

CECIL RAY PROGRAM

A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF E.L. MINNIS JUNIOR ACADEMY

MAUPIN - RAY TUITION AWARD 2023







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CECIL RAY SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY

The Cecil Ray Scholarship began in 1985. This scholarship was the brainchild of Sister Ruth Ray, a Magazine St. SDA Church member. Mrs. Ray, inspired by her friends of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors, founded the scholarship in memory of her husband, Cecil. It has continued through her death.

In 2014, the Cecil Ray Scholarship named the funds donated to E. L. Minnis Junior Academy students the Maupin Ray Tuition Award. This was done to honor Mrs. M. Tacoma Maupin, who assisted Mrs. Ray in raising funds.

The students were active fundraising participants in the early days. The students no longer have to fundraise but are present at the Cecil Ray Scholarship Program held annually in August.

The Cecil Ray Scholarship funds raised benefit each student attending E. L. Minnis by awarding a one-month Maupin Ray Tuition Award. These funds are given directly to the Academy for application to each student's tuition.

The Cecil Ray Scholarship has exceeded our wildest expectations. God has been so good! He has greatly blessed our endeavors to support Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy.

CECIL AND RUTH RAY

Cecil and Ruth Ray were a devoted couple who spent their time and energy helping those needing assistance in the community. They were married for over 40 years.

Cecil worked for several plumbing companies before going into business for himself in 1960. He was a master plumber in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. At Murray University, he completed costing and accounting courses. He served as State Security for the Plumbers Association for two years and was on the Board of Directors for several years.



CECIL AND RUTH RAY

Cecil was featured in Who's Who in the Plumbers Association Encyclopedia and received the first President's Award in 1984 for Outstanding Contributions from 1954-1983.

Cecil's character was one of kindness, patience, and longsuffering. He always wanted to do his best and embraced the philosophy of "striving for excellence."

Ruth was an active member of the Women's Auxiliary branch of the National Association of Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors (NAPHCC). She served as President and Vice President of the Auxiliary. She was selected for the Auxiliary's "Woman of the Year" in 1982. Her accomplishments were countless, and her generosity was boundless. Ruth never sought recognition since she was happy doing all she could to help someone.

Ruth was involved in many neighborhood organizations, such as High Neighbors, PTA, YMCA, Meals on Wheels, and the Geneva Cooper Mass Choir. She founded the Cecil M. Ray Scholarship Fund for Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy.

Mary Tacoma Maupin - 1905-2012

Possibly one of the oldest members of the South Central Conference is Mary Tacoma Maupin. She passed away on Friday, November 2, 2012, one week shy of her 107th birthday. Her funeral service was held Friday, November 9, 2012, at the Magazine Street Church in Louisville, Ky.; Kennedy Luckett, pastor, officiated.

Her obituary shared a snapshot of a wonderful life: Mary was born November 9, 1905, in Pleasant Hill, Mo., to the late William and Elizabeth Taylor. She was the youngest of four brothers and one sister. At age two, after the death of her mother, she went to Tulsa, Okla., to live with her uncle, Robert Bridgewater, and his wife. She often spoke fondly of her time with "Auntie and Uncle." It was during her time with them that she experienced a very important event in history - she was a survivor of the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921.

Alter high school, she attended Wilberforce College in Wilberforce, Ohio, and there met her husband of 75 years, the late Miller Maupin. To this union were born seven children: four sons and three daughters.

She was a teacher in the Jefferson County school system. All who met her would be exposed to her unique personality in this way. If anyone ever made a mistake with the English language, no matter whom it was, she



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would correct them.

Maupin's service to God in the Magazine Street Church was in the following areas: Sabbath School teacher, church pianist and organist for more than 60 years, assisting 14 pastors as a Bible worker, and organizing church choirs. Until age 100, she assisted with the Cecil Ray Scholarship program and participated in fruit fundraising for the E. L. Minnis Jr. Academy. Due to her devotion to Christian education, the Minnis Jr. Academy has dedicated

its science lab in honor of Miller and Mary Maupin.

She received an award from the City of Louisville Black Achievers, and the National Council of Negro Women Bethune Service Award. She was featured in the Southern Tidings, Loma Linda's Health Study 2005 winter newsletter, Louisville's The Courier Journal and the Huntsville Times newspapers.

Mary was a world traveler. Her adventures took her to Africa, Asia, Europe, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and across the mainland of the United States. She was known to attend every family wedding and graduation.

Music was an important part of her life. At 106 she still had a passion for music and was playing the piano almost daily. She enjoyed taking requests for favorite hymns and playing for various soloists that would stop by the church to sing.

She was a promoter of higher education. As a result, her children graduated as honor students and received college degrees in the areas of business, medicine, heatlhcare, law, education, science, city planning, banking, information technology, and social work. However, her main goal was for her family to be saved.

She was preceded in death by her husband and their eldest son, Milburn T. Maupin. She is survived by six children: Roslyn Anderson of Berrien Springs, Mich., Robert Maupin and Carlyle (Violet) Maupin of Louisville, Ky., Idabeth (Simon) Jacob of Madison, Ala., LaVaunt (Alberta) Maupin of St. Louis, Mo., and Lolita McRoy of Lee's Summit, Mo. She also leaves 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 16 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

-BY MICHAEL HARPE

EMMA LEWIS MINNIS

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Emma Lewis Minnis was born October 22, 1880 in Louisville, Kentucky. She was the youngest of nine children, and is probably the most well-known of the Minnis children. She received her early education in the public schools of Louisville, graduating from Western Jr. High School in 1895, Central High School 1898, and the Louisville Colored Normal School in 1899.



EMMA L. MINNIS

She enrolled at the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois to begin her graduate studies. While in Cairo, Illinois, she served as a high school teacher and principal. She then returned to Louisville to continue her teaching career. Later, she took a principal's position at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, followed by years of service as a critic teacher for the Louisville Normal School. In 1927, Emma took a teaching position at the Oakwood College of Seventh-day Adventists in Huntsville, Alabama.

Emma and two of her sisters, Ella and Elizabeth, pursued a career in education and music. Ella served as an elementary school teacher in the public school system and the Magazine Street Church School. Elizabeth served as a music teacher and principal at the Colored School for the Blind.

Emma's father, Madison Minnis, was born in slavery in 1833. When he was just a youth he was able to escape to Canada with the help of the Underground Railroad. He returned to Louisville in the 1860's and became a prominent leader in the Black community. He became a chorister of the choir he formed at the Fifth Street Baptist Church – the first Baptist Church in Louisville founded for African Americans. When Madison died in 1884, he became the first African American to be honored by the lowering of the city courthouse flag and the ringing of fire engine bells.

EMMA LEWIS MINNIS

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH CONT'D

Emma's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Minnis, was a private piano teacher of great renown. Circulated and passed down throughout the generations is a family story citing that Mother Elizabeth played the piano before President Lincoln, who happened to be a friend of the family who once owned her. She created a music studio in her parlor, including a piano for Emma and each of her sisters. Albert Mead Minnis, one of Emma's brothers and known to be a great carpenter, built the family home. Mother Elizabeth opened her home to the charter members, allowing them to conduct church meetings before the Magazine Street Church was built.

Emma followed in her mother's footsteps, spending her life teaching piano around the community as well. She either taught in her pupils' homes or in her own home. In addition to teaching piano, she served as the chorister of the Magazine Street Church senior choir while her sister, Elizabeth, served as the organist.

Emma L. Minnis taught music until her death, May 15, 1972. She will long be remembered as a woman of unusual abilities, relishing the highest standards of Christian living and the highest quality of music.

In 1970, at the recommendation of Mrs. Elizabeth Green, a pioneer member of the church, the school board of the Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist Church named the Church School in honor of Miss Emma Lewis Minnis. Her service as an outstanding member of the church whom her family helped charter in 1889, will ever remain and example worthy of praise.

E. L. MINNIS SCHOOL SONG

WORDS & MUSIC BY MARY S. CRAWFORD

Chorus:

E. L. Minnis, our beloved school In our whole hearts you will ever be We will always lift your standard high E. L. Minnis we cherish thee

1. On this hallowed ground is our beloved school
Standing proud and beautiful to view
With God as our foundation, there's no limits,
There're no bounds
All who've walked these sacred halls have found...

(Chorus)

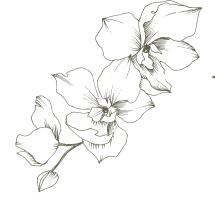
2. Student who will step across her threshold
Entering to learn and leaving to serve
Just beyond are new horizons and new challenges
Face them bravely and with strong resolve...

(Chorus)

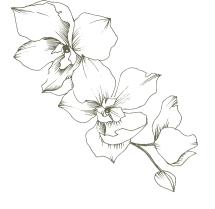
3. Dedicated to a higher calling
Dedicated to our loving God
He has led us all throughout our glorious history
As we pause to reminisce, we sing...

(Chorus)





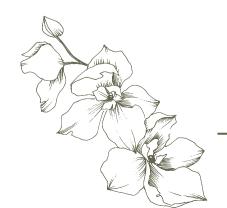
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March 10,1943 - April 9,2015





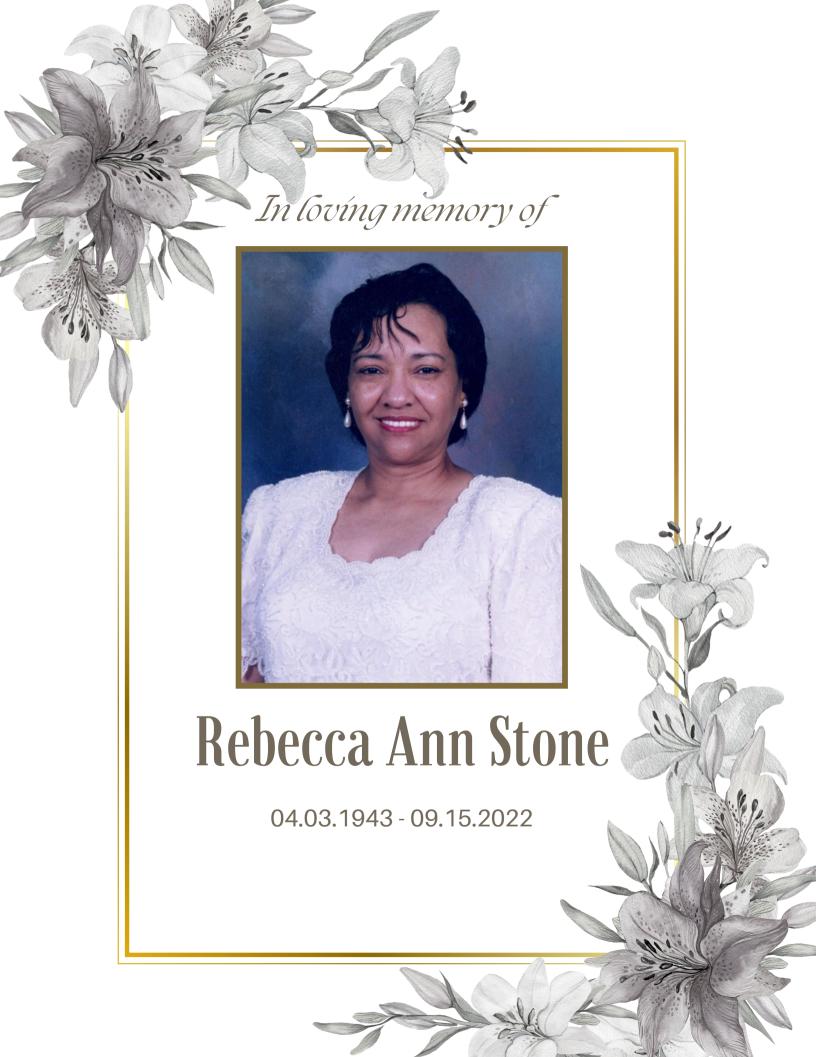
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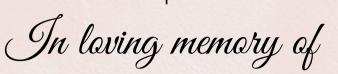
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VIVIAN DELORES BAITY

02.25.1942 - 08.23.2022







Eileen Lester

January 08, 1924 - December 10, 2022
Beloved wife, mother and
grandmother

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Lee Conn



December 21, 1971 - May 3, 2023

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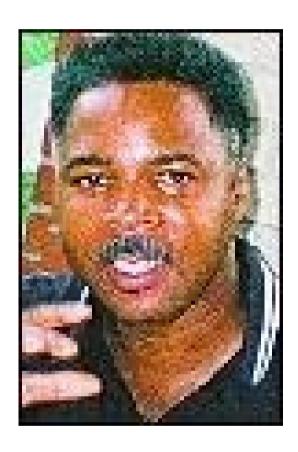
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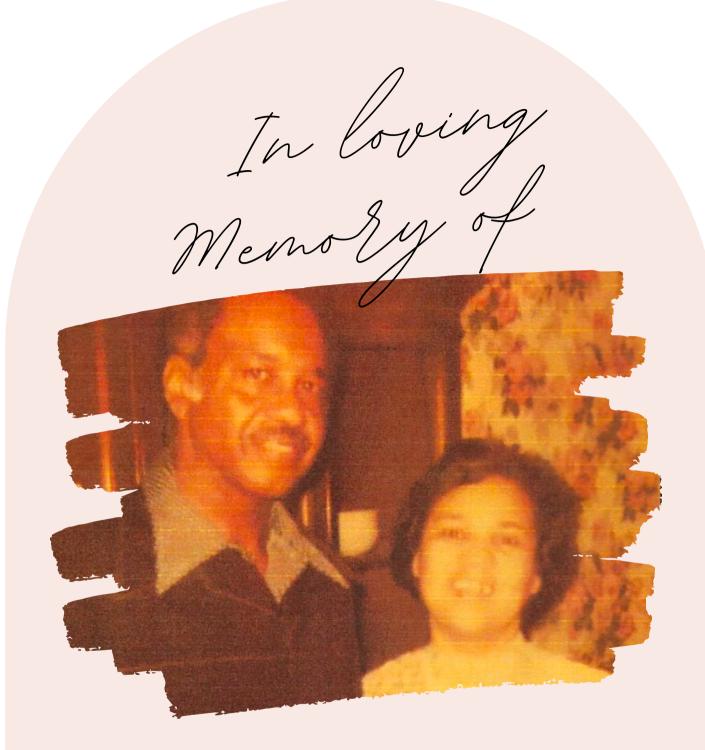


Alvin Curtis

August 15, 1955 - June 28, 2014

Quincy Shelton Birdie Shelton Calvin Nichols Eleanor Nichols





CHARLES A. FORD SUSIE A. FORD 04.23.1923 - 05.15.1977

03.07.1924 - 09.08.2021

WE LOVE YOU BOTH SO MUCH AND MISS YOU DEARLY. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS

THE FORD FAMILY

In loving memory of Bessie 2. Chatman



My soul find rest in God alone.
My salvation comes from Him.
He slone is my rock and my salvation.
He is my fortress.
I will never be shaken.

Psalm 62:1-2

Barbara, Charles, Betty, Willie, Larry, Geraldine and Pearl Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren





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Memory

LEONARD FRANKLIN BAITY

OUR PRECIOUS BROTHER

He always loved the Lord, school (never missed a day), and sports.

The Baity Family

In Loving Memory Of



Van Brooks

"My Honey"



from Elvira, your wife and partner for 69 years

GOD BLESS OUR SCHOOL

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CORNELIUS "BUDDY" THOMAS 9/5/56 - 7/16/21

I WILL MISS YOU ALWAYS BROTHER

MY HEART HAS BEEN LEFT BROKEN SINCE THE DAY YOU HAD TO GO AND THE MEMORIES I TREASURE DEARLY OR HEAR YOUR VOICE ONE FINAL TIME ARE IN THE TEARS THAT STILL FLOW YOU'RE IN MY THOUGHTS EVERY DAY AND THAT'S HOW IT WILL ALWAYS BE WILL BE A RELIEF FROM ALL THIS PAIN FOR YOU MAY BE UP IN HEAVEN NOW I'LL RUN TO YOU WITH OPEN ARMS BUT YOU'LL ALWAYS BE WITH ME

IF ONLY I COULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE YOUR FACE ONCE MORE JUST LIKE IT WAS BEFORE THE DAY THAT HEAVEN CALLS FOR ME AND WE WILL MEET AGAIN

A THOMAS FAMILY TRIBUTE







THE WORLD NEEDS MILLIONS MORE ELLA MINOR'S WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

THE HEAD START CHRISTMAS PARTIES.

SHE WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US WHO WORKED ON THE CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM.

EVEN SANTA WAS IMPRESSED.

SHE WAS ALWAYS HELPFUL, AND SHE ALWAYS GOT IT RIGHT.

ELLA SURELY BE MISSED.

MAY SHE REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

ANN FENZEL

In Memory of
Bernard Clay Sr. and Louise Clay
Faith ful members of
Magazine Street SDA Church
a believer in Christian Education

- I. Find a way or make one
- 2. When there is a will, there is a way
- 3. Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good is better, or your better is best
- 4. Don't give up, keep trying
- 5. Do you think money grows on trees?
- 6. What do you think I am "The First National Bank"?
- 7. Strive for excellence
- 8. If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again
- 9. Don't be a eye servant
- 10. You must have a mind of your own
- II. You've got to have a backbone
- 12. Dillar a dollar, a ten o'clock scholar

We will always remember our Christian experience taught by our parents,

Your Children,

Brenda, Bernard, Edith, Connie, Sharon and Timothy



DOROTHY NICHOLS
JERRY RAYBORN JR.
WILLARD JACKSON
ELLA JOHNSON
DOROTHY DUNCAN
DAVID DUNCAN
MARGARET ANDERSON
MARTY MIXON
COLLEEN BROWN





IN MEMORY OF A FEW OF OUR OTHER LOVED ONES WHO ARE NO
LONGER WITH US; AND WHILE THERE ARE TOO MANY TO
MENTION,

IT IS HOPED ALL WILL PARTAKE OF THE TREE OF LIFE IN ETERNITY - -

Raymond Washington,

Ella Washington Price,

Cheryl Washington,

Lily Harris

Doris Harris, Mattye Speights Davis,

Arthur Speights, Jr.,

Florida Speights Ingram,

Martin Washington,

Kymberly Davis

Charles and Clara Washington,

Arthur and Norma Mae Speights

Stay strong and committed, E. L. Minnis Jr. Academy - -"Don't let nobody turn you round!"

(Diana Washington-Kensler & Gary Kensler)



YOU WILL FOREVER REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS WE MISS YOU!

JAMES & CAROLYN FORD
SUSANNE CRAWFORD
STEVE & KARA WHEELER

JAMES FORD JR.
FAMILY OF RALPH FORD
PIERRE & ALICE HUNT



Best Wishes to:

Emma L Minnis Jr. Academy

For a successful and prosperous

School year 2023-2024

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

In Loving memory of my parents, Earl James Conn and Viola (Hayden) Conn and my sons, Lee Conn and LaVon Alcon.

Earl L. Conn & wife, Darlene

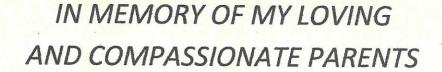
Siblings: Otis Conn, Ruby Conn Williams-Little

Children: Monica Hill, Takeya Alcon & ShaVon Alcon

Grandchildren: Dyiamond, D'leigh, Kamaria, Emoni,

Ahmiya, Averielle, Aaliya, Riley and Carter

Prayers and Blessings!



Guy Lee and Nellie Edna Henry

Faithful and Devoted Servants of God to the end.

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Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned,
We shall see how all God's plans were right,
And how, what seemed reproof,
Was Love most true.

+ + + + +

"Behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch over His Own."

"Sunrise with Jesus - For Eternity."

Your Daughter,

Myrtle L. Henry-Maddox



IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE RECENT LOSS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO ARE MISSED

DR. WILLIAM KENSLER

brother of Gary Kensler and brother in law of Mrs. Diana Washington-Kensler

- PHYSICIAN
- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTALIST
- LOVER OF NATURE

MS. YVONNE WASHINGTON

sister of Diana Washington-Kensler and sister-in-law of Gary Kensler

- NURSE
- TREND SETTER
- ADVENTUROUS

All the best to E. L. Minnis Jr. Academy!

Gary Kensler and Diana Washington - Kensler



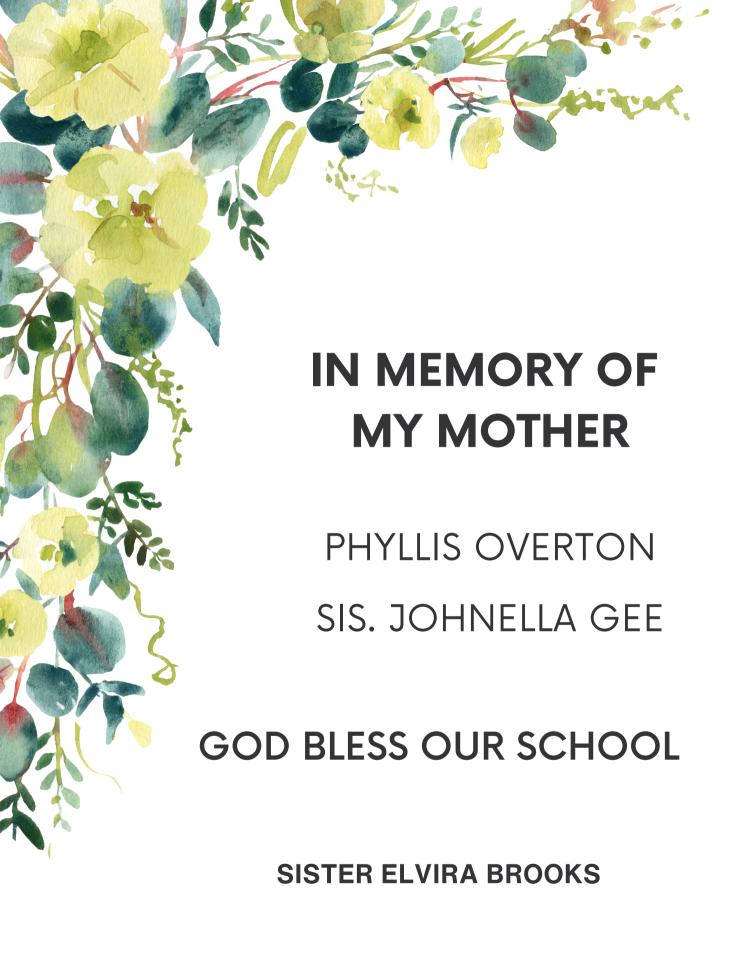


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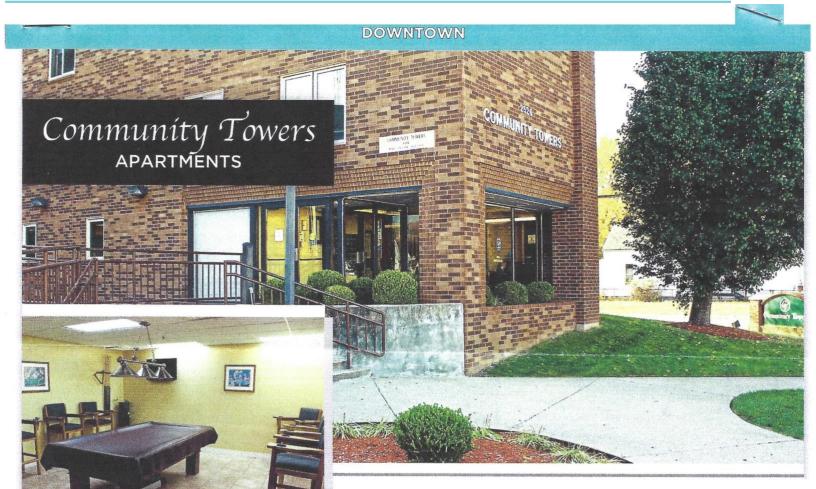
JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT IN THE MIDST OF ALL THE CONFUSION, CHAOS, AND CARES OF THIS LIFE, GOD IS USING YOU IN A MIGHTY WAY.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON
YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD
YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

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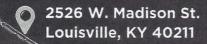
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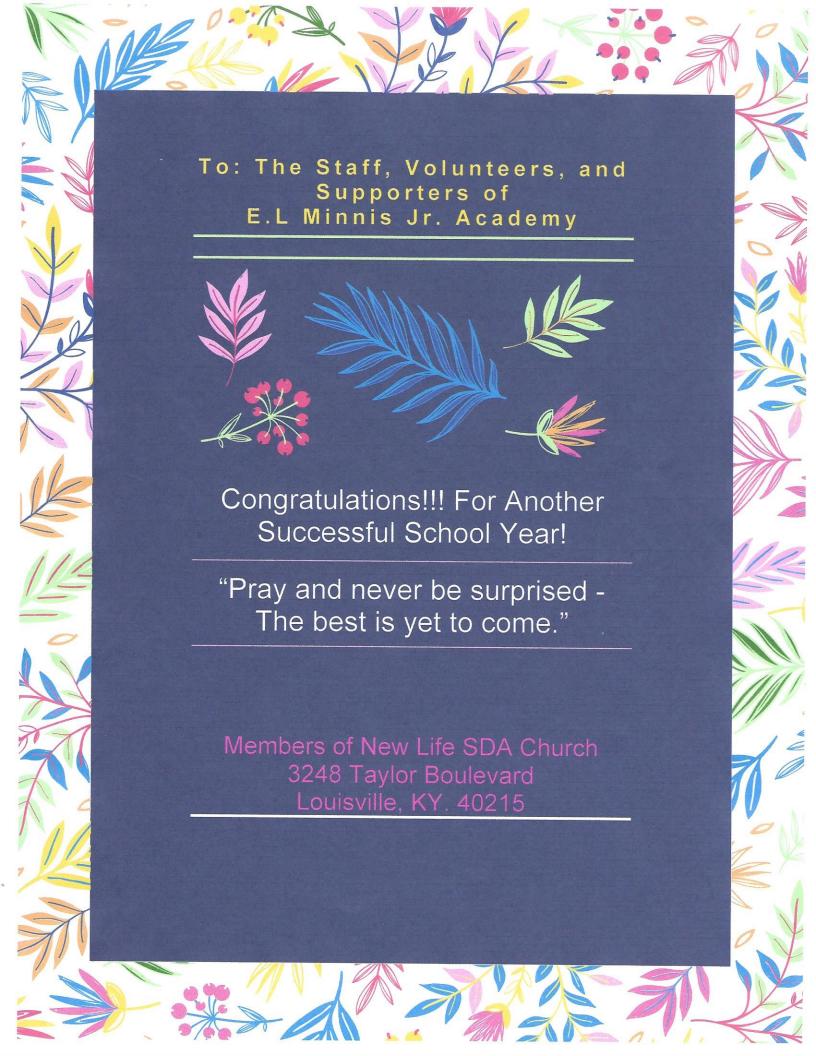


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WE ARE PRAYING WITH AND FOR ALL OF OUR SCHOLARS, FAMILIES, AND SCHOOL STAFF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. HAVE AN INCREDIBLE YEAR. MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU AND CAUSE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU. PASTOR H. TAIT & THE MAGAZINE SDA CHURCH FAMILY.

Glessings,





WELCOME BACK BACK SHOOL





Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

"Let all that you do be done in love."

The Francois Family

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

MARK 14-16

14 WHEN JESUS SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, HE WAS ANGRY WITH HIS DISCIPLES. HE SAID TO THEM, "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME. DON'T STOP THEM! FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THESE CHILDREN. 15 I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, ANYONE WHO DOESN'T RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT." 16 THEN HE TOOK THE CHILDREN IN HIS ARMS AND PLACED HIS HANDS ON THEIR HEADS AND BLESSED THEM.









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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BROTHER CLARENCE W. FORD
SISTER SUSIE V. FORD



YOU WILL FOREVER BE IN OUR HEARTS

THEIR FAVORITE SCRIPTURE WAS:

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,
AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR
CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS."
2 TIMOTHY 3:16

LAWANNA BRIGGS | TINA MAE HUGHES

IN MEMORY OF A GREAT UNCLE RAYMOND WASHINGTON

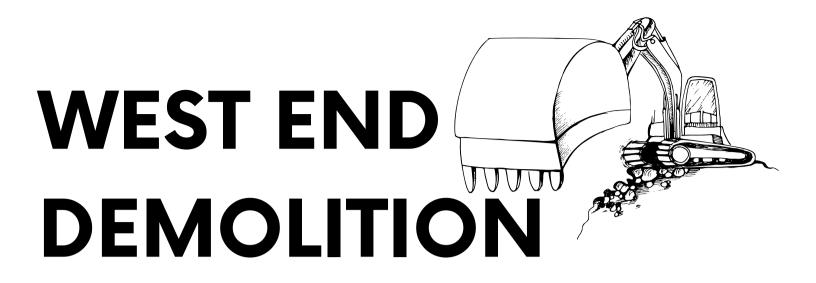
IN MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL UNCLE WHO TREATED MY SISTER, YVONNE AND I, IN SUCH A POSITIVE WAY WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN.

GIVING US GIFTS AND ENCOURAGEMENT, PLAYING THAT PIANO DUET OVER AND OVER WITH ME WHEN I WAS FIRST LEARNING TO PLAY THE PIANO.

AND STANDING IN FOR HIS BROTHER (OUR DECEASED FATHER, MILTON WASHINGTON) BY WALKING ME DOWN THE AISLE AT MY WEDDING.

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IN MEMORY OF EULA JO WASHINGTON

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There are so many memories of Eula, but there is not enough time to mention all of them. For instance, as a very small child, before Wayne and Wanda were in the picture, Mrs. Sain (Eula's mother) and my mother were walking with me tagging along. As a child I wasn't interested in what they were talking about so I blurted into their conversation as little kids do, and I asked Mrs. Sain if she had any kids. Both my mother and Mrs. Sain broke out laughing and I couldn't quite understand why. I simply asked the question, because I wanted to meet some other children to play with who were my age and not younger as my sister, Yvonne, was. Later, I came to realize that Eula, Lorenzo, Charles, and Shirley were all Mrs. Sain's kids, but there were already teenagers and young adults, so they were too old to play--and then I finally realized why my Mother and Mrs. Sain started laughing about my question regarding kids. Later, when I was in elementary school, I started playing the clarinet and on several occasions and at various events, Eula would accompany me by playing harmonic passages on the piano to brighten the tonality of the clarinet.

They say you should give a person flowers while they are living. For this reason, I wish I had gotten to tell Eula how I appreciate the time she trusted me to learn a piece of music when I was just a teenager,--Mrs. Brenda Clay Stoner, asked Eula to accompany Mrs. Stoner, who was going to give a verbal rendition of the "Creation" poem by Langston Hughes. Eula had another engagement, and instead gave me the piano music by Chopin and had me practice it for a few hours after Sabbath dinner, and then return to church that Sabbath afternoon for Missionary Volunteers (MV) -- now called Adventist Youth Society (AYS), to play this Chopin piano piece as background music, while Brenda Stoner did the poetry performance. By Eula giving me this opportunity, she assisted me in seeing that sometimes it may be useful to expand oneself, for I wasn't certain I could do what she wanted me to do. But it worked out well.

When Eula served as an educator at E. L. Minnis Junior Academy (formerly Magazine Street Temple SDA Church School), she was inventive in developing the church school bell choir for the students, which was later continued by Mrs. Idabeth Jacob, when Eula and her family moved from Louisville to Kansas City. While we had enjoyed Eula's steadfast musical assistance, those of us who still needed accompaniment, when Eula moved, were left in the good "musical" hands of others, including Tacoma Maupin, Suzanne (Mary Sue) Crawford, Idabeth Jacob, Carolyn Ford, etc.

She was also innovative in having the Magazine Street Temple Adult Choir start singing a musical selection in the choir stand in the front of the church with the church school students later joining in the singing by harmonizing from the balcony located up high in the back of the church. This was the first time this had been done and people in the congregation were surprised and looking around the congregation, wondering from where the melodic sounds were coming. Eula's ingenuity gave that musical selection a symphonic sound coming from the front and from the balcony in the rear of the church.

Eula also assisted in finding musicians for conference meetings and for camp meetings. She was definitely an asset to churches and conferences.

From classical music, to Negro Spirituals, to syncopated gospel music, to children's catchy camp meeting tunes--she played it all. And we all loved her musical style and her choir directing.

Not only did she engage in instrumental music, playing both organ and piano, but she also sand solos. I can remember, for instance, the time she sang with such soulful purity in her voice. That solo, given as special music at a Jeffersonville, Indiana church, gave me and others, in the audience, emotional joy.

She was also a member of a trio that reminded people of the musical group called, "the Blended Wrights." At concerts, the trio's colorful tones were a special musical treat.

Later, when I became an adult, Eula was so gracious to participate and lend her musical talents at our wedding in Florida when Gary and I got married. Indeed she was a wonderful musician and her God-given talents will be greatly missed.

Blessings,

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THEY NEED YOUR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE IN A BIG WAY.

THEY ARE LOSING TOUCH OF WHO THEY ARE, THEY ARE TAKING LIFE FOR GRANTED, AND HAVE GONE A BIT TOO FAR.

WHERE IS THE RESPECT AND LOVE FOR EACH OTHER TODAY, HAVEN'T THEY BEEN TAUGHT BY THEIR PARENTS TO PRAY.

DO THEY KNOW THAT KILLING AND DRUGS IS NOT THE ANSWER HERE, DO THEY KNOW BY COMING TO THE LORD WILL SOLVE THEIR FEAR.

WHY DON'T THE PARENTS HAVE THE UPPER HAND IN THEIR CHILD'S LIFE

DO THEY KNOW JESUS THEMSELVES, OR DO THEY NO WANT TO MAKE A SACRIFICE

WHEN A CHILD IS TAUGHT ABOUT GOD AT AN EARLY AGE,
THEY DON'T FORGET ABOUT THEIR ROOTS, AND SOME TEND
NO TO GO ASTRAY

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SO THAT YOU WILL NEVER BE
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