

THE HINTON & JOHNSON CONNECTION

April 2023

From: Deloris Davis

Greeting Family Members!

We are praying everyone is doing well. The committee met in March 2023 and voted to have a reunion this year! When we had our reunion in 2019, no one expected a pandemic that would keep us apart for three years. Over one million Americans lost their lives due to Covid-19. It has been a difficult three years, but thank God we made it through. The committee is excited to bring the family back together again.

We would like to thank Mary Lawrence for serving as President from 1996-2019. She worked diligently to reestablish our reunion and connected with new family members to bring them to the reunion. Mary retired in 2019 after serving 23 years as President. She is currently working as an Advisor to the Reunion Committee.

Deloris Davis and Doris Batts-Murray volunteered in 2019 to serve as Co-Presidents in 2019. Dedra Lucas volunteered at that time to serve as Corresponding Secretary, as Doris vacated that position. All other officers remain the same.

We hope to see everyone in Rocky Mount, NC Labor Day Weekend! Wearing a mask is now optional for many businesses, but we ask that you wear one for all reunion activities.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 ACTIVITIES

Rev. Milton Batts and Bethlehem Baptist church family has graciously allowed our family to use their fellowship hall for a number of years and we will be there again this year. The **picnic** will be at Bethlehem Baptist Church, which will start at 1:00 pm. The food will only be served for one hour, so please arrive at the church promptly.

We have lost so many family members over the past three years, and will have a **memorial service** in remembrance of them.

50/50 raffle tickets will be sold at the picnic and the drawing will be held at the end of the picnic.

The **Picnic Prices** are **\$28.00 (Age 13 and Up)**, **\$18.00 (Age 6-12)** and **Free (Age 0-5)**. The **deadline** date to purchase tickets is **August 11, 2023**.

An additional \$5.00 will be applied to the price if fees are paid after the deadline date or at the door. Please pay in a timely manner so we can get an accurate count for the caterer.

No T-Shirts will be ordered this year. If you have a t-shirt from a previous reunion, you may wear it.

Dues are **\$15.00** per household. You may also contribute to the **Hinton & Johnson** or the **Willard Coleman Scholarships**. Thanks in advance. Please make checks payable to **Hinton & Johnson Family Reunion** and mail to Z. Deloris Davis, 853 Nestleway Dr. Greensboro, NC 27406. Family in the Rocky Mount area may purchase tickets from Mary Lawrence. Please call Mary at (252)-446-2179 to make sure she is in Rocky Mount before going to her home.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 ACTIVITIES

We will be worshipping with Rev. Milton Batts at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Service begins at 10:45am. Please plan to worship with our family. There will not be a banquet this year, however family members will get together after the church service and have dinner at a restaurant. Please plan to join us.

HOTEL INFORMATION

No hotel rooms have been reserved this year. However, the following hotels are close to the location of the church.

Doubletree

651 N. Winstead Rd.
Rocky Mount, NC 27804
Phone: (252) 937-6888

Holiday Inn Express (Formerly the Comfort Inn)

200 Gateway Blvd.
Rocky Mount, NC 27804
Phone: (252) 270-3100

Directions to Bethlehem Baptist Church from Hotels

1. Turn left on Winstead Rd.
2. Turn right on Sunset Ave.
3. Turn left on S. Halifax Rd. (Church will be on left (**305 S. Halifax Rd, Rocky Mount, NC**))

FAMILY UPDATES

Family members who provided their email address will receive their newsletter via email. Only family members without email addresses or those who rarely read email will receive paper newsletters. You may also go online to get a copy of the newsletter at www.hintonjohnson.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN SEASON!!

The entire Hinton-Johnson family stands committed to increasing the level of education among family descendants and supporting family descendants in developing their minds and talents to the point where they become valuable to the world. Interested family members who currently attend (or are admitted to) an accredited college at the undergraduate or graduate level are encouraged to apply now. It's open season. Merely, provide a digital photograph along with your completed application via regular mail or e-mail to the Scholarship Chair (Marilyn Stephens-Booker at mstephensbooker@gmail.com). or a member of the Scholarship Committee) no later than July 30th.

Melanie Burnett received a scholarship from the Willard Coleman Scholarship in 2020 and **Demetrius McCaulley** received a scholarship from the Hinton & Johnson Scholarship in 2020 and 2021. Congratulation to our awardees.

WEDDING UPDATES

JaNee Abbott and **Andrew Mendez** enter holy matrimony on February 18, 2023. JaNee (Owner-Operator of Boogie Down BDX Experience) is the daughter of Joyce Abbott, granddaughter of Rosa and Robert L. Stephens and great granddaughter of BJ Johnson.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10229265939895971&set=a.10200398138058967>

Charles Davis, III and **Kaley Howard** were married on October 8, 2021 in Blowing Rock, NC. Charles is the son of Charles, Jr and Deloris Davis. Kaley is the daughter of Aaron and Olethia Howard. Charles and Kaley currently reside in Greensboro, NC.

BIRTHS

Lena Grace Titus was born January 24, 2020 to Nicholas and Kisha Titus. Her brother, Ethan Titus, was glad to get a new addition to the family. They reside in Miramar, FL. Lena and Ethan are grandchildren of Charles and Deloris Davis.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATES

Solomon Gonzalez is pursuing a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) accreditation. It is a very rigorous program, but he is proud to say that he is on track to graduate from the major with a GPA of 3.6+ and a mountain of potential. Solomon found an interest in product design and innovation through engineering. Next year, he hopes to remain at Yale University to pursue a fellowship through university's Center for Engineering Innovation and Design to further his development as an engineer. Solomon was also accepted into a Master's program at Imperial College London's School of Bioengineering in which he would go in the following year if he can fund it. He is the son of Glenna Batts-Gonzalez, the grandson of Richard E. Batts and the great grandson of the late Willie & Dorothy Batts. Solomon received the Hinton & Johnson Scholarship in 2018.

Melanie Burnett received a Bachelor in Health Science with a concentration in Biological Health Science and Social/Behavioral Health Science in May 2021 from University of South Florida. She was accepted in an accelerated Nursing Program at the University of South Florida in Jan 2022 and is expected to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in May 2023. Melanie was the recipient of academic scholarships from Alpha Kappa Alpha, Hillsborough County, Lettie Pate Whiteman, Flanzer Scholarship, Louis and Gloria Nursing Scholarship, Geraldine Twine Endowed Scholarship, Community Action Board Scholarship and Gibson-Standifer NCLEX Scholarship.

Michael David Burnett, II, a Rising Black Scholars' student at Miami-Dade College will be transferring to Florida Atlantic University located in Boca Raton or Florida State University in Tallahassee as a junior for Fall 2023. He is majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in management. Michael and Melanie Burnett are the children of Michael and Keitha Burnett.

Elizabeth Stephens, daughter-in-law to Cortez D. Stephens Ret. Lt. Col., oldest child of Rosa and Robert Stephens completed her Doctoral of Medical Science (DMSc) at the University of Lynchburg. Currently Liz is a Physician Assistant with John Hopkins Hospital.

Exia B. Stephens is a proud recipient of a full scholarship to University of Georgia. She is currently a sophomore and has not decided on a major. Mark and Elizabeth Stephens are the proud parents of Exia.

Rosemarie Stephens-Booker Greger, granddaughter of Rosa and Robert Stephens and daughter of Marilyn Stephens-Booker completed her MBA at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill during 2021.

CAREER UPDATES

Charles L. Davis, III graduated from the Winston-Salem, NC Police Academy in September 2020. He has been a Police Officer for almost three years with the city of Winston-Salem.

Abbott Elementary started airing on December 7, 2021. Quinta Brunson, the show's creator named the series' title school after **Joyce Abbott**, one of Quinta's own, real-life elementary school teachers. Joyce Abbott is the youngest child of Rosa L. and Robert L. Stephens. Rosa is BJ Johnson's oldest child.

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/quinta-brunson-abbott-elementary-gma-abc/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8TE9vJJWBw>

The Rose Garden Restaurant opened its doors in Philadelphia, PA at 1437 South St., during February 2020 offering a full slate of food with dishes like wings, fried Brussels sprouts, wine, cocktails, picturesque backgrounds and lots of flowers. The co-owner is **Stephen Mahoney**, grandson of Rosa L. Stephens. Stephen's parents are Cheryl and Kevin Mahoney. Cheryl is Rosa's knee-child.

<https://billypenn.com/2020/08/18/rose-garden-philadelphia-black-owned-wine-cocktails-south-street-hideaway-outdoor-dining/>

Rosemarie Stephens-Booker Greger accepted an appointed under the Biden-Harris Administration assigned to the Department of Energy as the Regional Intergovernmental and External Affairs Specialist for the West, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Rosemarie is the daughter of Marilyn Stephens Booker. <https://www.energy.gov/person/rose-stephens-booker>

Sherise Stephens assigned the 728th Warfighter Battalion was promoted to Sergeant Major on January 5, 2023. She joined the Army in August of 2000 and has served in numerous leadership positions in her career. Her career has taken her world-wide to places like Korea, Fort Drum, Fort Carson, Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Campbell, Italy, and now Schofield Barracks. She now serves as the Battalion S3 Operations Sergeant Major.

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Dr. Keitha D. Burnett will be presenting a paper at the 25th Annual Education Conference in Athens, Greece in May. The paper is entitled, Increasing Effective Decision-Making: Steps to Measuring and Constructing a Resilience Model. She is a Teacher and Coordinator for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Gulliver Prep in Miami, FL.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mario and Mae Stephens celebrated 45 years of marriage with a vow-renewal celebration on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the La Luna Banquet Hall in Bensalem, PA.

Rev. Allen and Rev. Jean Lawrence celebrated 57 years of marriage on July 4, 2022. They reside in Rocky Mount, NC.

BIRTHDAYS

- **Rosa L. Stephens** celebrated 101 years of life on March 2, 2023.
- **Lela "Dell" Hinton** celebrated her 95th birthday on May 23, 2022.
- **Clarissa "Tospie" Parker** celebrated her 97th birthday on December 10, 2022.
- **Dorothy Harden** celebrated her 87th birthday last year.
- **Caroline Hinton** celebrated her 95th birthday last year.

PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Lela "Dell" Hinton, Mr. Joseph Lawrence, Mrs. Clarissa Parker-Rocky Mount, NC., Mr. Melvin Gorham-Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Dorothy Harden-Hampton, VA., Mrs. Charlotte Hinton-Bascombe-White

Plains, NY, **Mrs. Caroline Hinton**-Montclair, NJ, **Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Hinton (Bill)** - Winter Springs, Florida, **Mr. John Pridgen**, **Mrs. Fannie Hinton Harris** – New York, **Mrs. Rosa Lee Stephens**-Philadelphia, Pa.

MEMORIALS

- **Mr. Marvin Water, Jr**, age 93 passed 04/28/20 in East Orange, NJ. He was the father of Denise Monroe.
- **Mary Kate Hinton Bulluck**, age 95 passed 05/08/20 in Kearney, NJ. She was the daughter of the late Lee and Blanch Hinton, sister of the late Collien Hinton, Sr (Caroline).
- **Margaret Riddick**, age 83 passed July 20, 2020 in Chesapeake VA. She was the wife of the late Major Riddick, mother of the late Dywana Harris-Copeland (Ricardo), grandmother of Keenan Harris (Morgan), Kenya Harris and sister of Cleveland Meeks and Mamie Mayo.
- **Irene A. Lebednikas** passed 10/09/20. She was the daughter of the late Mary Elizabeth Armstrong. Irene was the wife of Arthur Lebednikas for 18 years, mother of Jerome Rice, sibling of Carol Ann Sharpe, Dorothy Rogers, Sally Ruth Gorham, Dianne Gorham and Melvin Gorham.
- **Malissia Viola Pettaway**, age 99 passed 12/09/20 in Wilson, NC. She was mother of Charlie Pettaway, grandmother of Kimberly Pettaway Pender (Arnold) and Angela Pettaway.
- **Collien Hinton, Sr.** age 92 passed 12/17/20 in Montclair, NJ. He was the husband of Caroline Hinton and father of Collien Hinton, Jr.
- **Mr. Avant Patrick "A.P." Coleman**, age 85 of Wilson, NC passed 01/12/22 at Wilson Medical Center in Wilson, NC. Mr. Coleman was the husband of the late Willard Monroe Coleman and the father of Jacqueline and Wanda Coleman.
- **Tequila Jecole Miller**, age 42 of Gonzales, LA passed 03/01/22 in Wendell, NC. She was the wife of Michael Miller, daughter of Leander Sr and Carol Sharpe, sibling of Natrisha Hill (Carter), Leander Sharpe, Jr (Rosemary) and Gabriel Sharpe. Tequila was also the granddaughter of the late Mary Elizabeth Armstrong.
- **Dywanna Harris**, age 59 of Chesapeake, VA passed 03/14/22. She was the wife of Ricardo Copeland, mother of Keenan (Morgan) and Kenya Harris, grandmother to three grandchildren, daughter of the late Margaret Riddick and stepdaughter of Major Riddick. She was also the niece of Cleveland Meeks and Mamie Mayo.
- **Julius Ball**, age 81 passed 07/22/22 in Decatur, GA. He was the husband of Mrs. Helen Parker Ball.
- **Vance Monroe**, age 71 passed 9/2/22 in Rocky Mt, NC. He was the son of the late Doreatha Monroe Batts and brother of Rev. Milton Batts (Melvia), Patricia Harrison, Barbara Dawkins, Robert E. Batts, Threatha Batts, Lavern Batts, Deborah Calloway, and Vailery Green.
- **Ivery Lee Batts**, age 63 passed 09/19/22 in Rocky Mt. He was the son of the late Robert Lee Batts and the late Doreatha Monroe Batts and brother of Rev. Milton Batts (Melvia), Patricia Harrison, Barbara Dawkins, Robert E. Batts, Threatha Batts, Lavern Batts, Deborah Calloway and Vailery Green.
- **Major Riddick**, age 96, passed 11/08/22 in Chesapeake, VA. He was the husband of the late Margaret Meeks Riddick and stepfather of the late Dywana Harris Copeland (Ricardo). He is survived by his son, Major Riddick, Jr. (Manervia), daughters, Katrina Riddick and Lydia Riddick Staton; sisters, Roslyn Cunningham (Cary) and Norma Trotman (Marvin); grandchildren, Myrica Riddick (Major Jr.'s daughter), Makeda Staton (Lydia's daughter), Keenan Harris (Morgan) (Dywanna's son), Kenya Harris (Dywanna's daughter) and great grandchildren, Khristian Harris, Kaiden Harris, Kason Harris and Keyari Harris.
- **Mrs. Evelyn Pridgen**, age 82, of Brooklyn, NY. passed on December 6, 2022. Evelyn was the wife of John Henry Pridgen for 63 years; mother of Anita Roberts, Malcolm Pridgen (Cynthia), and Shendora Pridgen; grandmother of Steve Williams, Delois Williams, Malcolm Pridgen, Jr., (Kanessa), Quantina Walker (Darnell), Symone Roberts, Tamia Pridgen; and great-grandmother of thirteen great-grandchildren.
- **Autrey Parker Underhill**, age 73 passed 03/21/23 in Lithonia, GA. She was the sister of Helen Parker Ball of Decatur, GA, Connie Parker Williams of Lithonia, GA and Evelyn Wiggins Brown of Kinston, NC. Autrey was also survived by aunts, Ethel Richardson of Rocky Mount, NC and Bessie Parker of Norfolk, VA; Nephew/Son, Marc Anthony Parker, Sr. Lithonia, Georgia. Nephew, Walter William Holden, Lithonia,

Georgia. Great Nephews, DeAnthony DeMarcus Miller of Lithonia, GA, and Marc Anthony Parker Jr. of Palmetto, GA; seven nieces: Brittney Ratcliff of Portsmouth, VA, Taylor Brown and Janae Brown of Kinston, NC, Patricia Miller and Kalia Williams of Charlotte, NC, and Pamela Thomas and Kyia Thomas of Palmetto, GA.

Financial Report 2019

NAMES	DUES	Hinton Johnson Scholarship Fund	Willard Coleman Scholarship Fund
Helen Ball	25.00	37.00	38.00
Rev. Milton & Melvia Batts	15.00		
Richard Batts	15.00		
Debra Calloway	15.00		
Zenobia & Willard Coker	15.00		
Deloris Davis	15.00		
Dywanna & Ricardo Copeland	15.00		
Kenya Harris	15.00		
Carnell & Lois Hinton	15.00		
Jesse, Jr. & Annie Hinton	19.00		
Marceline Hinton	15.00		
Verdie Sue Hinton	15.00		
Mary B. Lawrence	15.00		
Dedra Lucas	15.00		
Cleveland Meeks	15.00		
Dwayne & Lisa Meeks	15.00	200.00	
Doris & Jerome Murray	15.00		
Bonita & Leonard Parks	15.00	110.00	
Evelyn Pridgen	15.00		
Major & Margaret Riddick	15.00		
Marilyn Stephens Booker	15.00	10.00	25.00
Rosemarie & Jonathan Greger	15.00	40.00	25.00
Madilyn & Willie Avent (2022 Dues)	60.00		
TOTAL	404.00	397.00	88.00

Total Money Collected

Balance from 2018	\$1,177.72
Banquet	1,120.12
Dues	404.00
Picnic	1,138.11
Auction	175.00
T-Shirts	452.00
50/50	131.00
Bowling Deposit (2018)	25.00

Total Credits \$4,622.95

Expenses

Banquet Cost	\$1,325.48
T-Shirts	296.96
McCall's Barbeque	940.66
Postages	77.00
Renewal of Website	75.00
Newsletter/programs	96.00
Church Rental	125.00
Bowling Deposit (2020)	30.00
Misc. (Senior gifts, Door Prizes, Decorations, etc)	378.00

Total Expenses \$ 3,344.10

2019-2023 Remaining Balance: \$1278.85

Hinton & Johnson Scholarship: \$3794.68

Willard Coleman Scholarship: \$1772.56

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Hinton & Johnson Registration Form

Name: _____
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State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

Payment

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Dues (\$15.00 per household) : _____

Hinton & Johnson Scholarship: _____

Willard Coleman Scholarship: _____

Total Payment: _____

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Thank You!