

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

**Willistonians one and all!**



This a reminder of the request the Scholarship Committee asked during our 100th Anniversary this past July. We asked that everyone give \$50 toward the Scholarship Fund. Encourage your classmates, family and friends to give. This will be an annual event. As Willistonians, this is our way to "Continue the Legacy" of excellence we received. We are helping students further their education beyond high school. Let us pay it forward to the coming generations. Send your gifts to Williston Alumni Assn., Inc., PO Box 2, Wilmington, NC 28402. Thank you for making this a success.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



BERNEST HEWETT

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Black History Month! To whom, or what, are we supposed to give recognition, respect, or even give credit? Most of us look to national heroes, or people with big names, who make great inventions. I like that, but we need to remember also the unsung Black heroes who taught us in school, church, or college. We need to remember those who worked the streets as police officers. In other words, we need to remember folks who have worked all the different jobs which have made a difference in our lives. We have not always had it easy on life highways. Even when we've had our education or

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**GOP SCRAMBLES TO STAY VOTING MAPS**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

February 19th. That's the deadline a federal appeals court has ordered the Republican-led NC General Assembly to have redrawn voting maps for the predominately-black First and Twelfth Congressional Districts. The three-judge panel ruled last Friday that race was the key factor in drawing the districts, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the US Constitution.

The First is represented by Congressman G. K. Butterfield,

while the Twelfth District is represented in Congress by Rep. Alma Adams. Both are African-American Democrats.

Opponents say Republican map-makers in the state Legislature "stacked-and-packed" black voters into the two districts, thus denying them the opportunity to elected lawmakers of their choice who did not happen to be black.

Supporters of the maps say they were only following the dictates of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, ensuring

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CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS  
DISTRICT 12



CONGRESSMAN G.K. BUTTERFIELD  
DISTRICT 1

**TOO CHICKEN TO DEBATE??**



DELMAS COOPER PHOTO

That's the question NC Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Ken Spaulding is posing to challenger Roy Cooper. The chickens showed up in front of Cooper's office Tuesday to symbolize how he is afraid (chicken) to "debate" and discuss his stands on the critical issues facing the people of our state, according to the Ken Spaulding for Governor campaign.

**SERVING OUR CHILDREN**



JOHN DAVIS PHOTO

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS KICK OFF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT GREGORY SCHOOL OF MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Celebrating Black History Month at Gregory**

SUBMITTED BY  
ST. LUKE AME ZION CHURCH

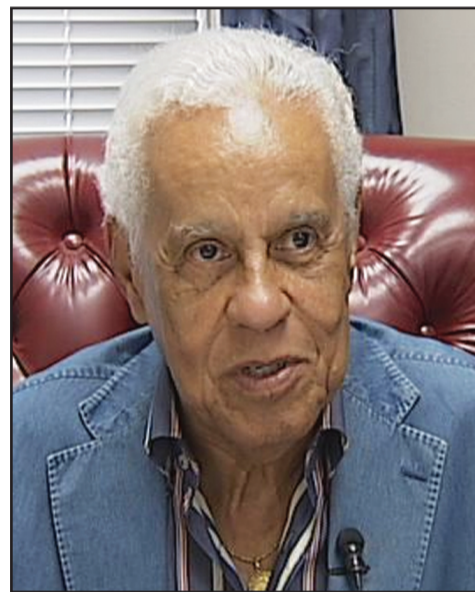
**O**n Wednesday morning, February 3, 2016, local members of our community: politicians, educators, storytellers, entrepreneurs, and entertainers gathered at Gregory School of Math, Science & Technology to kick-off their Black History Month celebration with an African American Read-In. Coordinated by Saint Luke Church, Rev. Jermaine B. Armour, pastor, the Read-In was an excellent way for the community to shine a spotlight on African American authors and to encourage students to read. Each participant read a book to a class.

One of the readers, Suprena Hickman, a nurse, local entrepreneur, and founder of a mentoring organization for girls, GRITS-Girls Rocking In The South, stated: "I was honored to read a book to students about one

of my heroes, Harriet Tubman?. I helped them apply what they learned in the book to their lives now...Harriet led hundreds of slaves to freedom in a selfless act and always helped folks. She even worked as a nurse? for the soldiers during the Civil War. She understood her purpose in life! She knew her gifts and shared them! I helped the little ones understand that when you walk in purpose, and you are on a mission, then the fear is pushed aside so you can do what's necessary! The kids understood and most importantly, THEY LOVED IT!

The first National African American Read-In was sponsored in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. In 1991, the National Council of Teachers of English joined in the sponsorship. The Read-In has been endorsed by the

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FORMER VIRGINIA GOVERNOR  
L. DOUGLAS WILDER

**First elected Black governor says the Black vote is Clinton's only hope to win presidency**

SPECIAL TO  
THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE  
FROM THE RICHMOND FREE PRESS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder - the nation's first elected African-American governor and one-time Democratic presidential candidate - issued a cautionary warning to Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton's campaign prior to a talk and book-signing event at his alma mater, Virginia Union University.

When a *Richmond Free Press* reporter asked him to assess Mrs. Clinton's skintight victory over Democratic rival

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**Moral March/ HK on J Rally this Saturday**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The political stage is set for this Saturday's Tenth Annual Moral March in Raleigh/HK on J People's Assembly, kick-

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**STATE TESTS POOR FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE, FINDS LITTLE EVIDENCE**

[RALEIGH] Since last August, the state of North Carolina has reviewed over 7,600 public assistance applicants, and found that only 21 have tested positive for use of illegal drugs. State lawmakers passed a law in 2013 requiring all applicants for the Work First program to be screened, and if flags were



STATE BRIEFS

raised, then be tested of drugs. Thus far the program has cost the state \$5,500. Democratic state lawmakers call the drug testing a "waste" of money.

**WILMINGTON P.D. INCREASE FOOT PATROLS**

[WILMINGTON] Wilmington Police are increasing foot patrols in some high crime areas in Wilmington. The increased patrols are a part of the agency's efforts to increase police visibility, improve community relations and prevent crime. Officers'

patrol designated areas in teams of two. The Wilmington Police Department also uses other high visibility patrol methods such as bicycles, horses, Segways and a gas powered ATV used for parks, on and off-road patrols.

**UNC TO HIRE INTEGRITY ADMINISTRATOR**

[CHAPEL HILL] Still licking its wounds after numerous scandals involving the Athletics Dept, UN - Chapel Hill will soon hire a chief integrity and policy officer; a top administrator charged

with the job of ensuring that school policies are followed by all with the highest standard of integrity. This senior administrator will report directly to the chancellor. A campus dean will serve as interim until a permanent candidate is selected.

**RALEIGH POLICE WARN OF JURY DUTY SCAM**

[RALEIGH] If someone claiming to be a Wake County sheriff's deputy calls you on the phone, and demands that you purchase prepaid debit cards or else be arrested, feel free to hang up, say Raleigh Police. It

is known as the jury duty scam, where someone claiming to be a deputy tries to pressure the unwitting person on the phone that they are in trouble for missing jury duty, and then try to cajole them to buy a prepaid card and give the "deputy" the account number. Raleigh police say don't listen, certainly don't purchase anything, and hang up.

**SEVEN CURRENT OR EX-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CONVICTED IN DRUG STING**

[RALEIGH] Seven current or former law enforcement

officers were among the fourteen suspects convicted Tuesday in a massive drug operation that involved the trafficking and distribution of cocaine and heroin in Eastern North Carolina. Known as "Operation Rockfish," the federal sting focused on Northampton and Halifax counties, where suspects transported what they thought were real drugs in exchange for bribes. At least four correctional officers were involved and pleaded guilty, officials say.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

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ing off at 8:30 a.m. with a pre-march rally at 2 East South Street near Shaw University in downtown Raleigh, with a march down the Fayetteville Street Mall to the steps of the State Capitol kicking off at 10 a.m..

It is called the "Get Out The Vote Gathering and Mobilization," sponsored by the NCNAACP and the Forward Together Movement. The People's Assembly at the Capitol will end at 12:30 p.m.

At the assembly, there will be voter registration for the tentative March 15th primaries (tentative thanks to a federal

appeals court ruling last Friday throwing out redistricting maps for the First and Twelfth Congressional Districts, and ordering that they be redrawn within the next two weeks).

Following the Moral March on Raleigh, there will be a Souls to the Polls training about how faith communities can register, educate, and mobilize their congregations and communities to the polls.

On Friday evening, Feb. 12, there will be a pre-Moral March/People's Assembly mass meeting and worship service, featuring Rabbi Fred Guttman, starting at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington Street in Raleigh.

The agenda, as always, for the Moral March, includes the expansion and protection of voting rights; economic justice and livable wages per labor rights; educational equity through proper funding for quality public schools and support for historically black colleges and universities; health care for all Medicaid expansion, women's health and environmental justice; equal protection under the law through justice without regard to race, creed, class, gender, sexual orientation or immigration status; and police reform.

According to the USA Today newspaper, over 80,000 demonstrators participated in the 2015 Moral March/People's

Assembly, making it one of the largest social justice gatherings in the nation at the time. This year organizers say they are trying to attract even more participants in an effort to register to register at many as possible for this year's state and national elections.

A highlight of Saturday's People's Assembly will be an address by David Goodman, the brother of the late Andrew Goodman, who, along with fellow civil rights workers Michael "Mickey" Schwerner and James Chaney, were killed by the Ku Klux Klan in Neshoba County, Mississippi in June 1964. They were there to help register black people there to vote.

David Goodman, along with his wife, heads up the Andrew Goodman Foundation, which promotes creative and social action among young people nationwide. Mr. Goodman will serve as ambassador for the assembly.

Last year, the foundation recognize actor/social activist Danny Glover and "Selma" director Ava DuVernay, among others, with the 2015 Hidden Heroes Award, named after Goodman, Schwerner and Chaney.

Many of the speakers this year will be persons negatively

impacted by the 2013 voter restrictions passed by the Republican-led NC General Assembly, and signed by Gov. Pat McCrory.

The entire event will be livestreamed across the nation.

For more information call the NCNAACP office at 919-682-4700, or go to [www.naacpcnc.org](http://www.naacpcnc.org) [www.hkonj.com](http://www.hkonj.com).



**NCCU School of Education leads UNC System in percent enrollment increase**

DURHAM, N.C. - Enrollment growth at the North Carolina Central University (NCCU) School of Education expanded by 23.3 percent for the 2014-15 academic year, a significant increase in one year.

Enrollment in NCCU's bachelor's and master's degree teaching programs grew by the largest percent of all Schools of Education in the University of North Carolina System. Overall, education programs across the system shrank by 27 percent between 2010 and 2014, sparking fears of a future teaching shortage.

Master's program enrollment at NCCU increased by 62.5 percent - from 104 students entering in fall 2014 to 169 in fall 2015. Graduate programs experiencing the largest percent gains were Educational Technology, Special Education and Visual Impairment Training.

Enrollment in bachelor's degree program grew by 8.9 percent - from 282 enrollees in fall 2014 to 307 enrollees in fall 2015. The Middle Grades teaching tract experienced the largest gains, followed by Elementary Education.

The Educational Technology master's degree at NCCU was recently named by U.S. News & World Report as the best online graduate program at any Historically Black College or University and second-best among all institutions in North Carolina. The degree also ranked nationally as 17th out of 188 programs in the 2016

lineup for Best Online Graduate Education Program.

The NCCU School of Education also offers degree programs in school administration; community, career and school counseling; communication disorders; and five concentrations in the field of special education. All programs are fully accredited by their respective bodies.

North Carolina Central University prepares students to succeed in the global marketplace. Flagship programs include the sciences, technology, nursing, education, law, business and the arts. Founded in 1910 as a liberal arts college for African-Americans, NCCU remains committed to diversity in higher education. Our alumni excel in a wide variety of

academic and professional fields. Visit [www.nccu.edu](http://www.nccu.edu).

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**Black Women Speak**  
A Documentary by Maurice M. Martinez

**Tuesday, Mar. 15  
6 p.m. Lumina Theater**

**Four Women: A Tribute to Nina Simone (5 min.)**  
A film by Aeris Adams

**Black Women Speak (25 min.)**  
A film by Dr. Maurice M. Martinez, Professor Emeritus

Join us for a double premiere celebrating Women's History Month featuring films by acclaimed local filmmakers, Dr. Maurice Martinez and Mr. Aeris Adams. Meet the director and the women featured in the film, Black Women Speak, in a panel discussion following the screening. This event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the UNCW Women's Studies and Resource Center, Upperman African American Cultural Center and Watson College of Education





New Hanover County

**GE Retirees Association** will meet at noon, Thursday, February 18th at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Rd. Lunch \$5, open to GE retirees and spouses. A special Valentine's Day meal and celebration will feature the Cape Fear Chordsmen Barbershop Quartet. For more information, 910-819-2776.

**Lower Cape Fear Hospice** will offer a free six-week grief program for those coping with the loss of an adult child. It will be from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mondays, January 25th-February 29th, at the Dr. Robert M. Fales Hospice Pavilion, Conference Room, 1406 Physicians Drive in Wilmington. Registration is mandatory and closes once the series begins. For more information, call 796-7991. When leaving a message, please leave your name, phone number and indicate the specific program you wish to attend. Sessions are free. Donations are appreciated. Additional groups will form throughout the year.

Community Briefs

**Narconon** reminds families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or Prescription-abuse.org. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754.

**The Democratic Women of New Hanover County** will be meeting at McAlister's Deli, 740 S. College Road, on Thursday, February 11th. In lieu of a formal program for this and the March 10th meeting, we have invited candidates that will be running in the March 15th Presidential Preference Primary. All Democratic women and men are invited to attend and listen to, ask questions of the candidates, learn about Early/One Stop Voting, and much more. Prior to the introduction of the invited candidates, there will be a "meet and eat" social period starting at 6:00. A short business meeting will start at 6:30 then the introduction of the candidate. If you have any questions, please call 395-4502.

**The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group** meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

**New Hanover County Schools All-County Elementary School Choral Festival Concert** will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Minnie Evans Arts Center on Halyburton Memorial Parkway. Approximately 150 talented, young singers from New Hanover County elementary schools will perform. The Elementary All-County Chorus will be conducted by Amy Brock-Davis. Amy Brock Davis is the Associate Conductor for the Girls Chorale of the Capital City Girls' Choir at Meredith College and the co-director of Choral Activities at Durham School of the Arts. The public is cordially invited to attend this afternoon of choral music. There will be no admission fee.

**The New Hanover NAACP** monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-798-2004 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

**The Saint Augustine's University Alumni Chapter** will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, February 20th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 7100 Covil Farms Rd.

**The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men-and their partners-who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

**Queensboro Shirt Company and Cynthia Blash** will hold a blanket drive on February 20th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 1400 Marsteller St. (Beside the Food Bank). Drop off locations for blankets and donations are 510 S. 14th St. and 1400 Marsteller St. For questions and drop off information contact Cynthia at 910-404-645-5046 or Queensboro Shirt Company at 910-251-1251. Refreshments will be served.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

In times like these

I wonder if there will ever be a time when disagreements no longer exist. Timing is important in everything we attempt to do in daily life. When we go to sleep at night, there is a time at which we anticipate waking up in the morning and getting out of bed.



Verniece Stanley

It's a new day and time to think about the problems we must face daily. There are various issues regarding the different presidential candidates which greatly concern us. Donald Trump's absence from the Republicans' debate in Des Moines, Iowa caused quite a stir among the other

Republican presidential candidates, and they strained to take advantage of a rare opportunity to step out of Donald Trump's shadow.

Fifty-one percent of Americans say that they are anxious about Hillary Clinton's becoming President of the United States. "She is not qualified to be President of the United States," some say. New Jersey Governor Christie contends that what we need is someone on that stage who has been tested, someone who has been through it. All of the issues and controversy surrounding this election should make us want to vote, even if we've never voted before. We must not allow our full citizenship rights to be taken back because of the devious efforts to limit our voting power.

We are concerned about

the new Voter ID laws. The main concern is that many who don't have the proper ID will have trouble voting this year. We must make sure that our friends and relatives get eligible to vote and then that they do vote, even if they are away from home in college or in the military. Contrary to what seems sometimes to be popular belief, fairness is all we want in elections.

We need someone in office who will diligently to fix a fouled up economy. So often, those who work hardest get the lowest income, while thousands who lie, cheat and steal rise to heights of power, position, and wealth. Friends often vote to keep them in office. There must come vast social change in the United States, change ushered in by the will of the people, change that brings about justice for the rich and the poor. It's

been said over and over again, and I do concur! We are living in the last days on earth!

*Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.*

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as we traveled the journey.....

and in the tobacco fields as we humbled ourselves  
and "hummed" the old songs of Zion  
You marched with us as we marched with Dr. King  
and gave us pride and courage to preserver  
You gave us a place at the table

to see us through, never to worn or battered to carry us on,  
we find refuge, peace and strength to survive  
within our souls as we travel life's pathways

The "Olde Ship Of Zion" with its' strength, courage and love,  
keep us moving on, and on, and on  
It gives Us faith to endure from one

generation to another  
O! that "Olde Ship of Zion"  
O! that "Olde Ship of Zion"  
We praise Thy Holy Name!!!!

*Mildred Johnson Blake, Author  
Perils of Truth*

You were with us in the heat, in the rain, in the cotton fields,

O yea, the Olde Ship Of Zion, with your spiritual quest

NHCS Transpotation Department to serve as pilot site for new buses with seat belts

Summer 2016, New Hanover County Schools will get five new school buses equipped with seat belts as part of a state pilot program. New studies have shown that lap/shoulder belts enhance safety and help improve student discipline. According to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) Transportation Services, seat belts have been available on school buses for several years, but the additional costs have made it prohibitive to add to

buses. The new buses cost \$93,000 each vs. \$83,000 for a regular bus without seat belts. The goal of the pilot program is to begin gathering real-world experiences for the NCDPI Transportation Services. NHCS is among several other North Carolina school districts that volunteered to participate in the pilot program.

NHCS Transportation Director Ken Nance said the district volunteered to pilot the program because, "Just like volunteering to test the six-foot stop arms, we wanted to be a part of anything that would improve bus safety. Even though school buses are very safe, seat belts add another level of safety to riding the bus." He added, "Students wearing a lap/shoulder belt can be better protected in some accidents. Furthermore, if students remain seated during the route, the driver is less likely to become distracted by student behavior."

Mr. Nance met with the New Hanover County Board of Education's Policy Committee on February 2, 2016, to submit a local policy requiring stu-



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NEW BUSES WITH SEAT BELTS

dents to use the seat belts. The Policy Committee reviewed the proposed policy and plans to bring it before the full Board for a first reading in March.

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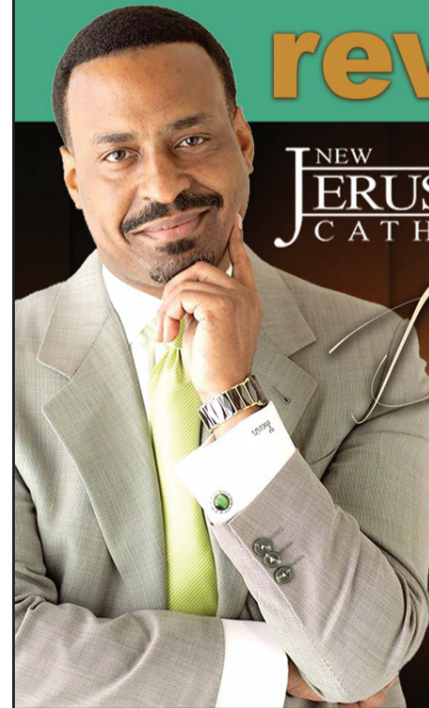


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Mr. Leroy Alonza Moore

Leroy Alonza Moore was born in Wilmington, NC on December 27, 1950 to Lucille Moore and Ellis Dudley. Leroy Alonza Moore funeral was held Tuesday, February 02, 2016 at 11:00 am at St. Andrews AME Church in Wilmington, NC.

Leroy was educated in the New Hanover County School System and graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in 1969. Following graduation, he moved to New York where he worked for an advertising firm. Leroy was a talented artist and considered the advertising world as an appropriate avenue to hone his talent. However, that was not to be because he was drafted into the US Army in 1971.

Before deploying to Vietnam he married his high school sweetheart Jacqueline Russell. They produced two beautiful children; Torrence and Aleta.

On returning to the states he was employed with the Star News newspaper as a printer. He relocated to Washington, DC and continued working in the printing field.

Due to having several health issues resulting from his time in Vietnam, Leroy was eventually admitted to the Veterans Hospital in Martinsburg, WV to receive care. When his health was more stable he decided to setup home in Martinsburg, WV. He remained there until our Heavenly Father called him home on January 22, 2016.

Leroy was preceded in death by his mother Lucille Moore and father Ellis Dudley, brothers James and Eugene, and Jacqueline Russell Moore.

Leroy leaves to cherish his memory, son Maj. Torrence D. Moore and wife Monique of Pasadena, MD; a daughter Aleta L. Simpson and husband William of Wilmington, NC; one sister Hattie M. Moore of Upper Marlboro, MD; uncle Rev. Aaron Moore and wife Anna, aunts Gladys Nixon and

Willie Faye Moore of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren Dar'el and Megan of Pasadena, MD and Terrel and Tavariz of Charlotte, NC; nephews Jeffrey Moore of Capitol Heights, MD and Michael Moore of Clinton, MD; one niece Charice Gamble of District Heights, MD, a lifelong friend Ronald McFadden and cousin Willie Nixon who in addition to sharing the same birthday as Leroy, diligently telephoned him providing encouragement and a brotherly comradery, also several cousins, extended family and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Mrs. Carolyn Ann Rattley Willis

"He who dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91:1-2

Carolyn Ann Rattley Willis was born on June 20, 1960 to the late Hazel Grady Rattley and the late James Rattley. She departed her earthly home for her heavenly home on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. She is preceded in death by her brother James Rattley.

Carolyn received her education in the Brunswick County School System, she was a member of the Class of 1978 at North Brunswick High School. Carolyn was also employed in the Brunswick County School System for a number of years.

Carolyn was a member of Summerville A.M.E. Zion Church, where she joined Class #5. You knew that she was in attendance by her outward expressions of knowing who God was in her life.

To cherish her memories, she leaves the love of her life,

Mr. Larry Willis; one daughter, Anquantee Willis; one son, Meshach Willis; one brother, Darryl Rattley, Sr. (Adrian), of Charleston, SC; two grandchildren, Sariah Willis and Kenneth Freeman, Jr.; six aunts, Doris Hooper (James) of Leland, NC, Lillian Robison, of Wilmington, NC, Shirley Atkinson, of Florence, NJ, Eloise Rattley (Roy) of Wilmington, Delaware, Frazel Grady of Leland, NC, Marie Grady of Atlanta, GA; one uncle, Robert Grady of Wilmington, NC; three sister-in-laws, Adrienne Willis, Sherry Hall (Willie), Tina Butler (Quentin) all of Navassa, NC; two brother-in-laws, Carlton Willis (Wanda) and Ronnie Willis, all of Navassa, NC

Special friends, Carolyn Nixon, Geraldine Newkirk, Betty and Joe Daniels and a host of other relatives and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.



Sgt. Major Steve Sutton

Reflections of a Wonderful Life

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the Faith; henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day... (II Timothy 4:7-8)

Retired Sgt. Major Steve Sutton (Rev) entered into eternal rest on January 18, 2016 at the Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs, Florida. Services were held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Word Tabernacle Church in Rocky Mount, NC.

Steve was born on March 18, 1943 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Steven Sutton and Queenie Williams Brimage Sutton.

As a young boy growing up, he was very personable and a joy to be around. Family and friends were often the recipient of his many pranks as he was quite the "comedian". It was nothing for him to craft a homemade scooter or skateboard for his enjoyment. He enjoyed shooting marbles and collecting comic books. He aspired to imitate Charles Atlas in fitness training. He also took an avid interest in boxing and could throw quite a punch.

Steve's early Christian training began at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. Upon graduating from Williston Senior High School in Wilmington NC in May, 1961, he enlisted in the Army on September 29, 1961. Thus began his lifelong military career of 32 years. He had assignments as an infantryman with the 1st Calvary Division in Korea (1962); the 2nd Infantry Brigade, Fort Devens, Massachusetts (1963); the 7th Infantry Division, Korea (1965); the Combat Development Command Experimental Command, Fort Ord, California (1966). In September 1967, he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division Pleiku, Vietnam Platoon Sergeant. In the Vietnam War he was extensively wounded in action and was not expected to live but LIVE he did. He requested and received his own burial flag. Steve was truly a fighter in every sense of the word. He defied death with God's Grace and Mercy. On the battlefield, he carried with him a very small white Holy Bible in his upper left pocket which, he declared, was how his life was spared. Due to his devastating injuries, he was hospitalized in Vietnam and when his condition improved and upgraded subsequent hospitalization was in the Philippine Islands. From there, he was upgraded and became a patient at Womack Army Hospital at Fort Bragg, NC. From there, he was sent to Fort Ord, California where the remainder of his patient care was completed in 1969 for a grand total of 18 months recuperation in various military hospitals. With perseverance, the ultimate will to survive and an "Against all odds" attitude, he overcame below the waist paralysis and a multitude of other complicated medical issues. He had to learn to walk again as well as teaching himself to write allowing the left hand to become his dominant hand. Steve did not allow his medical or physical setbacks to hinder his "A few Good Men" mentality. He superseded the good and strived for being the best that he could be.

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In Memory and Honor of Our dear Mother and Father

Deacon James H. Faison, Jr., and Mother Mary R. Faison



"Together Again!"

Praise the name of the Lord; Praise Him, O you servants of the Lord! Psalm 135: 1

In Loving Memory Of



Vencella Durham Wallace (Mousie) Sunrise: October 19, 1966 Sunset: February 14, 2014

When my daughter died two years ago, I read this poem and it was a great comfort to our family

If tomorrow starts without me And I'm not there to see If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did While thinking of the many things We didn't get to say I know how much you all love me As much as I love you And each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too But when tomorrow starts without me Please try to understand That an angel came and called my name And took me by the hand And said my place was ready, in heaven far above And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love I thought of all my family especially my little girl (Jazmine Wallace) My heart was filled with sorrow But when I walked through heaven's gates I felt so much at home When God looked down and smiled at me From his golden throne He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you." Today your life is past But here life start anew. Welcome Home Vencella Durham Wallace (Mousie) From mom, Barbara Durham; daughter, Jazmine Wallace and brother, Terry Durham

In Loving Memory Of



Katherine Jervay Tate Who departed January 27, 2015

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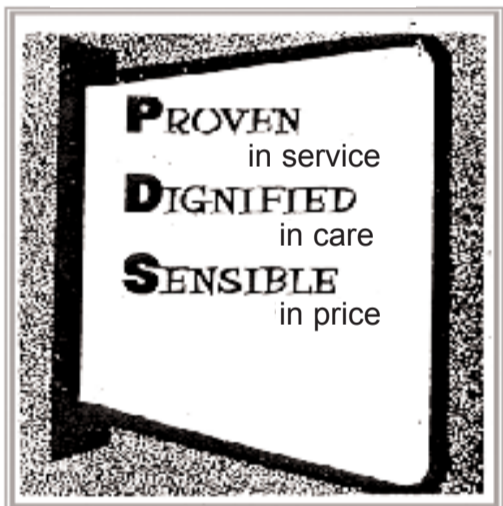
Mrs. Daisy N. James Alford Sunrise: August 2, 1936 Sunset: February 9, 2014

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