

Comet II

Deaths

- William Bell
- Deloris Marie Pearson Griffin
- Bernice Boykin, 1953
- Lulee Satterwhite Grady
- Catherine Rosena Lane
- Ruth Naomi Sutton Friday, 1933
- Marion Outen, Jr.
- James Outen
- Maggie Brosia Salley, 1956
- Ann Brown Devault, 1959
- James Raleigh Sims, 1959
- Judge Matthew J. Perry
- Odell Jumper
- Dr. Andrew Sorenson

From the President

It is so hard to believe that 2011 is almost over! As we age time seems to speed up. We are currently gathering information from all sources that will assist us in developing our mission statement and goals for the next twenty years.

Thanks to all of you who maintain your membership and send in your annual maintenance fee. Many of you complain that \$35.00 is too much, but this is a very small fee compared to other organizations. Our monthly bills average \$2,500.00

and we have received only \$2,800.00 from you. Taxes will be due in January.

The holidays will soon be upon us. We have not heard from many of you.

We have experienced/attended many deaths in the BTW Family since July. Keep all of these families in your prayers as they begin to go through the healing process. Send a card, give them a call, and if time permits, visit them.. Now is the time that they need to see a friendly face and gave a listen-

ing ear.

We must get our programs in motion so that the center can begin showing groups our history as well as other offerings. Other entities have taken our ideas and utilized them.

Recently the Richland County Recreation Commission unveiled the Rosenwald school located in the Pine Grove Community . Please try to stay will and commit to the support and upkeep of the BTW/ Monteith Cultural and Academic Center.

Al Griffin



Class of 1947

Washingtonians, here we are again to say we are nearing the end of another year.

We have done well even though we lost a class member, Melvin Johnson. We visited our sick and shut-in. They were very glad to see us.

Now that the holidays

will soon be upon us please let us have a Happy Holiday and be thankful that we are still living.

Oh, we contributed some artifacts to the series that is being written and looking forward to seeing it.

We will hold our holiday social in Novem-

ber. The date and time will be forwarded to you later.

Please keep our sick and shut-in in prayer. We also encourage other classmates to keep in touch. You will enjoy communicating with each other on a regular basis

Happy Holidays!

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Class of 1957

We were saddened by the recent death of classmate Ann Brown Davault who died on September 21, 2011. Home going Celebration was held September 28 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Fairfield, CA. She was the wife of classmate Julius Davault and sister of Robbie Brown Means, '54.

We were further saddened by the death of Quenby Marvin Means, Jr., '74 on October 8, 2011. Quenby was the son of Robbie Brown Means and the late Quenby Marvin Means, SR. He

was the nephew of the late Ann Brown Davault and Julius Davault. Home going Celebration was held October 14, at First Cavalry Baptist Church. Julius traveled from Fairfield, CA to Columbia, SC for the funeral service. Members and family members of our class attended the service to support the Davault, Brown and Means families. Thirteen of our classmates treated Julius to a fellowship dinner on October 13. It was a blessing to be able to bring smiles to one who endured the deaths of

two loved ones in less than a month.

Classmate, Mary Sims Miles' brother, Deacon James Raleigh Sims, '59, died on October 8, 2011. Funeral service was held on October 12 at Zion Canaan Baptist Church in Columbia, SC.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Mary Davis Williams
William L., Jr. & Frazier Davis
Reporters

Richland One Inductees

Doris Glymph Greene, Class of 1959, was one of the six persons inducted into the Richland county School District One Hall of Fame for 2011. Doris is a retired educator and visionary, who in her desire to see the legacy of her Alma Mater preserved to perpetuity, founded the Booker T. Washington High School Foundation, an organization that continues to acquire, preserve, and presents the school's history in an interesting and technological manner that will interest all ages.

Doris was also the first African-American Instructor at Midlands Technical College.

Stonewall Richburg is a retired educator who taught mechanical drawing at Booker T. Washington High School for many years. He also served as principal of Fairwold Elementary School (now Pendergrass Fairwold School), and as The district's first executive director of student personnel services. He continues to advise and support the foundation in its efforts to grow and

become a globally historic entity in the educational arena.

Congratulations to both of these persons whose influence makes many of us work harder to ensure that Booker T. Washington's legacy continues to be a guiding light in the community and the world.

Andrew Sorenson

Dr. Andrew A. Sorenson, former president of the University of South Carolina, 1938-2011. Dr. Sorenson, during his tenure, worked tirelessly to build and ensure strong, positive community relations. He worked very closely with the Booker T. Washington Foundation to establish and retain a lasting link between both entities because of the ill will caused when Richland School District One was

persuaded to close Booker T. Washington High School to make way for the university's expansion into the Wheeler Hill Community. Many members of the Foundation were able to develop a lasting professional, academic, and personal relationship with Dr. Sorenson that continued until his death.

He was an affable, easy-going down-to-earth individual who

consistently worked for peace and unity among all peoples at all levels.

The Booker T. Washington Family is eternally grateful to him and for all of his efforts to help us keep and retain our legacy.

Farewell Dr. Sorenson. Your influence with the Booker T. Washington Foundation will endure for many, many years.



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Class of 1943

Washingtonian, here we are in the Fall; News from the faithful few, not all.

We are pleased to know Mattie T. Cooke is still involved in the Foster Grand Parent program after years of service. Congratulations, Mattie.

Terza S. Gooden is with her daughter while recovering from a fall. Let us keep in touch with her with prayers, cards and calls.

Johnnie Mae T. Wheeler hopes to have lots of news soon due to her involvement in many activities.

Congratulations to Rubye B.

Collins, who just bought a brand new car. We will be as grateful as she is if she will ride us around too.

Nathaline M. Jenkins' church, St. Luke Baptist, celebrated its 101st anniversary with a week of activities.

Josephine J. Hall and Nathaline M. Jenkins attended the Annual Senior Games at Hyatt Park of September 22nd. We enjoyed it and hope to make the 25th year in 2012. We thank her son Lester, a Washingtonian, too, who chauffeured us.

Nathaleen M. Jenkins plans to attend the S.C. State Fair on Senior Day. We hope she has fun.

Josephine J. Hall and family attended the wedding of their grand niece. They also attended the Toliver-Harrington Family Reunion in West Palm Beach, FL. Next one will be in TN in 2013. We also attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Lloyd and Ellen Lumpkin. I did an original dedication in their honor.

Josephine Hall and Pauline Richardson, reporters.



Class of 1956

My, oh my, we are the busy bees! We're planning a party for either Friday, December 2nd or Saturday the 17th, at Generations Restaurant. We need at least 25 persons to attend. Cost per person will be determined by the number of meats we decode tp jave/

Thanks to all of you who respond to letters/calls.

Frances Hall Smith and Julia Weeks recently underwent sur-

gery. Please give them a call, send a card or note. Mildred Whetstone Watson was hospitalized recently. Send her a note. I just learned that Ella Mae Green is very sick. Her daughter was kind enough to respond for her. address is 3026 Kennedy St., Columbia, SC 29205.

We were saddened to learn of the demise of classmate, Maggie Brosia Salley. Her family appreciates all of the condolences given.

Edith Friday Wilson's mother, Ruth Naomi Sulton Friday, '33 died in August.

Please keep our grieving, sick and shut-in in your prayers.

Yes, we are planning our fifty-sixth reunion to coincide with the Foundation's 2012 Heritage Weekend. How many times will we hear 56 for 56? We graduated in 1956 and will celebrate our 56th year with everything based on fifty-six. We are hoping to see at least 56 classmates and or a representative. Offspring are encouraged to participate. We want to share our dreams, successes, ups and downs. with them.

Beloved Alumnus

One of Booker T. Washington's most famous alumnae, Judge Matthew J. Perry, died at his home on July 29th. He served honorably in the United States Army, earned a law degree and during his law career journey, distinguished himself as one of the greatest legal minds in this country.

He was appointed to the United States Military Court of Appeals by President Gerald Ford

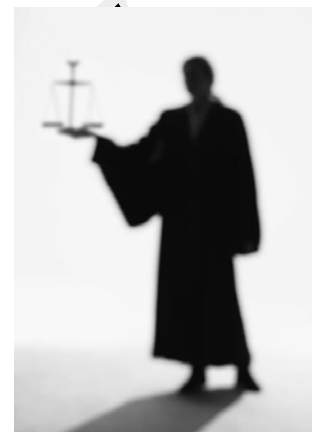
as the first African-American lawyer from the deep South appointed to a federal court.

Other firsts followed. He was appointed by former President Jimmy Carter to become the first African-American Federal District Judge for the Federal Judicial District of South Carolina. Through the efforts of Congressman James E. Clyburn he was honored by having the new federal courthouse

named for him. Judge Perry devoted his life to seeking and promoting fairness and equity for all people.

At the time of his death Judge Perry was a sitting senior United States District Judge.

We cannot say thanks enough for this stalwart alum who taught by example and lived what he taught...humbleness, peace, hope, joy is achieved through effort.



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Benedict Honoree

The Benedict College Alumni #22 honored Celia Phelps Martin, posthumously, at its *Champions for Tiger Pride Gala* on July 17th at the Brooklyn Baptist Church Banquet and Conference Center, West Columbia, South Carolina.

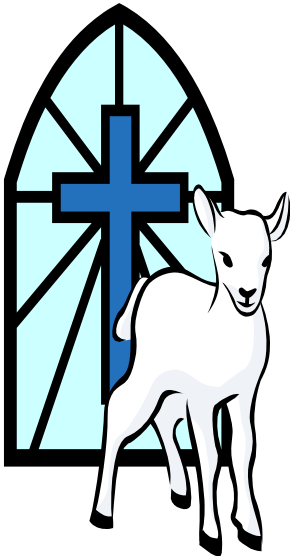
She was honored for distinguished service as an Executive Committee member and for the enhancement of the Wheel Hill Community.

Previously she had been honored by the City of Columbia, SC for her meritorious service as a member of the Community Development Board.

Mrs. Martin also served the Str. James A.M.E. Church in many capacities all of her life.

We're on the web at
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foundation.sc

Class of 1955



Hello classmates. This Halloween season is time for Goblins & vampires. Hope they did not keep you from Trick or "Treating Halloween night.

Our October meeting was held at the BTW cultural Center, hosted by, President Albert Griffin and spouse. We had a joyous time.

Our November meeting was hosted by Roland Harris and spouse at their home. Barbecue to die for was the entrée. Yu-u-um! We planned our Christmas party, Secret Pals and Raffle. Tickets are still one dollar for five prizes. Out-of-towners tickets will arrive by November 5th.

We have had several new classmates at every meeting. This is a good sign. One such person is Melvin Pearson. We want to be connected to familiar people, places and things.

We are still asking for your prayers and get well messages for

Janie Summons Garner, Ruth Williams, Bennie Hair, Sam Macon, Martha Anderson, Harold Lewis, Verona Benson and Althea Watson. Special prayers for Your Roving Reporter when he undergoes knee replacement surgery on November 9th.

We were saddened by the loss of classmate, Odell Jumper, CA. We were comforted to know that classmate Gilroy Griffin was able to attend the funeral and give words of encouragement for the class.

Former teacher, Washingtonian and encourager, Fannie Phelps Adams has been hospitalized and needs your prayers. She is 92 years young. Classmate Otis Salley's wife, Maggie Brosia Salley was died recently.

Classmate Richard "Peter" Reese's book, *The 'Blame It On God' Mentality: Spiritual Dumbness of God's Love*

and Holiness, is now on bookshelves, in paperback. Please try to pick up a copy as soon as possible. Check at you local library branch

