
<i>Esther Fleming Robinson</i>	<i>George L. Stoddard</i>	<i>Pauline W. Young</i>
<i>Grady Cooley</i>	<i>Emanuel Sullivan</i>	<i>Thelma W. Mike Pinson</i>
<i>Betty Sullivan</i>	***John McCarroll	<i>Abbie O. Collin</i>
<i>Stewart Spinks</i>	<i>Willie Stephens</i>	<i>Carolyn "Pete" Griffin</i>
<i>John Gamble</i>	<i>John Melvin Abercrombie</i>	<i>Reginald D. Pearson</i>
<i>William C. Fleming</i>	***Irvin Thompson	<i>Cora Dickey</i>
<i>Marvin (Tub) Drummond</i>	<i>Bessie Young</i>	<i>Faye Wilson</i>
<i>Eugene Harrison</i>	<i>Sullivan Bros. Mortuary Inc.</i>	<i>John H. Williams, Jr.</i>
***Jessie S. Reeves	<i>Robena Gowens</i>	<i>Clara Wharton Kilgore</i>
<i>Winfred C. Daniels</i>	<i>Ernestine Leamon</i>	<i>M. Frederick Mitchell</i>
<i>Lula Yeargin Williams</i>	<i>Alfred Leamon</i>	<i>Alan L. Mitchell</i>
<i>Rhoda B. Gibson</i>	<i>U.J. Thompson</i>	
<i>Samuel M. Bailey</i>	***Eddie Jones, Jr.	

Special Dedicated Life Members

Anna Smith

Bobby Riley

****We are in the process of updating our Lifetime Members, and if by chance your name was left off this list, please accept our apology and see one of the following:**

Emanuel Sullivan, Ernest Hamilton.

*****Our Deceased Members**

GREETINGS

From the **Executive Director of the Association**

March 2017

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to the Piedmont Athletic Association's Twenty Sixth Annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies.



The expressed purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor those males and females who, by their accomplishments in and service to high school sports, bring honor to Greenville County, to South Carolina, and to the nation. I am sure you will agree that we fulfilled our purpose with this evening's group of 16 inductees from the former Beck, Bryson, Lincoln, Sterling, and Washington High Schools of Greenville County. Also a special recognition presentation.

We ask you to join us in congratulating this outstanding group of athletes and sports administrators who have played major roles in developing positive images for today's students. Our inductees have brought fame and honor to themselves, their families, and their high schools.

The Board of Director thanks you for joining us for this induction ceremony, and we hope your evening with us will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emanuel Sullivan".

Emanuel Sullivan
Executive Director

PROGRAMME

BANQUET AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Introduction of MC
Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Richard Dawkins
Lincoln High

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

Grace

The Occasion
Memorial Tribute
Hall of Fame General Membership Drive

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Bessie Young
Rosa Byrd

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: XANTHENE S. NORRIS

Please enjoy your Dinner

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

The Mighty Great & Legendary Sterling High School Tigers

Coach Jiles Edwards, Jr.
Willie L. Sullivan
Alonzo McGreer
Ralph Johnson
Brenda Chancellor-Henderson

The Great & Legendary Bryson High School Hurricanes

Willie W. Brown
William B. Butler
Elaine Wharton Templeton

The Great & Legendary Lincoln High School Rattlers

Thomas E. Freeman
Charles Smith
David "Pie" Prince

The Great & Legendary Washington High School Falcons

Terry King McGowens
Thomas "Nicky" Nix
Martha Bruton Evans

The Great & Legendary Beck High School Panthers

Eddie Nathaniel Neal
Eddie Dean

Good Night and Thanks for Coming

➤ SPECIAL RECOGNITION ➤



The Honorable Councilwoman **XANTHENE S. NORRIS**

Councilor Norris career as an educator and her dedication to public service have endeared her to many. Although she is retired from the School District of Greenville County, her burning passion for education continues. The passion is reflected in her efforts to provide scholarships for the needy, deserving high school graduates and college enrollees. To fulfill this goal, Mrs. Norris has spearheaded scholarship fundraising projects via the Upstate United Negro College Fund, the Palmetto Associates and the A. J. Whittenburg Scholarship Program. To date, she has been instrumental in raising more than \$1,000,000 for scholarships. She is

trustee, College Ministry Chair and Personnel Chair of Springfield Baptist Church, Life member (Cluster VII Coordinator 1987 - 1994) Alpha Alpha / Co-Chair and former General Chair.

As a Political activist, Mrs. Norris represents Greenville County Council District 23. Because of her diplomacy, initiative and determination to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Greenville County officially observed for the first time, the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 16, 2006. Validation of her diverse contribution to the uplifting of mankind is reflected in the many examples of her commitment to service and continuous calls to justice such as to restore the District 23 Hampton Avenue Bridge on the Southernside of Greenville County closed by SCDOT.

Three other examples of these commitments includes: County Funds and donor funds made payable to the Greenville County Historical Committee for the Sterling High School Marker installed on Pendleton Street on January 21, 2008. after the Willie Earle Forum at the Hughes Main Library on February 24, 2011, two other markers were installed in Greenville County to memorialize and reconcile the lynching of Willie Earle. The sites of the markers are on Old Bramlett Road and at the Greenville County Courthouse. Councilor Norris chaired the Forum Committee. Finally, the Lincoln Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in the county of Greenville, restoration initiative was spearheaded by Greenville County Veterans and Councilor Norris.

In spite of the odds, Mrs. Norris has prevailed. Her work has been and continues to be a collaborative effort with the County staff, Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, Greenville Recreation District , Greenville County Human Relations and the City of Greenville. Teen and senior activities are now available in five communities and all are on the move toward affordable housing, code enforcement and crime watch.

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BRENDA CHANCELLOR-HENDERSON

Brenda Henderson is a 1970 graduate of Sterling High School. While attending Sterling, she played basketball and was a cheerleader. Brenda was voted Best Sportsmanship in the years of 1967 and 1968.



After High School, she attended Barber-Scotia College. Brenda has completed the Leadership Development Program of Phillis Wheatley Center and the Grassroots Leadership Program at Greenville Technical College.

Brenda attends Sweet Canaan Baptist Church and currently serves as the church Clerk, Secretary and is a member of the Trustee Board. Brenda was also a Sunday School Teacher for five years and still is an active member of the adult Sunday School Class. She served on the Board of Directors for the Within Reach

Organization for two years and a Board Member for Safe Harbor for one year.

Brenda is the current Secretary for the Sterling High School Alumni Association and a member of the Southern Side Neighborhood in Action Community Association. She recently retired from Michelin North America, as a Personnel Administrator.

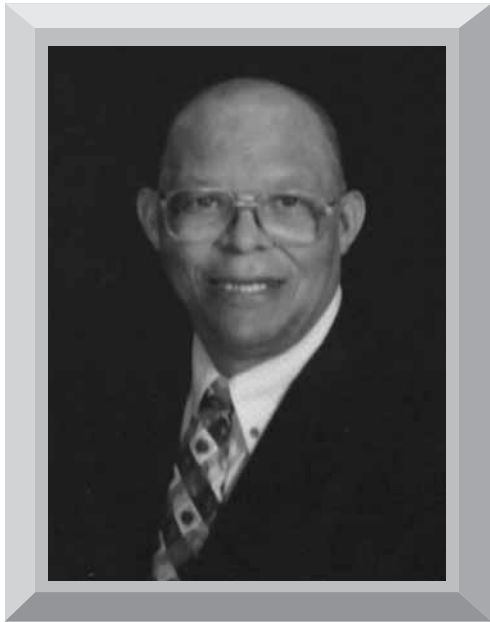
Brenda is a mother of three adult children, two boys, Marquis and Koddie and one daughter, Dionne. She is also the proud grandmother of six.



Standing, left to right: Loretta Barber, Rosie Oglesby, Marian Epps, Kay Frances Richardson, Cheryl Smith, Ella Pearl Williams, Arlington Harper, Eleanor Gamble; and Jacqueline Lynch,

statistician. Others are Brenda Chancellor, Sallie Choice, Deborah Johnson, Pauline Callaham, Carolyn Davis, and Brenda Montgomery.

INDUCTEES



ALONZO MCGREER

While attending Sterling High School, Alonzo McGreer, lettered in baseball, basketball and football. He was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Trophy in Basketball in 1964 and the Quarterback and Captain of the Football Team in 1966. After high school, Alonzo played Adult Softball and was the State's Champion in 1995 & 1998.

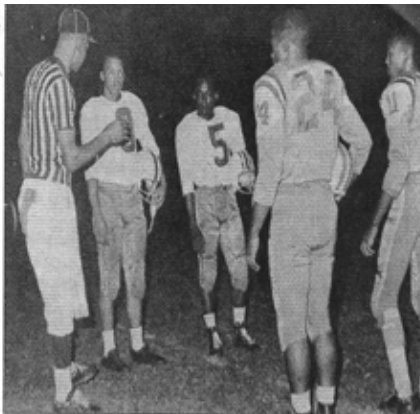
After graduating from Sterling in 1966, Alonzo went on to serve two years in the United States Army and serve a year in Southeast Asia, Vietnam. He received two Purple Heart Medals in combat.

After serving his country, Alonzo became employed with Southern Bell Telecommunication while enrolled in night school at Greenville Technical College. In 1977, Alonzo was the first African-American promoted to a supervisory position with Southern Bell. During his employment at Southern Bell, Alonzo also was employed as a Tax Professional with H&R Block. After

36 Years of service in the Installation and Maintenance Department as a Network Manager, he retired from what is now AT&T. In addition, he also retired from H&R Block after ten years of service and later started his own tax service.

Alonzo is a member of Long Branch Baptist Church where he serves as Chairman of the Trustee Board, a mentor for the Boys to Men Program, a member of the Men's Bible Study Group and Sings on the All Male Choir. He participates in the Iron Man Prison Ministry Program and is a Life Member of VFW Post 6734.

He has been married to Nancy Simmons for forty-three years and they have two adult children, Courtney "Misty" McGreer and Kevin McGreer.



GREENVILLE CULTURAL EXCHANGE CENTER

Days gone by: Sterling team captains Alonzo McGreer (No. 9) and George Moton (No. 5) get ready for a coin toss before a 1965 game against the Emmett Scott Rattlers.

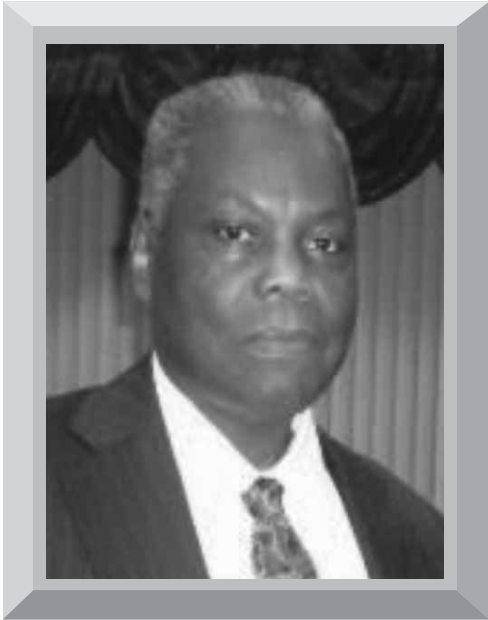


James Kelly (number 60) who is the image of a stone wall on the football field, gives quarter-back Alonzo McGreer protection from oncoming rushers.



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WILLIE L. SULLIVAN



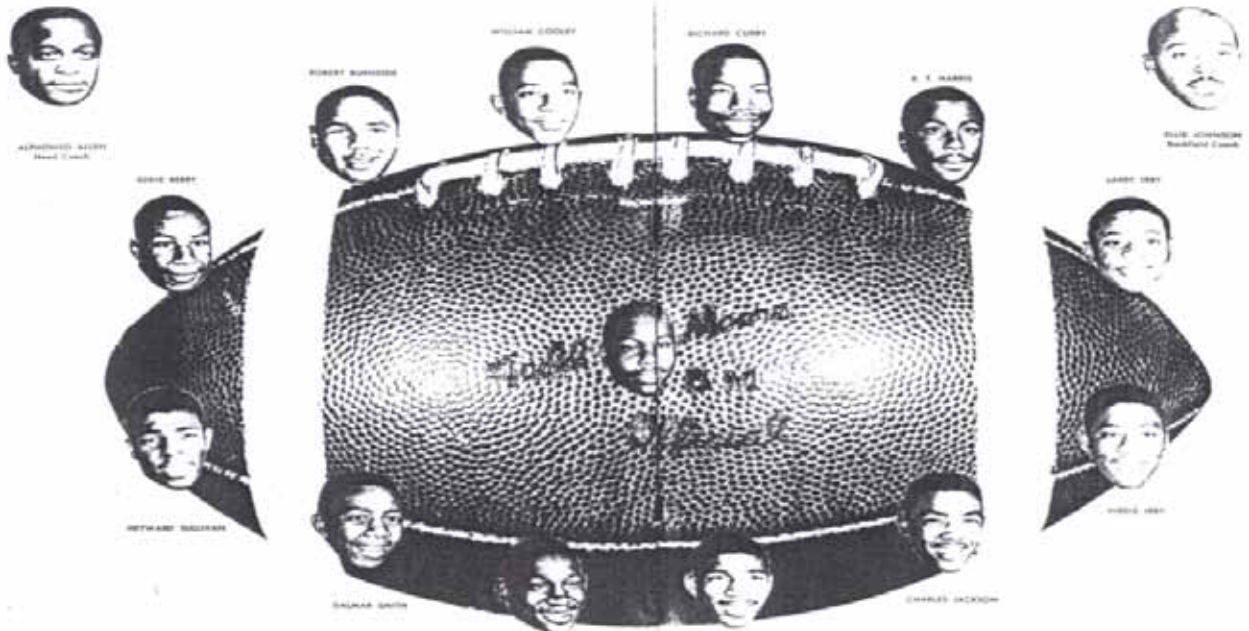
Willie attended Allen and NicholTown Elementary Schools in the Greenville County School District. In 1959, Willie started his High School years at Sterling, where he played football. In 1961, he became the co-captain of the varsity football team and also received the Best Blocker Trophy.

Immediately after High School, he joined the United States Army and was an infantryman with the 25th Infantry Division stationed in Hawaii. During his time with the Army, he played football for 25th Infantry Division.

After three years in the Army, Willie returned to Greenville, South Carolina. He later attended Greenville Technical College and Southern Wesleyan University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Willie worked for Fiber Industries from 1965 to 1977, in 1978 he became employed at the Michelin Tire Research Corporation as a technician and after 28 years of service, he retired.

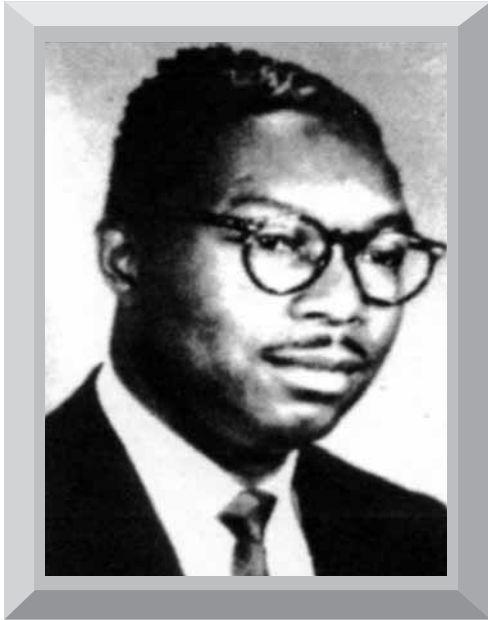
Willie is a Past Master of Sterling Pride Lodge #379, a Trustee at Zion Hill Baptist Church and a member of the American Legion Post #3. He also served as treasurer of the PTA at Greenview Elementary School, worked with the Booster Club at Southside High School and a Mentor at Woodmont Middle School.

Willie has been married to Rosa Sullivan for 47 Years and they have four children, Rona (Calvin) Williams, Zackary, Jairus and Kiana Sullivan. He also has two grand children, Erika and Erin.



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JILES RUFUS EDWARDS JR.

Coach Edwards was born in Montgomery Alabama. He received his early education in Ohio and was a graduate of South Carolina State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in education with studies at Drake University of Iowa, State University of Iowa City, Baldwin Wallace College and University of South Carolina.

While at South Carolina State College, he participated in basketball, football, track and tennis. His track performances were highlighted by once participating against the immortal Jesse Owens.

Coach Edwards was a former, basketball, football and track coach and math instructor at Sterling High School, Greenville Junior High School and Greenville Technical Education Center. His educational career lasted for thirty two years.

He was a member of Israel Metropolitan C.M.E. Church where he was a recording steward. Coach Edwards was also a veteran of World War II. He was married to the late Elizabeth Bradford. They had one son, the

late Jiles R. Edwards III. Coach Edwards Passed away in December 1970.



Coach Edwards with Coach Mathis and Coach Stevenson



Coach Edwards with his winning Track Team



Girls "B" Basketball Team



Boys "B" Basketball Team

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MARTHA BRUTON EVANS "Little Brute"



Martha Evans, a native of Taylors SC. She is the daughter of Martha Wright Bruton of Greenville, S.C. and James M. Bruton of Roanoke Rapids, NC. She began her early education at Lincoln High of Taylors, New Washington Heights of Greenville and graduated Greenville Senior High. During her childhood and high school years, Martha faithfully attended St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Taylors, S.C. Martha is married to Apostle Sherwood Lawrence Evans, Sr. They have one daughter, Andrea L. Cureton and one deceased son, Sherwood L. Evans, Jr. They are the proud grandparents of three grandchildren, Nictavius Evans, Shermiaya Evans, and Alexis Cureton. Upon high school graduation, Martha pursued her education at Greenville Technical College. Her studies at Greenville Tech were in the field of Laboratory Assistant, Chemical Engineering Technology, Introduction to Business Management and Economics, and Industrial Communication. Martha began employment at Union Carbide/Kemet



Electronics as an Engineer Technician IV.

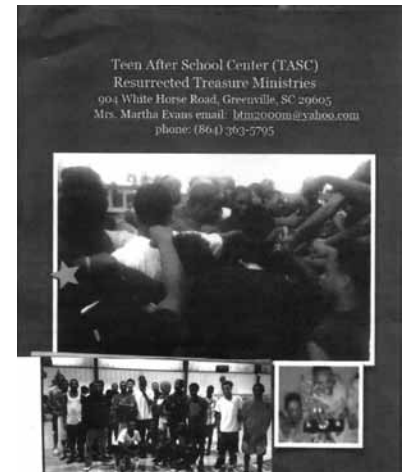
In 1993, Martha and her husband were called to the Southside Community and founded Resurrected Treasure Ministries, R.T.M. (formerly, called Buried Treasure Ministries). The church has continued to grow and is celebrating over two decades of community outreach in Greenville County. Pastor Evans has received the governor's woman of the year Achievement Award (1998), Eckerd Drug Woman of the Community Award, The Max Heller Neighborhood Improvement Award, Church of the Year (2000).

Among her many achievements Pastor Evans has established several programs in the community. Some include the following:

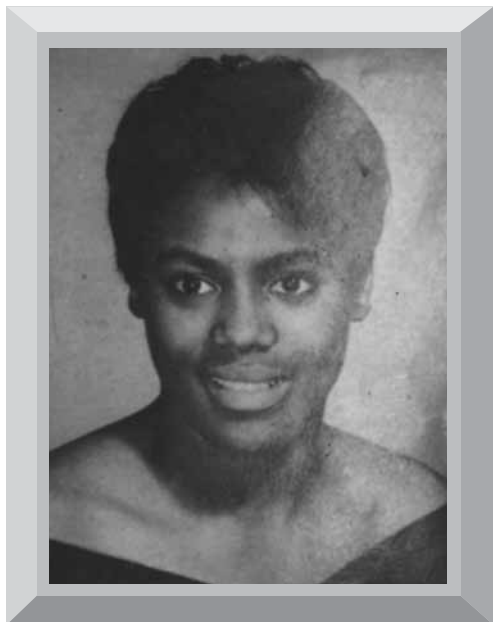
- S.U.R.E. (Southside Urban Revitalization and Economic Development Corporation).
- Resurrected Treasure Ministries Christian Learning Center, grades Pre-K-12
- Evans Learning Center Tutoring Services
- The Clergy Task Force for HIV-Aids and Teen Abstinence-Only Outreach
- Established collaborative partnerships SC Department of Education, United Way,

Department of Juvenile Justice and with Greenville Technical College GED program

Pastor Martha Evans heart is to serve the Lord Jesus Christ by acting as His hands And feet the community.



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TERRY KING MCGOWENS

Terry Sue King McGowens, daughter of Betty King Bruce and Charles Williams was born April 28, 1950. Terry spent much of her childhood in the home of her maternal grandparents, Broadus and Julia King. She attended Washington High School from 1964-1968.



Terry is the oldest of 7 seven siblings. Terry and her husband Robert (Bob) have known each other since early childhood days as they grew up as neighbors in Travels Rest South Carolina and attended the same school Athens Elementary in TR. Terry and Robert have been married for 48 years.

While at Washington High School, Terry was the epitome of a scholar athlete.

Terry served as a member of The Washingtonian Newspaper Staff and to this day an excellent typist. Terry also was a member of the Future Home Makers Association which served her well as she is an excellent cook, baker, and can sew and design clothes without a pattern. She also excelled in making a comfortable and loving home for her family. Terry was member of the Literary Club and still enjoys hunkering down with a good book and enjoys the Kimberly Roby Lawson series. Terry also served as a cheerleader for football however during basketball season, Terry could be found on the hardwood for the Lady Falcons. Terry was a sprinter on the track team and participated in many events including the fourth leg of the 4x4. It has been said that coach insisted that she train with the men's track team because of her speed and the ability to outrun most of them. Not only was a scholar athlete but she was voted as one of the Senior Beauties.

Terry is the proud mother of 5 adult children, 17 grandchildren and is founder, owner and operator of Terri's Boutique in Charlotte NC. Terry's experiences at Washington High School have fed her entrepreneurial spirit as it gave her an opportunity to witness and encourage people of color to excel, advance, and promote each other.

Terry serves as First Lady of the Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte & Winston Salem NC. where she and her husband serves faithfully. She is a mentor to the ministers spouses and teaches classes to equip them monthly. Terry is very active with the seniors and youth of both locations Charlotte/WS and the community. Terry credits her relationship with Jesus Christ, faith in his return and her deep commitment to family as her foundation.



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THOMAS NIX "Nicky"



Thomas "Nicky" Nix is a 1969 graduate of Washington High School, known as the mighty few. He played football for the 4 years he attended and lettered 3 of the 4 years. He played position off guard and linebacker. He played 2 years under Eddie Jones and 2 years under Robert Hudnell. They had only 1 coach the entire team. Nicky's senior year of school, the football team that he faithfully played for, won the State Championship with only 13 players that made up the team. Some of Thomas' teammates that he shared his victorious glories with were James "Pete" Williams, David Beaty, Thomas "Bubba" Adams, and Clifton Scott.

Thomas is currently very active in his church. He attends Gethsemane Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Emanuel Duncan, where he serves as a Deacon. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and is still a huge fan of football. His favorite NFL team is the Carolina Panthers.



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JEANNIE ELAINE WHARTON TEMPLETON

It is with a grateful and humble heart that she, Elaine Templeton, appreciates the honor of being nominated to become a member of the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame.



Reared in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, she was born to the union of the late Eliza Foggie Wharton and the late Marion Wharton. Elaine is the second of five children. Her elementary years were spent at Fountain Inn Elementary and Bryson Elementary Schools through the seventh grade. In the fall of 1963 she enrolled in the eighth grade at Bryson High School. While attending Bryson High School, she had many affiliations. She was a member of the Future Homemakers of America, the Art Club, the Bus Drivers Club, and the Dance Group. While attending Bryson, she was very involvement with sports because of her love for athletic games. She continued her involvement as a member of the cheerleading squad, basketball team, and the track and field team. Elaine and Grady Sullivan were voted Most Athletic in the class of 1968. Additionally, she was crowned as Miss Homecoming 1967 - 1968 along with her court attendants Charlene Wharton and Annie O'Neal.



After graduating from Bryson High School she furthered her education at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. There she received a Bachelor of Science in Education. She utilized her skills as a teacher in the Piano School District. Elaine continued her educational path by obtaining a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration and a Mid-Management Certification in Administration Supervision from East Texas State University which is currently Texas A&M University the Commerce, Texas campus. Renewing her professional endeavors, Elaine also received a certificate in computer science from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. Elaine continued enhancing and increasing her knowledge by attending the University of Colorado the Greeley, Colorado campus and receiving corporate training from IBM. Today, she is a retired educator.



After taking the opportunity to move away, she has returned to her hometown. Mrs. Templeton is a member of the Mount Carmel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Gray Court, South Carolina. She faithfully serves as the president of the Stewardess Board, a member of the Trustee Board, a member of the Missionary Society, and a Class Leader.

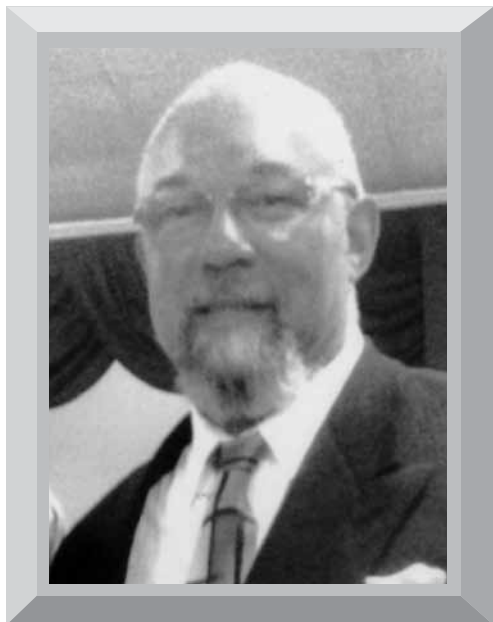
Socially, she is an active member of the Epsilon Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of Greenville, South Carolina. She is involved in Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, Professionals Teacher of America, National Alliance of Black Educators, and Association of Computer Science of Educators.

Elaine is the wife of the late Joseph Templeton. She is the proud parent of one son, Dexter P. Wharton and daughter-in-law, Sonja. She has a host of grandchildren.



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CHARLES SMITH “Red Hog”

Charles Smith is the oldest of thirteen children born to the late Henry Smith and Mae Troy Grayson.

He attended Lincoln High School and graduated with the Class of 1963. He played guard and tackle for Lincoln High School's football team and was nicknamed "Red Hog". He also ran track throwing the discus and the shot put.

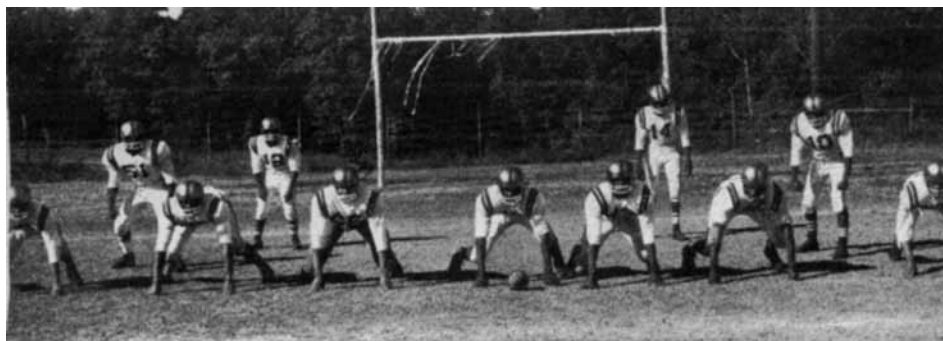
He is married to Sonja Mickler-Smith and together they have four children, Derrick, Bryant, Stacy and Jordan. He has three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

He was employed with Greenville Steel in Taylors, SC for 25 years and A G Boone for 10 years in Simpsonville, SC as a truck driver. In 1996 Charles started his own trucking company, J H S Express, which he continues to own and operate. He still drives occasionally.

He is a member of Aiken Chapel Baptist Church in Taylors, SC where he served on the Usher Board.

Charles hobbies include doing word search, walking, and cheering for his favorite football team, the Oakland Raiders.

His belief is when you put your faith in God and all things are possible.



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Floyd Jackson, Hubbie Prince, Harold Freeman, Eugene Benson, John Ferguson, Douglas McCarrol, Charles Moss, Thomas Owens, Roy Smith, Jimmy Dawkins, and Marvin King, Trainer. SECOND ROW: Nathaniel Hartman, Coach; William Fleming, Marshall Grayson, Gene Broadus, Wyman Robinson, Reginald Pearson, Rance Smith, Thomas Schumpert, Charles Smith, Robert Duckett, Edward Yeargin, Melvin King, Jerry Rector, Trainer; and Dewey Tullis, Assistant Coach.

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DAVID EARL PRINCE

“Pie”

David Earl Prince is the second child born to the late Hubbie Prince Sr. and Nellie Prince. He was educated in the public schools of Greenville County, Greenville, South Carolina. He is a 1966 graduate of Lincoln High School, home of the “Rattlers”, in Taylors, South Carolina and furthered his education at the Detroit Business Institute, Detroit Michigan and Greenville Technical College, Greenville, South Carolina.



His employment was Ford Motor Company, Detroit Michigan, the United States Marine Corp, Roadway Express Trucking Company, and Prince Allstate Insurance Agency in Greenville, South Carolina.

He is married to, a Lincoln High alumni, Marilyn McMahand Prince. In their 43 years of marriage they have two children; Deltric and Monica Prince, one daughter-in-law; Helen Bacon Prince, and three grandchildren; Erykah, Jasmine and Mason Prince.

Following in the footsteps of his oldest brother, Hubbie Prince Jr, he began to play football in his sophomore year at Lincoln High School. In his first year he was voted rookie of the year and lettered both junior and senior year. One of his teammates once stated that, “David was the meanest and most feared to ever play on the team”.



In High school, Hubbie Prince Jr. was his idol and hero and Coach Dewey Tullis was his mentor. They always encouraged him to give more than what is required and to be prepared for life with an A, B or C plan to reach his life goals.

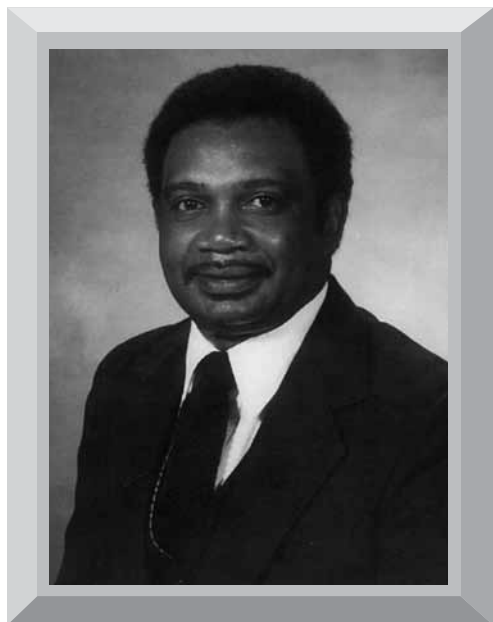
He is proud to have served in the United States Marine Corp, earned the rank of Sergeant, serve his country in the Vietnam war and was honored with a “Purple Heart” medal.

He is a member of Israel Metropolitan CME Church, served as a class leader, trustee and member of the male choir. In his community, he has served as a little league coach for football, baseball and basketball. Now retired, David Earl Prince continues to be a mentor for young men and women.



STANDING: Dewey Tullis, Head Coach; David Duham, Guard; Robert Oneal, Guard; Marshall Pruitt, Guard; Billy Williams, Quarterback; Roy Smith, Linebacker; Lonnie Teasley, End; James Copeland, Guard; Earnest Robinson, Halfback; Jackie Cox, Quarterback; Toney Freeman, Guard; Kenneth Moss, Center; Hayward Bruster, Tackle; Frank Robinson, Guard; Donald King, Guard; Floyd Jackson, Center; Earl Miller, End; and William Fleming, Coach. KNEELING: Paul Sexton, Guard; William Robinson, Tackle; Calvin Williams, End; Charles Moss, Guard; Willie Gibbs, Halfback; George Williams, End; John Bowens, End; Jesse Daniels, Halfback; Jerry Mansell, Fullback; Harold Watkins, Tackle; Kerry Greer, End; Ronnie Cox, Halfback; David Prince, Tackle; and David Taylor, Tackle. Not Pictured: Hubbie Prince, Halfback.

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THOMAS EARL FREEMAN “Tom”

Thomas “Tom” Earl Freeman, the son of the late Albert Freeman, Sr. and Susie Pettus Freeman was born in Greer, South Carolina, on October 16, 1939.

During Thomas early years at Dunbar School in Greer, he played Intramural sports. His passion for sports continued with football.

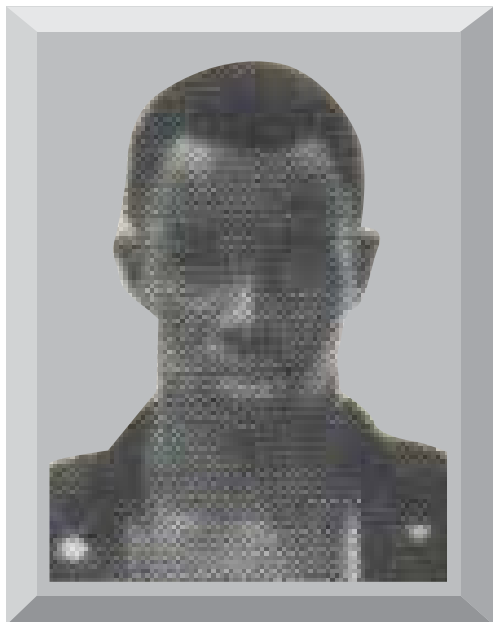
Thomas graduated in 1958 from Lincoln High School in Taylors, SC. As a student at Lincoln High he lettered in football from 1955-1957, playing first-string center and linebacker positions under the coaching leadership of the late Coach Hartman. With the determination to be the best football player, from learning the numerous game plays and being a team captain, his resilience of being one of the top football players on his team was an honor. Thomas was offered football scholarships to Benedict College in Columbia, SC and Friendship College in Rock Hill, SC. However, due to personal family obligations, he opted to enlist in the United States Army.

Thomas cherishes the loving memories he shared with his late wife Geraldine Martin Freeman.

Thomas is retired from General Electric “GE”. He spends his retirement days with his four children “Ray, Paul, Craig, Angela”, six grandchildren “Yahnick, Sedequa, Yasmin, John Paul, Jerald Arden, Jessica Joy” and four great grandchildren “Trinity, Yasir, twins Leyla and Amoni”. Other personal activities includes reading the local, national and world news, walking, riding his stationary bicycle, watching sports,” attending various senior citizen church activities “such as bingo” and grilling “especially smoking various meats on the smoker”.

Thomas is a faithful member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Taylors, SC and the United Methodist Men.

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EDDIE M. DEAN

Eddie M. Dean was born and raised in Greenville, SC to the late Marvin and Bertha Dean. He is the second of eight children.

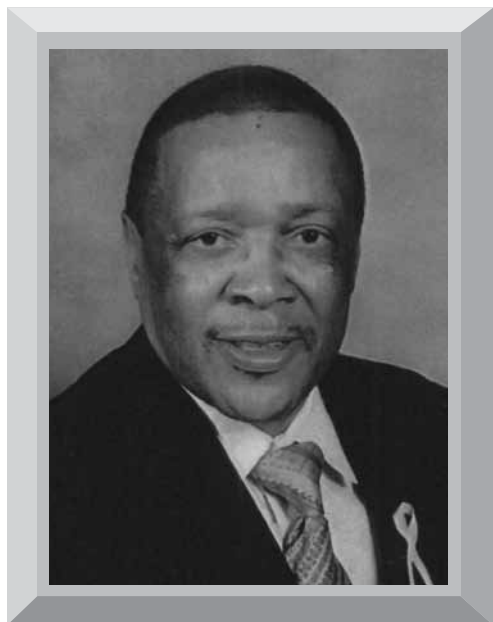
Eddie started his education at Allen Elementary in Greenville, SC. He attended Beck High School where he played junior varsity and varsity basketball. After high school, Eddie was drafted into the United States Army where he served for two years active duty and 21 years reserve. He also attended Greenville Tech.



Eddie is retired from Greenville County where he was employed for 32 years. He is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6734. He is married to Jenella Lake Dean and has one daughter, two step-daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



INDUCTEES



EDDIE NATHANIEL NEAL

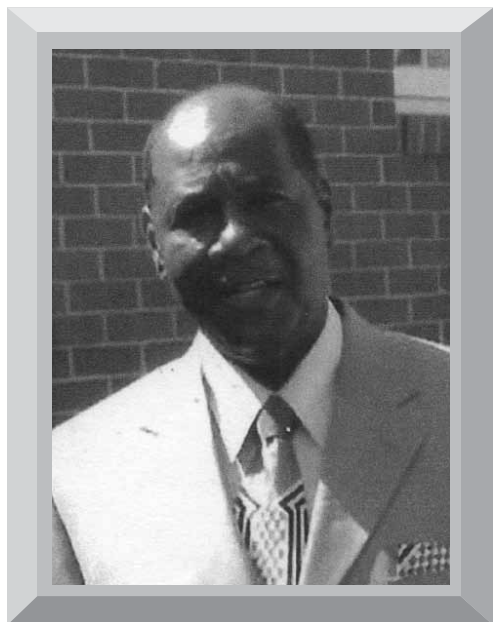
Eddie N. Neal was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina. His parents are the late Willie and Connie Neal. He is the third born out of four girls and one boy. He started his education at J.E. Beck, in Greenville, SC. He was later drafted in the Army in 1968. While Eddie was in the army, he played basketball in Germany and was well known for his athletic abilities. In Germany he also met his current wife Cynthia Neal. They married in 1969. In addition, during his army period, Eddie had the opportunity to experience a 1 year tour in Vietnam.

After serving in the army, he worked at the Phenix City, AL Textile Company for 32 years. Eddie serves as a Deacon at Forest Park Baptist Church. He has three children, two boys and one girl. He also is blessed to have seven grandchildren and one on the way. Eddie also has three great grandchildren. Eddie enjoys spending every awakening moment with his grandchildren and never misses a sport or school event. He is also very thankful for all the help and support of his sister-in-law Mary Neal.



Kneeling left to right: Billy Yates, Gregory Knuckler, Michael Booker, Willie Milom. Standing left to right: Eddie Neal, Julius Gamble, Willie Neal, Calvin Berry

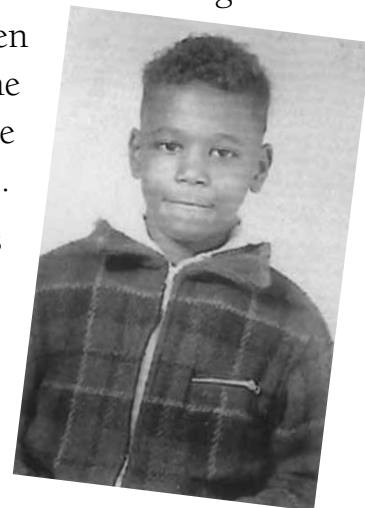
INDUCTEES



WILLIE WESLEY (TILL) BROWN *“Till”*

Willie Westley (Till) Brown was the third born of 12 children to the late Mr. and Mrs. Odell Brown. Westley attended Fountain Inn Elementary School and graduated from Bryson High School in 1961. He began his sport interest as a team trainer. During his years at Bryson in the 10, 11th and 12th grade he played defensive back on the football team. He also was a long distance runner for the track team. When he wasn't practicing sports, he was practicing singing because he was a member of the chorus.

After graduation he worked at W.R. Grace Cryovac for 42 years where he retired. He attends Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church and is on the All-Male Chorus. After retirement fishing and spending time with his grandchildren are his hobbies.



PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEES



RALPH JOHNSON

I have been in touch with his wife, Addie, and am deeply saddened to report that we just lost former Impressions lead singer Ralph Johnson who perished in Piedmont, SC from cirrhosis of the liver. Funeral/Memorial arrangements are pending. Johnson's passing marks the second transition of an Impressions member this year as he was preceded in death by Reginald Torian, Sr back in May..



Ralph's entry into The Impressions came at a time when founder Curtis Mayfield was pretty much ready to close the franchise out. When Chicago Soul writer/producer Chuck Jackson suggested the Greenville, South Carolina-born singer in 1973, Johnson joined original members Sam Gooden and Fred Cash as well as recent newcomer Reginald Torian, singing lead on the hit songs "If It's In You To Do Wrong," "Finally Got Myself Together," back to back #3 R&B hits with "Sooner or Later" and "Same Thing It Took," followed by "Loving Power." Ralph also entered the group in time to be immortalized as a member of the singing group Jim Brown was producing in the 70s black action motion picture classic "Three The Hard Way" (also starring Fred Williamson and the late Jim Kelly) for which The Impressions recorded the soundtrack.

When The Impressions departed from Curtom, Ralph stayed behind to lead a one-off project by a group built around his talents dubbed Mystique. He returned to the group from 1983 to 2000 (including singing on Eric Clapton's album, Reptile). He later sang as a member of The Drifters until leader Bill Pinkney died. The voice of Mr. Johnson is additionally immortalized singing Curtis Mayfield's "People Get Ready" over the end credits of the 1996 interracial love story/TV movie "Mr. & Mrs. Loving" (which starred Timothy Hutton and Lela Rochon). Mr. Johnson had not sung professionally in the last couple years due to health issues. However, there is an unreleased single that he recorded in the mid-80s that may soon see the light of day.



Last year I wrote an in depth liner note essay for "The Very Best of The Impressions 1968-1976: The Curtom Years" which included founder Curtis Mayfield but EMPHASIZED the contributions of latter day lead singers. Mr. Johnson was the hit maker of those vocalists

and I had the honor of interviewing him via phone. He was not in the best of health then but his warm, rascally character shown throughout our chat.



I rarely do this...but here is an excerpt from my essay that I believe fans and historians will find truly touching:

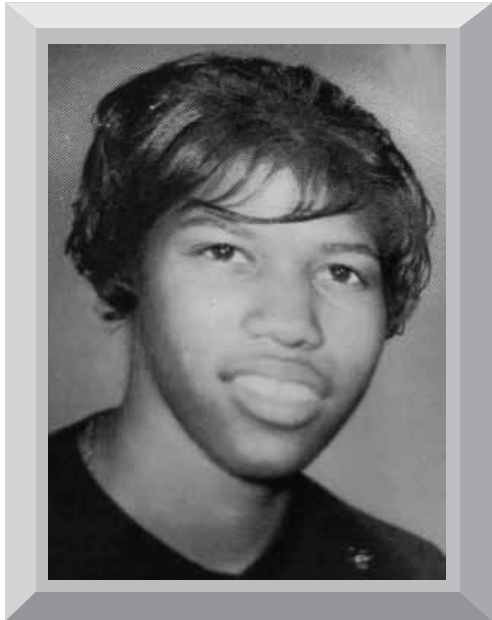
Raised by his grandmother, Ralph Johnson was most inspired by a local legend church singer named Governor Alexander. "I didn't have ANY secular performing experience before I joined the Impressions," Ralph says in a 2015 interview. "When I auditioned, I sang 'People Get Ready,' a little a cappella, and they said, 'You're not going back to South Carolina!' Curtis took one look at my trench coat then bought me a real coat, a new pair of shoes, leased me an apartment AND a new car. I was so happy! I just wanted to sing. I made them a four member group. They changed the whole thing when I came in! When we got on 'Soul Train,' Don Cornelius said, 'Man, where'd y'all get him from?' I drove back and put my grandmother Tessie in that car and said, 'Where would you like to go?' She said, 'I don't care. I'm just rollin' with you, baby.' That made my day."

Ralph Johnson is survived by his wife of nearly 32 years, Addie, and his son Ralph Broadus Johnson, among others. May his soul rest in peace and his legacy forever illuminate the annals of sweet soul music. Respect.

(Johnson, Mayfield, Evans, Torian, Torian, Brown)



INDUCTEES



JANNIE PERRY JONES

Jannie Jones, daughter of the late James and Bertha Perry, is the first born of eight children. Jannie attended St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School on Gower Street.



Jannie played basketball at St. Anthony's for three years. Their games were played at the Phyllis Wheatley Center which was at that time on Broad Street in downtown Greenville. When she was promoted to high school, Jannie became a "Falcon". She continued playing basketball in high school at Washington High School". Jannie's position on the team was first string guard and she did letter. Jannie was named "Best Guard" for blocks and rebounds,

Not only did Jannie play basketball, she ran track. She participated in the running broad jump and played softball for the Washington Community and her church, St. Anthony of Padua. Jannie is now an avid bowler playing at Star Lanes Bowling Center and Wade Hampton Bowling in the 55+ Club.

Jannie spends a lot of time now, serving her church community. A member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church for over 50 years, Jannie sings on the choir, teaches religious education and is a member of the St. Anthony of Padua Women Council. She enjoys her retirement work as a school crossing guard for Greenville County.

Jannie married her high school sweetheart, Robert Massey (Smokey) deceased, and they had three sons together. The oldest, Robert Lee is deceased, but left a beautiful daughter, a handsome son and 2 grandchildren to carry on his legacy. Andre' Jerome, the middle child, and his wife lives in Beaufort, SC. They have 3 sons, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. James, her baby boy, and his wife lives here in Greenville and has a son and a daughter.



Jannie married Curtis Jones. From this union, Jannie has 5 stepchildren: Deborah, Barbara, Anthony, Wayne and Percilla Jones, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A full life and a blessing cannot be more fulfilling as she celebrates her life with family and friends as she become a member of the Hall of Famers from Washington High School.

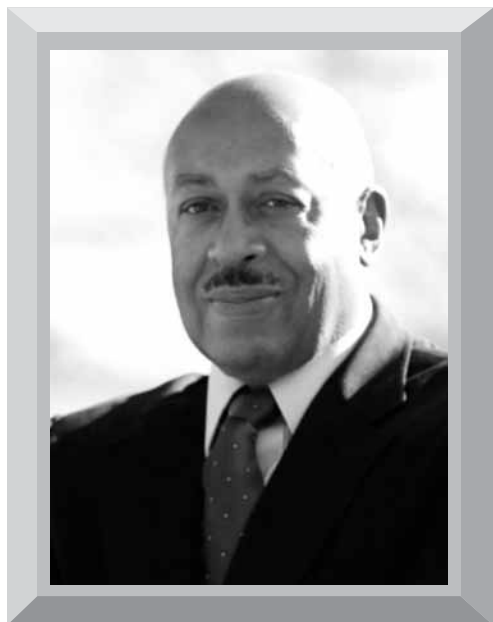


All the wonderful years spent as a Washington High Falcon marked the beginning of this wonderful adult life. Her high school days will always remain in her heart and she will always be a "MIGHTY FALCON".

"WASHINGTON, DEAR WASHINGTON"



INDUCTEES



ALAN L. MITCHELL "Mitch"

Alan Mitchell is the youngest son of the late Caleb and Laura Mitchell. He attended Nicholtown Elementary School and was a member of the Sterling High School Class of 1968. Before he transitioned to high school, Alan played Pee-Wee football and it was there, under the coaching of Reverend Joseph D. Mathis, that he learned he had a talent for running. Often times in football practice he would win the sprints or catch and pass other players from behind when running the 100-yard dash.

While at Sterling Alan was an active member of scholastic societies and clubs, the Marching Band and the Track Team. Because he had a passion for music and was closely guided by the Band Director, Bill "Nat King Cole" Dover, he was also a member of the Sterling Concert Band, Sterling Jazz Band, and the County Orchestra. By his sophomore year at Sterling he was proficiently playing ten different instruments, but his primary instrument was the Trombone. He played the Trombone when he was selected to the State Jazz Band.

Alan's older brother, M. Frederick Mitchell (a 2013 PAA Hall of Fame Inductee) introduced him to the games of basketball and golf at an early age. Early growth spurts challenged his basketball career so he became the team statistician at Sterling High. He also played golf into adulthood, but found more enjoyment of that game by playing Putt-Putt golf with his children. He always invested his time with the youth.

At Sterling High School under the excellent guidance of Coach Giles Edwards, his track activities included the distance-run, the 880-run, the 440-run and relay, and the long jump. Coach Edwards really had a gift of coaching to bring out the best talents of his track team members. That "do your best" spirit stayed with Alan and guided him in all his sports endeavors. When Alan attended Dartmouth College, he was introduced to soccer and became very skillful. At Worcester Academy, he lettered in soccer and was the co-captain of the soccer team. It was there that he converted his track entries to the 880- run, the 440-run and relay, and the 220-run where he excelled. When called upon, he also ran the 100-yard dash and the 50-yard sprint. Alan was seldom beat in his class of events and also lettered in track. In fact, he was being mentioned for All New England Track until a severe hamstring-pull side-lined him for the duration of his best season. After graduating from college at Case Western Reserve University, Alan coached soccer for the youth leagues and later became a youth league Soccer Referee.

The majority of Alan's professional career has been in Ohio. Although he has been employed by firms and organizations throughout his careers, he found time to develop Mitchell Photographies with his brother as a partner in the 1970's, and owner of Mitchell Construction Systems in the 1990's. Alan holds a degree in Architecture and recently moved back to Greenville from Ohio and works with the Greenville Health System in the Facilities Development Department. He still gives credit and honor to the Administrators, Coaches, Teachers and Staff at Sterling High School because, "they gave us a great foundation. We all owe them so much!" Alan thanks the Piedmont Athletic Association for this honor.



The PAA Story: What a Great Idea

In 1970, for the most part all of the five black high schools were closed as high schools in Greenville county. Progress in moving toward better education also left an empty place in the memories and hearts of those that grew up in that era and attended those schools.



THE FIRST CLASS

Years had passed and the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame was revitalized in 1972. Great athletes from around the state were selected and inducted into the Hall of Fame. After a few years the question was asked...why are there not more athletes and coaches from the upstate considered for induction into the Hall of Fame? People like Bill Thompson, Ernie Brock, Coach Joe Mathis and so forth.

That question led to another question of why can't we create a hall of fame that would embrace the Upstate's athletic programs and recognize with dignity, glamour and prestige, those athletes and coaches who are so deserving?

That question became an idea. From that idea came a purpose. Alumni from Sterling, Bryson, Beck, Lincoln and Washington High were called together. From the moment anyone hear this idea and purpose, they would say that this is something great. After a number of noon day lunch meetings at the Ramada on Church Street, late night telephone conferences with many people; another meeting was held in the latter part of 1991 at Phyllis Weatley Center. A representative from each school was present.

There, at the meeting, the final question was asked and answered. What will we call this Hall of Fame that would embrace all the schools and it's area of interest. The initial Founders said "The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame"

The rest, as they say, is History. Clyde Mayes was made Executive Director and following the first class of inductees in 1992, Clyde spent the next two years organizing the PAA's structure and building a formulation for perpetual existence:

- ◆ Articles of incorporation and by laws
- ◆ Registration with the Secretary of State office
- ◆ Tax status under 501(C)(3)
- ◆ Creation of Hall of Fame logo, symbol and stationary
- ◆ Scholarship program guidelines and criteria

With the organization structurally in place Mr. Emanuel Sullivan became the PAA Hall of Fame second Executive Director in 1995. Emanuel added present day community sports programs to the PAA's agenda; (1) High School Basketball Player of the Week; (2) County Basketball All Star Game; (3) Membership Appreciation Night; and (4) the including of Women Athletes for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Over the past 25 years seven coaches were inducted into the Hall of Fame under the Clyde Mayes administration and presently 240 coaches, players and supporters have been inducted under the Emanuel Sullivan administration.

Forever thankful, the PAA is mindful of the public support the people of the Upstate has given the Hall of Fame. This did turn out to be a good idea and a lot of fun.



THE SECOND CLASS

The initial Founders put together the very first meeting of The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame at The Ramada Hotel, 1001 Church Street, Greenville, SC. The following people were present:

Dr. E.D. Dixon*	Mr. Sam Zimmerman, Sr.*
Coach A.C. Duckett*	Mr. Wilfred Walker
Rev. J.D. Mathis*	Mr. Charles Gardner
Mr. Louie Golden	Attorney Ernest Hamilton
Mr. James Floyd	

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July 23, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 10672
Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

On behalf of the National Federation of State High School Associations and its National High School Sports Hall of Fame, we offer our congratulations to your first class of inductees into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Our congratulations to Louie Golden, Al Duckett, Thomas "Sporty" Williams, Rev. J.D. Mathis, James T. Floyd, Eddie Jones and Dewey Tullis for their accomplishments and contributions to high school coaching.

I applaud your efforts in launching the Piedmont Hall of Fame as a way of recognizing outstanding coaches and educators in Greenville County, South Carolina. I wish you the best in the years to come as you continue to salute additional worthy individuals.

If there is ever anything I can do to assist you from a national perspective, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce L. Howard
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July 31, 1992

Mr. Eddie Jones
5 French Lane
Greenville, South Carolina 29603

Dear Mr. Jones:

I saw in the newspaper where you have been inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Congratulations.

I am sure you must know that your teaching and coaching career has made a difference in people's lives. Your dedication to our young people is appreciated by many folks in our area.

Best wishes to you. Please let me know if there is ever any way that I can be of assistance to you.

Cordially,

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July 17, 1992

Mr. Thomas W. Williams
1002 Diggs Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31906

Dear Thomas:

I read with great interest your induction into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is a great honor and one I know you are extremely proud of. I would like to extend my congratulations to you for this honor and for what you have done to improve athletics in South Carolina. It is always good to recognize outstanding gentlemen and coaches for the positive input they have made on so many young people. Your guidance and leadership will never be forgotten by these athletes.

Again, congratulations for receiving this most deserved honor.

If I may ever be of service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Matheus
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Assistant Executive Director

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South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame

July 31, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame
P. O. Box 10672
Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

We would like to congratulate the inductees recently inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is indeed a tremendous honor to be recognized for accomplishments in sports and the many contributions these individuals have made to the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Grant Bennett
Grant Bennett
President

GB/tj

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PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

➤ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ➤

The Scholarship Award is set up to fill a needed void between the good high school players who played a big supporting role in most cases for their gifted teammates that get the full scholarships to colleges. Secondly, this type of grant encourages high school students to participate in athletics, to excel in class, to go to college. This unique scholarship awards athletic performance and class work. The criteria is that a student must have earned two letters in one or a single letter in a combination of two or more varsity sports and did not get a full scholarship, yet did enroll in a college after high school.

Funds for the scholarship award program are set aside yearly by the Board of Directors from our different fundraisers...ie, donations, membership dues, Senior Showcase Games proceeds and Banquet proceeds of the PAA's General fund. As can be expected, the number and amount of the awards are made possible by the availability of funds. To date the PAA scholarship award program has awarded over \$100,000.00 to Greenville county students. For the most part, most of the students enrolled into instate colleges.

1996

Corey Boggin	Riverside High School	Greenville Tec. College
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1997

Terry Young	Travelers Rest High School	Benedict College
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1998

William C. Staggs	Blue Ridge High School	USC-Spartanburg
LaShanda Maxwell	Carolina High School	Denmark Tec. College
Andre' D. Brantley	Wade Hampton High School	Benedict College

1999

Christopher H. Harvey	Blue Ridge High School	North Greenville College
Lakia N. Griffin	Greer High School	USC-Spartanburg
Adrian M. Harris	Hillcrest High School	Newberry College
Lynatte N. Jackson	Travelers Rest High School	Charleston Southern Uni.
Maya N. Grady	Greer High School	Lenior-Rhyne College
Latonya N. Davis	Hillcrest High School	Berea College
Michilla L. Jackson	Carolina High School	Anderson College

2000

Roderick Henderson	J.L. Mann High School	Wingate College
Charles Clark	Southside High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
John Phelps	Hillcrest High School	Voorhees College
Erie Williams	Greer High School	Wingate College
Craig Johnson	Greer High School	Greenville Tec. College
Barney Jackson	Berea High School	Pikeville College
David Little	Wade Hampton High School	North Greenville College
Demetrius Pepper	Greenville High School	Morris College
Kevin Allen	Carolina High School	Mars Hill College
Karen Hunt	Southside High School	Hiwassee College
La'trese Davis	Hillcrest High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
C.W. Bankhead	Mauldin High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
Natasha Morgan	Hillcrest High School	Johnson C. Smith University
Autumn Skelton	Greenville High School	Francis Marion College
Mathew Chasteen	Woodmont High School	Pfeiffer College
Veronica Thompson	Hillcrest High School	Johnson C. Smith University

2001

Charlena Martin	Berea High School	Walter State Community College
Samuel Mattison	Wade Hampton High School	Brevard College
Charity Williams	Greer High School	Winthrop University