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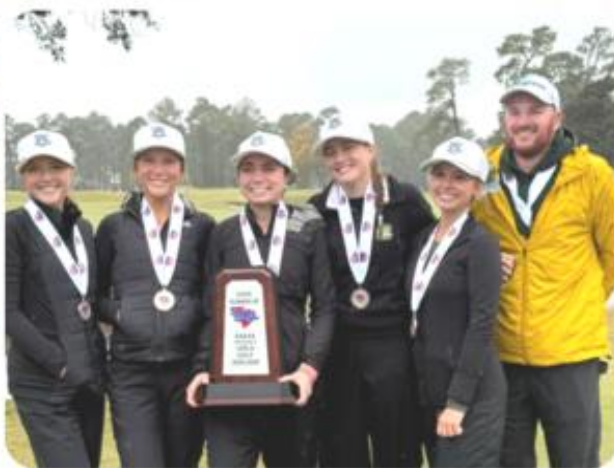




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# Beyond The Numbers: What Your Labs Really Mean

*By: Christian Newman, WC Magazine Health Editor*



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Laboratory work is one of the most common parts of modern healthcare, yet it is also one of the least understood. Many people receive results through a patient portal and immediately focus on numbers highlighted outside the reference range. This reaction is definitely understandable. Seeing a value flagged in red can feel alarming, even when the change is minor. Bloodwork reflects how the body's systems are functioning together, including the heart, kidneys, liver, endocrine system, and immune system. In clinical practice, these values are rarely interpreted in isolation. They are reviewed alongside symptoms, medications, physical exam findings, and changes over time. My experience with lab work began in family medicine, where I first saw how routine testing shapes long-term care. Patients would come in for annual visits, follow-ups for chronic conditions, or preventive screenings. At Waccamaw Primary Care, labs were the foundation of those conversations. I watched Dr. McIver track glucose, cholesterol, kidney function, thyroid levels, iron status, and so much more, across years. He then adjusted treatment based on gradual shifts rather than single results. Later, in the emergency department, I saw a very different pace. In the ED, labs were used to make rapid decisions for conditions such as chest pain, infection, dehydration, blood clots, stroke evaluation, and metabolic emergencies. Seeing both environments helped me understand how laboratory testing functions as a tool for prevention over time and as a guide for urgent decision-making. Before most routine blood tests, patients may be asked to fast. Fasting usually means avoiding food and caloric drinks for twelve hours before the draw.



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*Above Info Courtesy of Quest Diagnostics*

However, water is encouraged. This is especially important for glucose and lipid testing because recent meals can temporarily raise blood sugar and triglyceride levels. The process of getting labs done is often more straightforward than many people expect. A provider places an order, sometimes called a lab sheet or requisition, which is sent electronically or printed for the patient. The patient takes this order to an outpatient laboratory such as Labcorp,

Quest Diagnostics, or a hospital-based lab. A phlebotomist performs the blood draw by placing a tourniquet on the arm, cleaning the skin, and inserting a small needle into a vein. The sensation is usually a brief pinch or pressure, and the entire process often takes only a few minutes. Mild soreness can happen afterward but typically resolves quickly. At the same time, access to lab testing is not equal for everyone. Cost, insurance, coverage, transportation, time away from work, and difficulty navigating the healthcare system can all become barriers. This reality is important to acknowledge because preventive care is most effective when people can actually access it. Community clinics, federally qualified health centers, health fairs, and low-cost lab programs can sometimes provide more affordable options for patients without consistent insurance coverage. Asking providers which labs are most essential can also help prioritize testing when cost is a concern. One of the most commonly ordered tests is the Complete Blood Count, or CBC. This test measures red blood cells, white blood cells, hemoglobin, hematocrit, and platelets.

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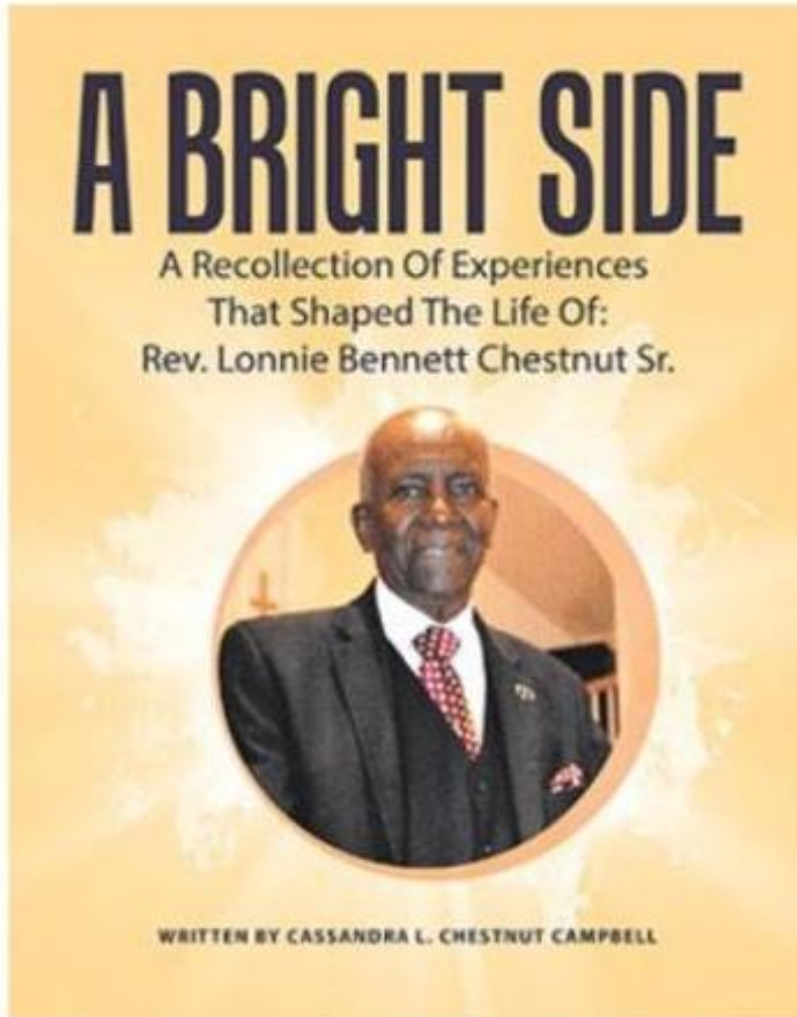




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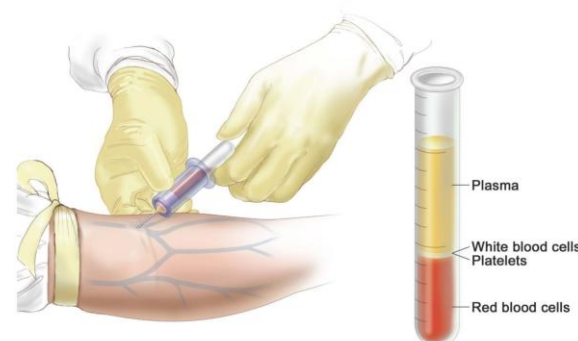
Hemoglobin carries oxygen throughout the body and typically ranges from about 12 to 16 grams per deciliter in women and 13.5 to 17.5 in men. Low levels may reflect anemia, blood loss, iron deficiency, chronic disease, or nutritional deficiency, such as low iron or B12. White blood cells normally range from about 4.0 to 11.0 and increase with infection, inflammation, stress response, or immune activation. Platelets usually fall between 150,000 and 400,000 and are essential for clotting, with abnormalities affecting bleeding or clotting risks. **Metabolic panels, such as a BMP or CMP,** provide another major point of internal function. Sodium normally ranges from 135 to 145 and supports fluid balance and nerve signaling.

Potassium ranges from 3.5 to 5.0 and is essential for heart rhythm and muscle contraction. Kidney function is measured using blood urea nitrogen and creatinine, with creatinine typically ranging from 0.6 to 1.3, depending on age and muscle mass. Glucose in a fasting state typically ranges from 70 to 99, with prediabetes beginning at 100 to 125, and diabetes at 126 or higher on repeat testing. Liver enzymes such as AST and ALT reflect cellular stress in the liver and may rise with fatty liver

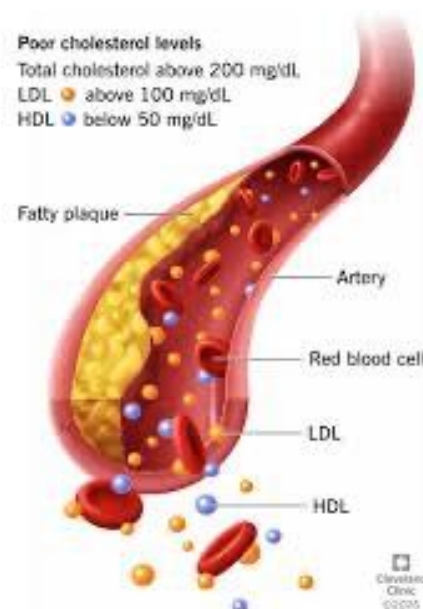
disease, alcohol use, medications, or viral infection. **Lipid panels** are another key component of preventive health. LDL cholesterol is often described as “bad cholesterol” because elevated levels contribute to plaque buildup in arteries. HDL helps remove cholesterol from circulation. Triglycerides reflect how the body processes excess calories and carbohydrates. Elevated triglycerides are often associated with insulin resistance, alcohol intake, or metabolic syndrome. Changes in these values over time often provide an earlier warning of cardiovascular risk than symptoms

alone. **Thyroid function tests** are another part of routine and diagnostic bloodwork. Thyroid-stimulating hormone, or TSH, typically ranges from 0.4 to 4.0. Free T4 usually falls between 0.8 and 1.8. These two values show how the thyroid is functioning as a system regulated through feedback loops between the brain and gland. When TSH is elevated and T4 is low, this suggests hypothyroidism, which can cause fatigue, weight gain, constipation, and slowed metabolism. When TSH is low and T4 is elevated, this suggests hyperthyroidism, which can cause weight loss, anxiety, heat intolerance, and a fast heart rate. Treatment depends on the causes and requires ongoing monitoring. Inflammation markers such as **C-reactive protein, or CRP,** are sometimes used to assess systemic inflammation. Elevated CRP can be seen in infection, autoimmune conditions, obesity, and cardiovascular risk states. It is a nonspecific marker, meaning it can signal that the body is under physiological stress.

**Vitamin D** is another commonly tested marker, especially in preventive care. Normal levels are generally considered around 30 to 100 nanograms per milliliter. Low vitamin D can contribute to muscle weakness, bone loss, and immune dysregulation. Levels can often be improved through safe sun exposure, dietary intake such as fatty fish, and vitamin D3 supplementation when recommended.



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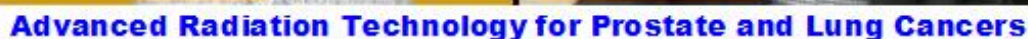


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On Thursday, May 28, nearly 300 people of all backgrounds and cultures came together to celebrate the unveiling of an original statue of Harriet Tubman and James Bowley. The event was held in the newly renovated library in Georgetown on Cleland Street.



*Wesley Wofford*  
Sculptor

The unveiling marked the culmination of three years of dedicated planning by elected officials, historians, educators, librarians, and community members. The atmosphere that day was filled with unity and joyful celebration. Over three years, the group raised tens of thousands of dollars through the generous support of the greater Georgetown community. The unveiling featured award-winning sculptor *Wesley Wofford and his wife, Odyssey*—an inspiring creative partnership. The statue was commissioned and approved by Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvaill.

James Alfred Bowley (1844-1891), Harriet Tubman's great-nephew, was among the earliest individuals she liberated through the Underground Railroad, escaping bondage at just six years old in 1850. After leading his mother, father, and sister to freedom in Canada, Tubman kept young James with her in Philadelphia to ensure he received an education.

After the Civil War, James came to Georgetown with the Freedman's Bureau. Beginning as a popular and gifted teacher, he soon became the Georgetown County School Commissioner, a legislator in the South Carolina House of Representatives, the publisher of a local newspaper, the founder of a local savings bank, the 20th black lawyer in South Carolina, a Trustee for the University of South Carolina, and a probate judge.

Wesley Wofford is an acclaimed sculptor celebrated for works that delve deeply into heritage and freedom. His latest piece, 'Whispers of My Ancestor,' powerfully depicts Harriet Tubman guiding young James Bowley up a staircase—a striking visual metaphor for the journey to knowledge and empowerment. The sculpture pays homage to the enduring impact of past heroes and the transformative strength of education, honoring their legacy while inspiring future generations to dream and achieve.

Wofford's artwork will be permanently displayed at the Georgetown County Library, underscoring his dedication to preserving history and celebrating cultural heritage. One of his most acclaimed pieces, the 'Journey to Freedom' traveling exhibit, captivated the city of Georgetown in the summer of 2023 and drew thousands of visitors eager to witness his extraordinary monument.

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Wofford's intricate craftsmanship and emotional and breathtaking depth make him a significant figure in contemporary sculpture, inviting audiences to reflect on their own histories and the collective journey of humanity.

What truly made this event memorable was not just the presence of political leaders, ministers, historians, poets, sororities, fraternities, administrators, library staff, or the numerous media outlets in attendance.



While these dignitaries certainly enriched the program, *the heart of the occasion was the remarkable turnout of residents from nearly every community across the county, coming together in a powerful demonstration of unity.*



*Representatives from communities across Georgetown County—Pawleys Island, Plantersville, Choppee, Browns Ferry, Litchfield, Santee, Sampit, Carvers Bay, and beyond—gathered for the celebration. When the sculpture was revealed, a wave of awe swept through the audience, who responded with enthusiastic applause and admiration for the breathtaking work.*



**L-R: The unveiling of the Sculptor with Young Emrys Berry Chosen by the Sculptor to Model for this Historic and Iconic Hero.**

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# PROSTATE CANCER:

## We Cannot Say Enough About it !!!

**The World Community Magazine** keeps emphasizing the disease of Prostate Cancer because Prostate cancer (PrCA) is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death among men (American Cancer Society). Nevertheless, prostate cancer is serious business, and the best way to handle a diagnosis is to be informed.

Our literary research reveals a wealth of knowledge exists with a question & answering tabulation compiled from various sources. **LET'S GET STARTED:**

### What is the difference between Stage 1 and Stage 2 prostate cancer?

Stage 1 prostate cancer means the cancer is still limited to the prostate and has not spread. Stage 2 prostate cancer means the cancer cells remain confined to the prostate gland, but may be more at risk of spreading than in stage 1. Stage 3 prostate cancer means the cancer is locally advanced (*City of Hope [www.cancercenter.com](http://www.cancercenter.com)*).

### How quickly does prostate cancer spread?

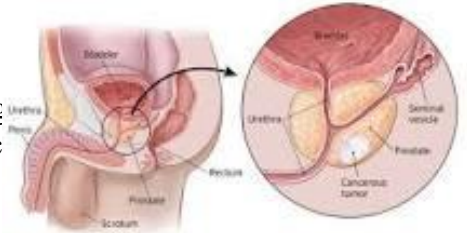
Normally, prostate cancer takes up to 8-15 years to spread. This is observed in as much as 80% of cases. However, 1 in 5 cases may be more aggressive, resulting in cancer spreading faster. This rate differs with every patient and is generally determined using the **Prostate-specific antigen** test or the **PSA** test (*HealthyActive.org*).

### What are signs that prostate cancer is getting worse?

Prostate cancer that's more advanced may cause signs and symptoms such as: (1) trouble Urinating (2) Decreased force in the stream of urine (3) Blood in the urine (4) Blood in the semen (5) Bone Pain (6) Losing Weight Without Trying (7) Erectile dysfunction (*HealthyActive.org*).

### Where is the first place prostate cancer spreads to?

If prostate cancer spreads to other parts of the body, it almost always goes to the bones first. These areas of cancer spread can cause pain and weak bones that might break. Medicines that can help strengthen the bones and lower the chance of fracture are bisphosphonates and denosumab (*MayoClinic.org*).



### At what age is prostate cancer most aggressive?

If you're black or you have a close relative with prostate cancer, they jump up at 40. About two-thirds of all prostate cancers are diagnosed in men age 65 and older. But the older you are, the less aggressive the disease is, especially after 70 (*WebMD.com*).

### What is the best treatment for early stage prostate cancer?

Radiation therapy is a good choice for many men with early-stage prostate cancer. It is also the best treatment for older men or those who have other health problems. There are different types of radiation therapy: External beam radiation (*Cancer.org*).

### What is the life expectancy after prostate removal?

None of the side effects of prostate removal affect life span. Although the prostate is necessary for fertility, it's not necessary to sustain life. There's no connection between prostate removal and a shortened life span (*Healthline.com*).

### Does a PSA test show if cancer has spread?

Your PSA level helps your provider decide how likely it is that the cancer has spread beyond the prostate. It also helps your provider decide how likely it is that your cancer will be cured with treatment. Other clues about your prognosis come from your cancer's stage, grade and Gleason score (*Mayoclinic.org*).

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## Bethlehem #1 MB Church Chooses its 2026 Woman of The Year

*Deaconess Edna Bellamy DeWitt* was recently named the 2026 Woman of the Year at Bethlehem #1 Missionary Baptist Church in the Sandridge Community of Conway, SC. The certificate presented to her begins by describing her as an "amazing, loving, strong, happy, selfless and gracious member who opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy."



In her position as Deaconess in the church, she assists in and supports the practical needs of the community and provides vital support to her pastor, Rev. Dr. Sonny Bridges and the congregation. Her service at Bethlehem #1 Missionary Baptist Church is multifaceted. She is the Director of Hospitality. Hospitality deals with the Usher's Ministry, Greeter's Ministry, Culinary Ministry and Parking Attendant Ministry. She is responsible for reading the weekly Church Announcements.

Edna is also extremely active in the community where she associates with organizations and activities that focus on charitable projects that embrace, uplift, improvement and upward mobility. She is an active member of the Whittemore Alumni Association as well as the Whittemore Racepath Historical Society, but in a larger picture, she was recently appointed to the Keep Horry County Beautiful Board. She also serves on the board of the South Carolina State Employees Association of Columbia, SC, holds membership in the Sandridge Improvement Council and is active in the Kingston Lake Association. She is also a graduate of Conway High School C/O 1972, graduating a year earlier than she was supposed to.



Moreover, Deaconess DeWitt holds the distinct title of being the first African American to be hired to work in an administrative position at Coastal Carolina University in 1974. Without a doubt, her title 2026 Woman of the Year award is well deserved. She is the daughter of Daisy B. Waring (Dan) and Hubert Jackson.

Edna was married to Wilbur C. DeWitt (deceased), she had one son, Eric (deceased). She also has one bonus son, Wilbert, three bonus grandchildren, Tamisha, Satin and Anthony along with two bonus great-grandchildren, Azaih and Ashlan.

Edna is the third oldest of seven children, Martha Alvenell (deceased) Larry (LC) (deceased) Deborah, Joyce (deceased) Sylvia, Wanda, several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and lots of other relatives.



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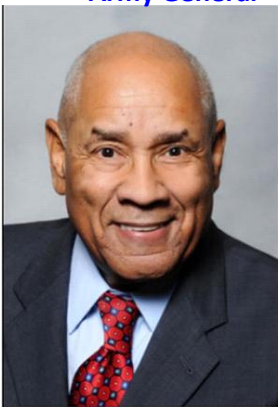
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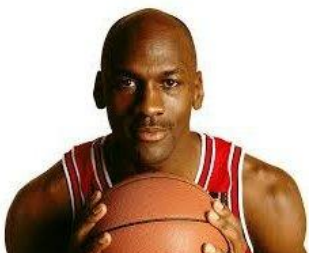


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*By Priscilla Fuller, WCM Contributing Editor*



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I am at a loss for words when I think about the big celebration for the 250th anniversary of this country. To so many people, this holiday means a great deal about the greatness of this country. and a strong sense of pride. I would not debate that patriotism, but I would also challenge you to acknowledge those things that we are not so proud of that occurred. What I would acknowledge is that America has come a long way, and there have been many challenges that this country has had to overcome. But there is still a lot of work to be done. Friday, June 19th, commemorates the day when union soldiers marched in Galveston, Texas to free enslaved people, although the Emancipation Proclamation was signed in 1863. The 250th anniversary, I will acknowledge, is the blood and sweat of my ancestors in making this nation possible. I would acknowledge that the first person to be killed in the American Revolution was a Black slave named Crispus Attucks. I will also acknowledge the construction of the White House, and so many federal and state structures that were completed by enslaved people. There is so much of the story of 250 years of America that has been erased, forgotten, and not taught in schools. Unless we can honestly and humbly tell the whole story and acknowledge the work of ALL Americans, you are not telling the story of America. With all the accomplishments we will be celebrating, why not start with the whole truth?

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# Beyond The Numbers: What Your Labs Really Mean

By: Christian Newman, WC Magazine Health Editor

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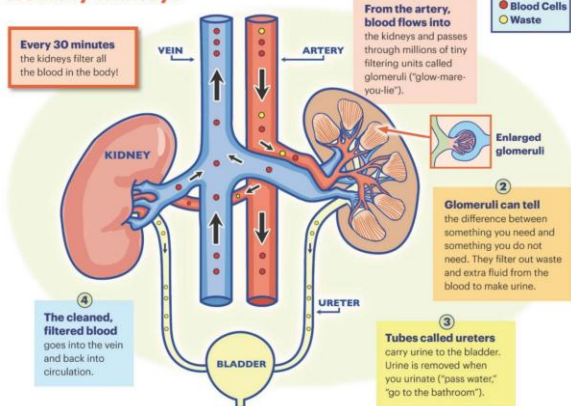


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In cases of significant deficiency, higher dose replacement is sometimes needed before maintenance dosing is effective. **D-Dimer** is used in more acute settings to evaluate clotting activity. A normal result can help rule out conditions such as deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism when clinical suspicion is low. An elevated result does not confirm a clot, since it can also increase with infection, trauma, inflammation, pregnancy, liver disease, or recent surgery. It is always interpreted alongside symptoms and often followed by imaging if concern remains. One of the most important concepts in laboratory medicine is that reference ranges represent population averages. A result can fall within a normal range while still reflecting early physiological change for a specific individual. Because of this, providers often prioritize trends over time rather than isolated values.

Small changes across repeated testing often reveal early disease patterns. Rising glucose can signal resistance before diabetes develops. Gradual changes in TSH can suggest thyroid dysfunction before symptoms are obvious. Declining kidney function can occur over years before symptoms appear. These patterns are more informative than single lab results. Lab interpretation is also shaped by temporary factors. Hydration status, stress, sleep, exercise, medications, and recent illness can shift results without indicating chronic disease. Certain laboratory

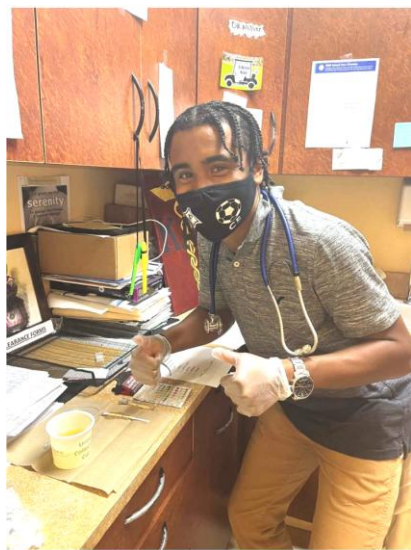
## Healthy Kidneys



markers are especially important in Black American health due to higher rates of hypertension, diabetes, and kidney disease. **Hemoglobin A1C** reflects average blood sugar over three months, with normal below 5.7 percent, prediabetes between 5.7 and 6.4, and diabetes at 6.5 or higher. Kidney function tests, urine protein, and urinalysis help identify early kidney disease. These patterns reflect broader health disparities and access to preventive care. **Urinalysis** offers a rapid look at kidney and urinary tract health. It can detect protein, glucose, blood, white blood cells, and nitrites, which often provide early clues to infection or kidney stress. In urinary tract infections, urinalysis may show elevated white blood cells and nitrites, reflecting bacterial activity in the urinary system. In kidney stones, blood in urine is a common

finding, sometimes even before severe pain develops. Small amounts of protein can also signal early kidney strain, particularly in individuals with hypertension or diabetes. Because results are available quickly and require only a small sample, urinalysis is often one of the first tools used to identify structural irritation in the urinary tract. **Prostate-specific antigen, or PSA**, is used in prostate cancer screening and monitoring. Levels are generally considered normal below 4.0 ng/mL, but interpretation depends on age, prostate size, and rate of change. For Black men and those with a family history, screening discussion often begins earlier, around age 40 to 45, with emphasis on individualized risk and shared decision making. Turnaround time varies by test. Routine labs such as CBC, metabolic panels, and urinalysis are usually available within one to two days. More specialized testing may take longer, while emergency labs can return within hours, and clinical decisions are urgent. Outpatient results are typically delivered through patient portals or reviewed at follow-up visits. For individuals who are otherwise healthy, Lab

work remains useful as a baseline for future comparison. It helped identify early shifts in organ function before symptoms appear, supporting earlier intervention when needed. Ultimately, laboratory testing provides a structured way to track physiologic change over time and connect clinical findings with long-term health patterns. For more information: <https://www.acla.com/the-power-of-knowing/>.



# PROSTATE CANCER:

## We Cannot Say Enough About it !!!

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### Does rising PSA mean cancer is growing?

The PSA level is an important tool to monitor the cancer, but not every rise in PSA means that the cancer is growing and requires treatment right away. To help limit unnecessary anxiety, be sure you understand what change in your PSA level might concern your doctor (*American Cancer Society*).

### What is an alarming PSA level?

PSA levels under 4 ng/ml are generally considered normal, while levels over 4 ng/ml are considered abnormal. PSA levels between **4 and 10 ng/ml** indicate a risk of prostate cancer higher than normal. When the PSA level is **above 10 ng/ml**, risk of prostate cancer is much higher (*Clevelandurology.net*).

### What is the next step after an elevated PSA?

Today, the next step for determining if you have prostate cancer after an elevated PSA is to obtain a prostate MRI. MRI exams allow your Urologist to: Put your PSA level into context with the size and shape of your prostate. Diagnose potentially cancerous lesions residing in the prostate (*ouhealth.com*).

### What is the best thing to drink for your prostate?

Both green tea and hibiscus tea are among the top drinks for prostate health. Both types of tea contain potent antioxidants. Studies show that green tea can help prevent prostate cancer from forming and may also slow the growth of aggressive prostate cancer (*Prostate.org.nz*).

### Who is Most at Risk of Being Diagnosed?

The average age of a prostate cancer diagnosis is 66, according to the ACS, and it's rare to be diagnosed with prostate cancer before the age of 40. This is why testing isn't usually suggested until you are at least 45. The men most affected by prostate cancer are older than 50. Your chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer increases with age, too. According to the [Prostate Cancer Foundation](#), the following is a list of a man's chances of [developing prostate cancer at different age ranges](#):

- Before 50: 1 in 403
- Between 50 and 59: 1 in 58
- Between 60 and 69: 1 in 21
- Between 70 and 79: 1 in 14

The chances of being diagnosed with the disease continue to rise after 80.

**In addition to age being a telling factor in how likely it is a male will develop prostate cancer, so is race. While** diagnosis rates fell for all races between 1999 and 2022, according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), black men consistently were diagnosed with prostate cancer far more frequently than any other racial group. Some trends over the 16 years include:

- **Black men were diagnosed with prostate cancer more than 50 percent the national average per 100,000 people.**
- **Whites and Hispanics were diagnosed at similar rates, both of which fell just below the national average.**
- **American Indian/Alaska Natives and Asian/Pacific Islanders both fell more than 50 percent below the national average of diagnosis rates per 100,000 people.**

*It's suggested that black males in America start to get tested earlier than white men (in their 40s rather than their 50s), because black men have been found to have more advanced prostate cancer when it is diagnosed, which means earlier testing could catch the disease earlier on. Researchers chalk this trend up to a couple reasons, including, but not limited to: generally having less quality facilities (thus lower quality care), genetics, and having certain environmental and dietary differences than other black populations around the world. (Black men in Africa are diagnosed with prostate cancer less frequently than African-American men, which would suggest the living environment—and all the stress and differences in diet that come with it—could influence the higher diagnosis rates.*





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Mrs. Wyatt Narrates Bio of Harriet Tubman, as she Thanks all the Shipbuilders Involved.



Ernestine "Tina" Martin Wyatt

# HARRIET TUBMAN

## The Legacy Continues

*The World Community Magazine* was invited to San Diego, California to capture the Keel Laying ceremony of the USNS Harriet Tubman on **June 18, 2026**.

NASSCO (National Steel and Shipbuilding Company) shipbuilders celebrated the keel laying for the future **USNS Harriet Tubman (T-AO 213)**. To make the milestone truly unforgettable, we were joined by the **ship's sponsor, Ernestine "Tina" Martin Wyatt – the 3x great-grandniece of Harriet Tubman herself.**

Ms. Wyatt welded her initials onto a steel plate, permanently weaving her family's historic dedication to justice and courage into the very backbone of this vessel. "As we lay the keel for this vessel that bears her name, we recognize that, like Harriet Tubman, this ship will embody the spirit of courage and freedom, forging the path to protect and uplift those in need wherever those missions may be," said Mai Hansen, NASSCO T-AO Program Manager. "Guided by her spirit and dedication once we leave here today, NASSCO's skilled shipbuilders will continue doing what they do best—working with passion and urgency to deliver these much-needed ships to the fleet." Thank you to our incredible team and all who gathered for this ceremony!

Reportedly, the future USNS Harriet Tubman is designed as a replenishment oiler capable of carrying approximately 162,000 barrels of oil, along with significant dry cargo capacity. These ships provide replenishment of fuel and supplies underway, enabling naval forces to remain deployed for extended periods without returning to port.

*The vessel continues the naming tradition of the John Lewis class, which honors prominent civil rights leaders and American figures who advanced justice and equality. The class itself is named after the **late US Representative John Lewis.***

*The future ship is also the second U.S. naval vessel to bear Tubman's name, following a World War II-era Liberty ship. Tubman, born into slavery in Maryland in 1822, became one of the most prominent figures in the Underground Railroad and is credited with helping over 750 enslaved people escape to Freedom before and during the Civil War.*



Harriet Tubman



Mrs. Wyatt and Husband, Donald, Accept the Certificate of Achievement (Below)



Mrs. Wyatt Poses with Alicia Aadnesen, Dir. of Ship Ceremonies and Nicholas Akinkuoye, Teammate.



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## Dr. Matilda Arabella-Evans

This month's article is about **Dr. Matilda Arabella-Evans**. She was a brave and caring woman who made history in South Carolina. Dr. Evans was born in Aiken County in 1872 to parents who had once been enslaved. Growing up, she faced many challenges because she was both Black and a woman during a time when discrimination was common. Even with these obstacles, she refused to give up on her dream of becoming a doctor. Dr. Evans practiced obstetrics, gynecology, and surgery, and cared for patients in her own home until she established the Taylor Lane Hospital (the first black hospital in the city of Columbia, SC) in 1901.

**In 1897, Dr. Evans became the first Black woman licensed to practice medicine in South Carolina.** Instead of focusing only on her own success, she dedicated her life to helping others. At a time when many Black patients were

turned away from hospitals, she opened her own hospitals and clinics in Columbia, SC so they could receive the care they deserved. She also treated many people for free because she believed no one should suffer simply because they could not afford medical care.

Dr. Evans knew that healthy communities needed more than doctors, so she started a nursing school to train future nurses and worked to improve public health. She also supported free clinics for children and encouraged families to learn about staying healthy and preventing disease. Her kindness and determination gave hope to many people who had nowhere else to turn.

Her work reached far beyond the walls of her hospitals and clinics. **Dr. Evans traveled throughout South Carolina, speaking to churches, schools, and community groups about the importance of good health, clean living, and preventing illness before it started.** She believed that education was just as important as treatment, and she wanted every family to have the knowledge they needed to live healthier lives. Through her efforts, countless people learned how to better care for themselves and their children.

Dr. Evans's achievements were remarkable because she succeeded during a time when opportunities for Black women were extremely limited. She proved that determination and education could overcome any obstacles. She inspired others to fulfill their dreams no matter how difficult the journey might seem.

Dr. Matilda Evans spent her entire life serving others and breaking barriers that many people believed could never be broken. Today, she is remembered not only as a groundbreaking doctor but also as a woman who dedicated her life to improving the lives of others and making her community stronger. Her legacy inspires doctors, nurses, and young people across South Carolina.







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## Moderate to Heavy Drinking Linked to Higher Risk of Stroke in Young Adults

According to new research, people in their 20s and 30s who drink moderate to heavy amounts of alcohol may be more likely to have a stroke as young adults than people who drink low amounts or no alcohol. The more years people reported moderate or heavy drinking, the more the risk of stroke increased. The study was published in the online issue of *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

“The rate of stroke among young adults has been increasing over the last few decades, and stroke in young adults causes death and serious disability,” said study author Eue-Keun Choi, MD, PhD, of Seoul National University in the Republic of Korea. *“If we could prevent stroke in young adults by reducing alcohol consumption, that could potentially have a substantial impact on the health of individuals and the overall burden of stroke on society.”*

The study looked at records from a Korean national health database for people in their 20s and 30s who had four annual health exams. They were followed for an average of six years and were asked about alcohol consumption each year. They were asked the number of days per week they drank alcohol and the number of standard drinks per time. People who drank 105 grams or more per week were considered moderate or heavy drinkers. This is equal to 15 grams per day, or slightly more than one drink per day. A standard drink in the United States contains about 14 grams of alcohol, which is equivalent to 12 ounces of beer, five ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of liquor. More than 1.5 million people were included in the study. A total of 3,153 had a stroke during the study.

People who were moderate to heavy drinkers for two or more years of the study were about 20% more likely to have a stroke than people who were light drinkers or did not drink alcohol. Light drinkers were those who drank less than 105 grams per week, or less than 15 grams per day. As the number of years of moderate to heavy drinking increased, so did the risk of stroke. People with two years of moderate to heavy drinking had a 19% increased risk, people with three years had a 22% increased risk, and people with four years had a 23% increased risk. These results were after researchers accounted for other factors that could affect the risk of stroke, such as high blood pressure, smoking, and body mass index.

The association was mainly due to an increased risk of hemorrhagic stroke, or stroke caused by bleeding in the brain. For any type of stroke, people with four years of moderate to heavy drinking had a stroke rate of 0.51 per 1,000 person-years, compared to 0.48 for three years of drinking, 0.43 for two years, 0.37 for one year and 0.31 for none. Person-years represent both the number of people in the study and the amount of time each person spends in the study.

“Since more than 90% of the burden of stroke overall can be attributed to potentially modifiable risk factors, including alcohol consumption, and since stroke in young adults severely impacts both the individual and society by limiting their activities during their most productive years, reducing alcohol consumption should be emphasized in young adults with heavy drinking habits as part of any strategy to prevent stroke,” Choi said.

A limitation of the study was that only Korean people were included, so the results may not apply to people of other races and ethnicities. In addition, people filled out questionnaires about their alcohol consumption, so they may not have remembered correctly.

**Reference:** “Cumulative Alcohol Consumption Burden and the Risk of Stroke in Young Adults: A Nationwide Population-Based Study” by Jae-wook Chung, So-Ryoung Lee, Eue-Keun Choi, Sang-Hyeon Park, HuiJin Lee, JungMin Choi, Minju Han, Hyo-Jeong Ahn, Soonil Kwon, SeungWoo Lee, Kyungdo Han, Sunhwa Kim, Seil Oh and Gregory Y H Lip, 2 November 2022, *Neurology*.

The study was supported by the Korea Medical Device Development Fund and the Korea National Research Foundation.

*Above info courtesy of SciTechDaily Medical Report.*







The statue stands prominently at the entrance to the children's section of the library, inviting interaction and exploration. Wofford encourages both adults and children to touch, sit with, and fully experience the sculpture, fostering a sense of connection rather than distant admiration. He views his creation as both beautiful and purposeful. "Whispers of My Ancestor" serves as a metaphor for the boundless potential of children, empowered by the wisdom and support of those who came before them and paved the way," he explained.

In conclusion, 'Whispers of My Ancestor' stands as a powerful tribute to both Georgetown and South Carolina's enduring legacy. Remarkably, it was only a decade ago that historians uncovered the true connection between James Bowley and the legendary Harriet Tubman. Fittingly, James and his family were Tubman's very first passengers on her renowned Underground Railroad, marking the beginning of a historic journey.

Countless articles, books, films, plays, monuments, and museums have celebrated the extraordinary accomplishments of Harriet Tubman. Tributes to her legacy span Canada, Maryland, New York, South Carolina, and numerous other places across the nation. Tubman's compelling influence on James Bowley undoubtedly empowered him to accomplish great things for the people of Georgetown after the war. She was truly the wind beneath his wings—her unwavering guidance and support proved invaluable, especially for the Black community, who benefited most from his leadership when it was most needed.

If you, your family, or your students wish to experience this magnificent monument in person, the Georgetown County Library welcomes visitors Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 6:30 PM, Friday from 9 AM to 5:30 PM, and Saturday from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please note that hours may vary.





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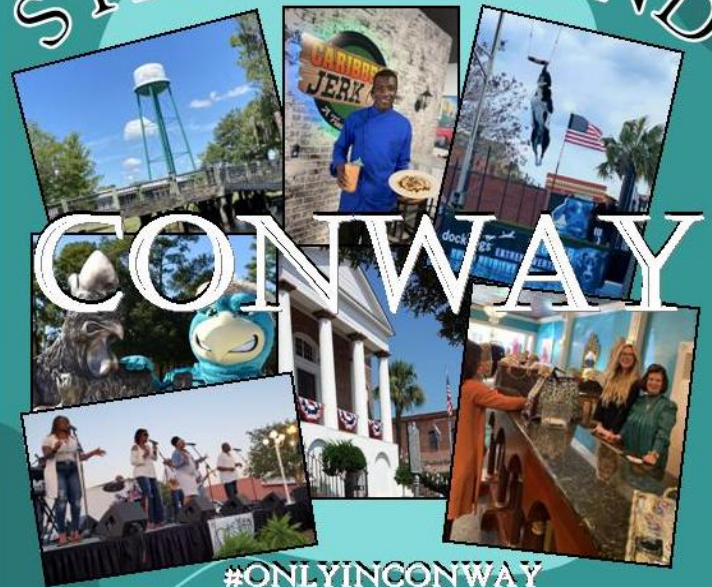
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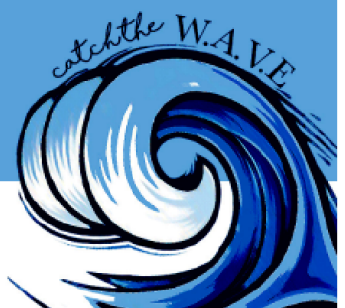
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**Dr. Diamond Mungroo** credits her strength, work ethic, and compassion to the remarkable women that raised her, Mother Camella and Grandmother Linda. They have been my greatest inspiration, instilling in me the value of resilience, service, and excellence that continue to shape my life for the personal and professional journey.



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**The Horry County Solid Waste Authority** recently recognized Galivants Ferry area resident **Stephen Hyman**, as the “Caught Green Handed” recipients for the month of **May 2026**.

“The ‘Caught Green Handed’ recognition is presented monthly to a Horry County resident caught in the act of recycling” stated **Esther Murphy**, Director of Recycling and Corporate Affairs for the Solid Waste Authority. “It’s the Solid Waste Authority’s way of recognizing and thanking citizens who have made the effort to recycle. Through their recycling efforts, natural resources are saved and the amount of waste being landfilled is reduced.” **Mr. Hyman**, regular recyclers at the **Dog Bluff Recycling Center**, was surprised and honored to receive this recognition.

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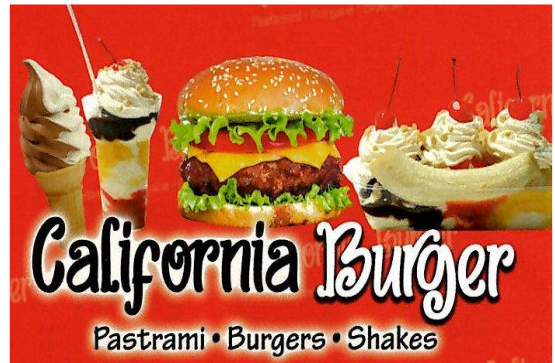
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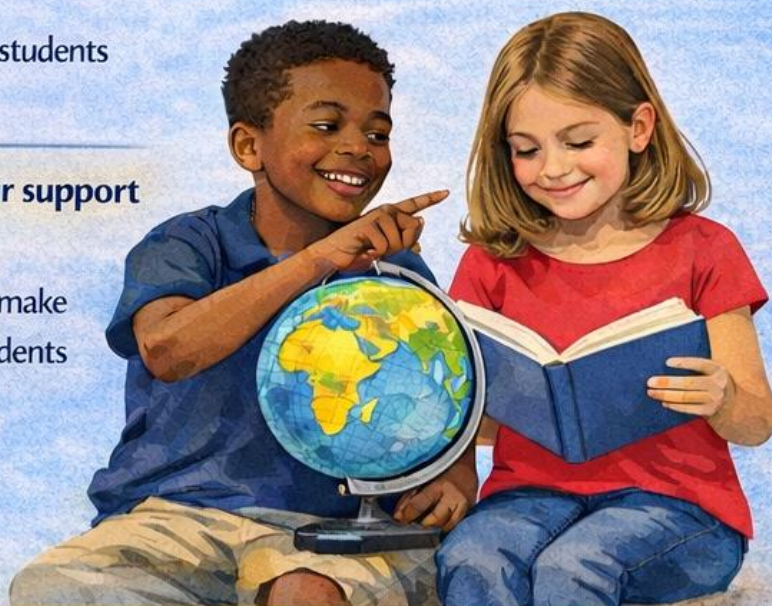
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*By Priscilla Fuller, WCM Contributing Editor*



**Rev. Bob Fields**

The **St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church** located at **57 Church Street in Aynor, SC**, celebrated its 107th anniversary on **June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> in Aynor, SC**. The church events included a community cookout on Saturday, which was well attended by church members and members of the community. On Sunday, the celebration was followed up with a church worship service with **Rev. Dr. Bob Fields, Minister of St. Elizabeth's church**, based on historical documents supplied by the church, which was established in 1916. with a group of individuals meeting at the Coast Line Railroad Depot in Aynor. The land for the church was purchased from the Burroughs and Collins Company. The first pastor of the church was **Rev. Ben Braddon**, and under his leadership, plans to build a church commenced. It was under the second Pastor, Rev. Joe Gore, that the church was completed in 1919.

Through the years, the church structure has grown as well as the membership. has grown in size. Like other churches that experienced the covid epidemic, the church remained connected with its members and was able to preserve its membership. The church's spiritual mission remains intact, recognizing the need to continue its outreach to bring additional members and young people to carry out the legacy of the church. St. Elizabeth remains an integral part of the community, sponsoring food drives and other activities for the community. In speaking with Hilbert Best, the church recognizes some of the needs of the community and continues to work to assist when it can. The church is led by Rev. Dr. Bob Fields, who has been at the church for approximately 2 years and continues to inspire and unite the community.



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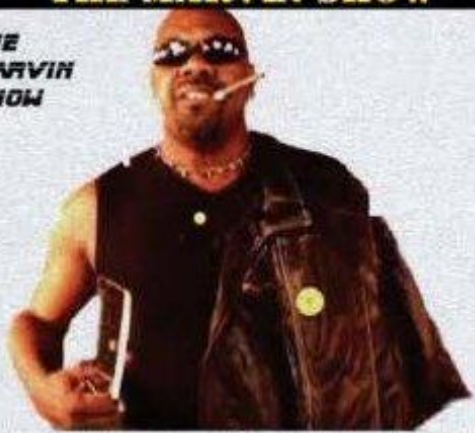
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## Roddy Brown

**Roddy R. Brown** was born in Pawleys Island, SC, to the late Colbert Brown, Sr., and the late Anna Bell Riley Brown on **October 12, 1941**. His siblings, Clinton Sanford Brown and Robert Glenwood Brown Sr., also preceded him in death. He departed this life on **June 5, 2026**. He was a member of the 1959 graduating class of Whittemore High School in Conway, SC. He was a graduate of Morris College in Sumter, SC. He later received his Master of Education Degree from the University of South Carolina. In 1966, Roddy married the love of his life, Fannie Carrie Thompson, and she became Fannie T. Brown. From this union, they parented two children, Ronada and Roderick Brown. After retiring from teaching, Roddy dedicated a great portion of his time to volunteering and serving where needed in the community and church. He served as a member of the Myrtle Beach Downtown Revitalization Board and Horry County Tax Assessor Committee. Also, as a means of servicing the community, Roddy participated as a tour guide, along with his wife, the Executive Director for the Colored School Museum, the Education Center, and the After School and Summer Arts programs, which were sponsored and administered through the Grand Strand Cultural Arts Foundation, founded by Fannie. In his capacity, he was tasked with sharing his thoughts and recollections of the Booker T. Washington community, pre- and post-segregation. He also served as one of the early members of the Horry County Community Empowerment Project, where he was a community board member for Charlie's Place. *He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Colbert Sr. and Anna Bell Brown, two siblings, Clinton Sanford Brown and Robert Glenwood Brown Sr., and his loving wife, Fannie T.*



1941- 2026



## Don "Pecan" Jackson Burroughs

**Don "Pecan" Jackson Burroughs** of Conway passed away on **Thursday, June 11, 2026**. Don Burroughs was born on **March 7, 1950**, in Conway, SC. He was the son of Geraldine Burroughs, and was raised by Will and Hattie Jackson of Saint Paul, SC. He attended Whittemore High School, later joined the Job Corps for a period of time, and then joined the United States Navy. He moved to Chicago, Illinois, for many years, where he worked in construction a period of time, then came back to Conway, SC, where he became a commercial truck driver for the rest of his days. *He leaves to mourn one daughter, Renee Burroughs of Atlanta, GA, and one sister, Doris E. Burroughs of Baltimore, MD. He also leaves behind many family and friends, especially his Saint Paul, Homewood, and Allentown family.*



1950 - 2026



## Isiah Simmons

**Isiah "Tke" Simmons** was born on **March 18, 1944**, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to the late Sherman and Sarah Simmons. The eldest of six children, he carried the weight of leadership from an early age. On **Thursday, June 18, 2026**, Isiah departed this life.



1944 - 2026

Isiah attended the Myrtle Beach Colored School and later graduated from Whitmore Park High School in 1961. Isiah was preceded in death by his parents; his devoted wife, Rosiland M. Simmons; his brothers Sherman (his twin), Thomas, and William; and his sisters Annie Jane Smith and Esther Church. *He leaves to cherish his memory his children: Ivan (Stephanie) Simmons of Chicago, IL, and Ikea (Reginald) Simmons-Owens of Myrtle Beach, SC. He was a proud grandfather to I'vonte Jamal Simmons and Ian Isiah Simmons, who brought him endless joy. He is also survived by four sisters-in-law: Margret Love (James) of Tampa, FL; Katherine Burrell; Barbra McRae; and Lucille Simmons, all of Myrtle Beach; and one brother-in-law, Louie McRae (Ida) of San Diego, CA. Three special pieces of his heart, Crystal Vereen, William Simmons Jr., and Larry Church Jr., also held a cherished place in his life. In addition, he leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.*



## David Allen Bourgeois

**David Allen Bourgeois** 67, longtime resident of Longs, SC, departed this life on **Sunday, June 14, 2026**, after a valiant fight against cancer. David embarked on his journey to his Heavenly home with his loving family by his side. David was born on **January 17, 1959**, in New Bedford, MA. He was the loving son of the late Henry and Patricia Bourgeois. In addition, was cherished and devoted husband to Ana Matos-Bourgeois. David was the adored husband of the love of his life, Ana Matos-Bourgeois, his spouse of over 26 years. He loved being a grandpa to his 4 grandchildren. David loved his siblings dearly; *those left to cherish his memories are his brother, Chris Bourgeois, and his sister, Joan Bourgeois, both of MA, and his "Baby sister," Corrine Bourgeois of NC. David also leaves his special buddy, Angel, his devoted pup. David also leaves a wealth of family, friends, and colleagues who will not soon forget his sweet smile, infectious laugh, understanding, or willingness to help a fellow human being. Of special mention, he had a deeply rooted respect and admiration for members of law enforcement, the first responder community, and past/present members of the military.*



1959 - 2026



## Dennis Levern Sherman, Jr.

**Dennis Levern Sherman Jr.** of Conway, SC was born on **December 18, 2001**. He passed away on **June 8, 2026** as a result of a tragic motorcycle accident. Dennis was a loving father, son, brother and friend whose presence brought joy and laughter to everyone around him. Dennis was preceded in death by his brother, Malik and baby Abe. *He leaves behind precious memories to his devoted mother and father, Dennis and Aisha Sherman; four beautiful daughters, Kennadi Sherman, Kambrie Sherman, Zuri Sherman and Kacelynn Sherman, who were his pride and joy; four brothers, Shae Sherman, Damone Sherman, Jamarion Sherman and Dmarion Sherman (A'movra Sheman daughter); three sisters, Alexis Sherman, Tykir Sherman and Ana Stacia Sherman; along with many others who will forever cherish the memories they shared with him. Dennis will be remembered for his infectious smile, his caring heart and the love he gave so freely to his family and friends. His life, though far too short, touched countless people and his memory will continue to live on through the stories, pictures and the love he leaves behind.*



2001 - 2026



## Bettie Keels

**Bettie Keels** of Murrells Inlet passed away on **Wednesday, June 17, 2026**. Mrs. Bettie Keels, the daughter of the late Matthew Keels and Julia Keels and wife of Joseph Keels, was born **September 12, 1939**, in Greenville, SC. She attended Greely High School in Greeleyville, SC. She was preceded in death by her mother, Julia Keels; her father, Matthew Keels; her brother, James Keels; her sister, Cgraann Keels; and her great-great-grandson, Bishop Davis. *She leaves her life memories to her daughter, Paula Keels; two sons, Paul Keels and Eric Keels; grandchildren, Lakeisha Thomas (Oneil), Paul Keels, II (Belinda), Jarell Sands, Rachael Keels, Edwin C Mitchell, III (Kristina), Nicholas Keels and Natasha Jones; great grandchildren, Serenity Vereen, Elijah Davis, Elisha Davis, Trinity Davis, Zuir Keels, kelp Sands, Jarell Sands Jr., Karson Sands, Ezra Sands, Gianna Sands, Kyle Fuller, Kourtney Fuller, Lauryn Mitchell, Zoe Mitchell, Dejah Johnson, Serrai Goodman, Kaiden Barker, Kiyan Barker; her siblings, Julia (Judy) Williams, Matthew Keels, Jr, Ruth Keels, George Keels, Winnie Keels, Irene Gooden, Shirley Keels, Carolina Walters; a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.*



1939 - 2026





**Jimmy Darrell Gagum, Jr.**

**Jimmy Darrell Gagum Jr.**, affectionately known as "JD," or "SLIM", transitioned from this life on **June 7, 2026**. Jimmy was born on **November 17, 1991**, in Conway, South Carolina, to Vanice Yolanda Sindab and Jimmy Darrell Gagum, Sr. He received his education through the public schools of Horry County, graduating from Conway High School with the class of 2009. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Brenda S. Sindab; paternal grandmother, Icea Lee Pino-Gagum; paternal grandfather, James Judge; a grandmother by heart, Joan Floyd-Brantley; aunts, Yvette Sindab and Doris Vandunk; uncles, Kevin Gagum and James "BUG" Gagum Jr.; and his special cousin, Cartez Lipscomb. *Jimmy leaves his cherished memories to his son, Erik W. Gore-Gagum; his loving parents, Vanice (Wendell) Vereen and Jimmy (Robin) Gagum Sr.; Joseph (Mamma Cheryl) Brantley; a maternal grandfather, Sam D. Sindab; his sisters, Kiahtae "Nyree" Gagum, Shaliyah "His Twin" Brantley, Rayesha Brantley, Omesha (David) Grant, and Ni'Angel Sindab; his brothers, Shelton (Manquel) Gagum-Brantley, Chris and Malik Brantley, Patrick Wilson, Desmond Goings and Damion Moore; his nieces and nephews with whom he held dear to his heart, Braylen Gagum, Loyalty and Lakeen Ford Jr., Lundy, A'moni, A'mari, Ah'Jair, Malia, Malik Jr., Malani, Zhkariya and Amiyah Brantley, and R'ael Woods; his aunts, LaTonia (Claude) Lipscomb, Sylvia Gagum DeLoach, Denise (James) Brown, Samantha (Darin) Eaton, Ametria (George) Griffin; his uncles, Prince and Samuel (Jean) Sindab, Jr. He is also survived by seven great-aunts, Cenita Gerald and Faye (Raymond) Jones; six great-uncles; two sons by heart, Briceon Knox and Kameron Nguyen; special cousins, James "BG" Gagum III, and Trey Chaplin II; his brothers at heart, Rashill Brisbon, Brandon "Lil B" Anderson, Daniel "Lil D" Nguyen, Deron "Big Bro" Higgins, Carnail "Duba" Graham, and Dereck Bell; a special uncle and aunt at heart, LaDawn "Danielle" Grissette; loving partner, Rose P. Nguyen, and a host of other relatives and friends.*



1991-2026

**Tony Hinson**

**Tony Hinson** was born on **November 11, 1966**. He departed this life on **June 11, 2026**.



1966-2026

**Morris Alexander Green**

**Morris Alexander Green** was born on **March 14, 1979**. He departed this life on **June 25, 2026**.



1979-2026

**Celeste Marcellar Parker**

**Celeste Marcellar Parker** was born on **July 12, 1967**, to the union of George and Edith Parker in Conway, South Carolina. On **Sunday, June 7, 2026**, Celeste departed this life. Celeste was preceded in death by her father, Parker. *Celeste leaves to cherish her precious memories six children, Reginald Mitchell of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Gwendolyn Parker of Georgia, Shawnta (Chris) Llorence of Chicago, Antwan Parker of Conway, South Carolina, Michael (Ashley) Parker of Virginia, and Anlameesha Parker of Conway, South Carolina; her loving mother, Edith Parker, of Conway South Carolina; eight sisters, Jackie Campbell of Ohio, Gwen Davis, Linda Swinton, Carolyn Rhue (Lonnie), Georgia (Thomas) Hemingway, Sarah (James) Chestnut, all of Conway and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Janet Evans of Tampa, Florida, and Flettie (Canute) Adams of Georgia; four brothers, Howard (Raynise) Parker, William (Candice) Parker, Jamie Givens, and Jeremiah Parker all of Conway, South Carolina; a very special aunt, Della Doctor of Miami, Florida; seventeen grandchildren, two special sisters, Ann Grissett and Sherry Brunson of Conway, South Carolina; three special friends, Anthony Price, Jefferey Rush, and Aurthur Brown all of Conway, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, extended family and dear friends who will always cherish her memory.*



1967-2026

**Warren Stanley Spivey**

**Warren Stanley Spivey** was the son of the late Mr. Ralph Spivey, Sr. and Bessie Mae Spivey. He was born on **August 5, 1961**, in Horry County, but he relocated to New Jersey. He was preceded in death by his two parents and three siblings, Bruce, Earl, and Otis Spivey. Warren Stanley departed this life on **June 13, 2026**. Stanley served six years in the United States Air Force, where he carried himself with discipline and dedication. *He leaves behind a wealth of memories-his wife, his love for his kids, grandchildren, and family. His steadfast faith and his generous heart. Though he is no longer with us, Warren Stanley Spivey remains alive in the hearts of those he inspired. He leaves to cherish a wealth of memories for his wife, Kimberly Anne Charlton Spivey; two sons, Prentiss Cross, Jr. and Warren Spivey, Jr.; five grandchildren; a host of brothers and sisters, Ralph Jr., Isazer, Charles, Joseph, Eugene, Linda, Olean, Diane, Janette, Sylvester, Patti, Marlisa, Judy, and Patricia; mother-in-law; sisters and brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, family and friends.*



1961-2026

**Wendy Fae Proctor**

**Wendy Fae Proctor**, formerly of Conway, passed away on **Sunday, June 21, 2026**. Wendy Fae Lewis Proctor was born on **April 23, 1954**, in Conway, South Carolina, to the late James Myers and Gracie Lee Johnson Lewis. She departed this life on **Sunday, June 21, 2026**, in Grovetown, Georgia. *She leaves to cherish her memories: Julie (CJ) Gore, Willette (Thomas) Spann, Antonio Jerome Lewis, Jeremiah Jerome (Tawana) Rutledge Jr., and Antonio Jerome Rutledge. Wendy was a loving grandmother to Kayla Myers-Grant, Jordan Lewis, Jeremiah (Kayla) Rutledge III, Elijah Rutledge, Neille Rutledge, Taylor Nicole Rutledge, Hannah Janae Lewis, Nicholas (Regina) Lewis, and Jada Gore; Great-grandchildren; Aaliyah Rutledge, Jayden Walls, Matthew Blair, Jeremiah Rutledge IV, Josiah Rutledge, and Jenesis Rutledge; siblings; Timothy (Sadie) Myers, Harold Johnson, Leanora Myers-Crute, Patricia Bromell, Gloria Ann Lewis, Richard Lewis, Charlotte Butler-Tulio (god sister); sister-in-law Bernice Powell; and a special aunt, Ida Mae Grissett. Along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and special friends.*



1954-2026

**Melvin E. Holmes**

**Melvin E. Holmes** of Burgess was born on **August 18, 1950**. He departed this life on **June 13, 2026**.



1950-2026

**Anthony Hemingway**

**Mr. Anthony Stephonzia Hemingway**, of 947 Pint Circle, Longs, South Carolina, died **June 7, 2026**, at home. Mr. Hemingway, son of Helena Hemingway Rodgers and Dofface Williams, Jr., was born **May 8, 1964**. He attended the public schools of Horry County and was a graduate of North Myrtle Beach High School. *He leaves to mourn, two sons: Tamarrick A. Hemingway and Anthony Hemingway, Jr.; four grandchildren, a special aunt, Wiliner (Fred) Dewitt, seven brothers and seven sisters.*



1964-2026

**Randolph Vereen**

**Mr. Randolph Vereen, Sr.**, of Little River, was born on **August 12, 1937**. He departed this life on **June 26, 2026**.



1937-2026





**Martha Eloise Bryant**

**Martha Eloise (Few) Bryant**, age 73, was born on **November 6, 1952**. She departed this life peacefully on **June 20, 2026**. Martha was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard Allen Bryant. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Martin Dennis and Lowell D. Few Jr.; *She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Bernita Livingston of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Queen Ester Young of Florida; her brother-in-law, Sylvester Bryant of Altus, Oklahoma; and her cherished nieces and nephews, Alicia Carter, Pittsburgh, PA., Alexis Carter, Washington, D.C. Michelle English, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania., Jennifer Dennis, Stamford, Conn., Michael Dennis, Ansonia, Conn., Vanessa Dennis, Stamford, Conn. Martha's legacy continues through a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family members, dear friends.*



1952 - 2026

**Louise Gladys Sealy**

**Mrs. Louise Gladys Green** was born on **August 25, 1932** in Galivants Ferry, SC, to Eleather Sealy Davis and William Davis. She received her education throughout Galivants Ferry. She later married Washington Friend of Conway, SC. To this union there were two children, Annie Lee and Bobby Lee Friend, who she loved dearly. She later married Paul Green of Conway, SC. Preceded her in death were her beloved son, Bobby, her parents, both husbands, Washington Friend and Paul Green. Three brothers; Wardee Godbolt, William Davis, Sylvester Davis; two sisters; Alice Jenkins and Natha Edwards. Louise departed this life on **June 19, 2026**. *She leaves with cherished memories to her daughter Arnie Friend-Ford (Vernon Ford, Sr) of Conway, SC, two sisters Rose Tynes of Conway, SC and Nealy Taylor of Aynor, SC; her sister-in-law, Ollie Oliver, granddaughters, Shauntée Friend-Johnson of Miami, Fla and Tanisha Friend-Johnson of Conway, SC and grandsons, Vernon Forn, Jr. of Myrtle Beach, SC and Cornelius Ford of Conway, SC. Her great-grandchildren, Gaja, Joslyn, Camryn, Emanuel, Ashari, Maurice, Tierra, Ava, Carter, great-great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, and Naia, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends Wanda Dawson, Sheila Spain, and Mary Jo.*



1932 - 2026

**Eldridge L. Murray, Sr.**

**Mr. Eldridge L. Murray, Sr.** was born on **July 1, 1938**. He departed this life on **June 8, 2026**.



1938 - 2026



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**Joseph Floyd Mitchell**

**Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Floyd Mitchell** was born on **July 3, 1941**, in Supply, North Carolina, to the late Rhoda and George Mitchell. He passed away peacefully on **June 11, 2026**. In addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by his son Patrick Lair, siblings Dorothy (Archie L) Gore, Edna (George) Latimer, George (Elvie) Mitchell Jr., Charlie (Minnie P) Mitchell, James (Lorraine) Mitchell, Morris (Pearlistine) Mitchell, Curtis (Thelma) Mitchell, and Esther (John) Kilby. *He is survived by his wife of 46 years Lynn Mitchell, his children James Donald Lair (Miesha), Linda Bowie, Sonya Mitchell Williams (Serge), Joseph Mitchell II, Tiwana Mitchell, his grandchildren Donald, Talia, Anthony, Natasha, Joseph, Shelonda, Patrick, Stephen, Sheridan, and Savannah, 19 great grandchildren, brother Alvin (Rebecca) Mitchell, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.*



1941 - 2026

**Daniel Cook, Jr.**

**Daniel Cook, Jr.** was born on **March 21, 1963**. He departed this life on **June 21, 2026**. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Tina; his children: Brittany, Alyssa, Shawn, Daniel, Taylor, and Rebecca; and his loving cat Smokey. *He also leaves 5 grandchildren: Zachary, Kaitlyn, Saya, Elora and Aubrey. In addition, He leaves 3 siblings: Violet Faye Harris and Keith Cook.*



1963 - 2026

**Rosa Lee Carr Mazyck**

**Mrs. Rosa Lee Mazyck** was born on **May 25, 1937**. She departed this life on **June 8, 2026**.

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1937 - 2026

**Cheria Dane Livingston**

**Cheria Dane Livingston**, daughter of the late Mary Elizabeth Pryor Livingston, was born in the Mt. Calvary Community on **May 19, 1978**. She was a 1996 graduate of Loris High School. During her time at Coastal Carolina, Cheria became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 1999 and remained actively involved with the local chapter until her transition. She served two terms as President of the Conway Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. She departed this life on **Monday, June 22, 2026**. *She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her Aunt Claretta Woodard of Temple Hills, Maryland; her uncles, Samuel Curtis Pryor (Cecilia) and Franklin Dellnor Pryor (Theresa), both of Conway, South Carolina; a host of sorrowing cousins and friends.*



1978 - 2026



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**George Charles DeBerry**

**George Charles DeBerry**, beloved son of the late John and Lizzie DeBerry was born on **March 18, 1961**. He departed this life on **June 7, 2026**. George was preceded in death by his parents and *leaves behind his loving siblings, Victoria Stanley, Barbara Livingston (TJ Livingston), and Jonathan Freddy DeBerry, along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.*



1961 - 2026

**Frederick D. Parker**

**Frederick Demond Parker** was born on **November 25, 1987** to Edna Collier Livingston and the late Freddie Parker, Jr. He departed this life on **June 20, 2026**. Fred received his education in the Horry County Public Schools and was proud graduate of North Myrtle Beach High School, Class of 2007. Fred was preceded in death by his father, Freddie Parker, Jr., and his maternal grandparents, Cleveland and Teva Bell Collier. *He leaves to cherish his memories; his loving mother, Edna Collier Livingston of Myrtle Beach, SC; his stepfather, Bennie Livingston of Longs, SC; his beloved children, Kayden Parker of Greenville, SC, and E'myoni Parker of Bolivia, NC; his sisters, Lapeatra Anderson, Merinda Bellamy, and Fredia McCray, all of Conway, SC, and Jennifer (Mike) Marshall of Columbia, SC; his brothers, Freddie Parker, III of Conway, SC, and Blake Evans of Little River, SC; his stepbrother, Marcus Vereen, and stepsister, Teresa Willard, both of Longs, SC; his nephews, Jamari Pressley and Tyrell Pertelle; his nieces, Jayla Knight and Janyiah Anderson; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.*



1987 - 2026

**Ralph Chestnut**

**Ralph Chestnut** of Longs, SC, was born on **October 22, 1940**, to the late Dolly Chestnut and Freddy Chestnut. He departed this life on **June 14, 2026**. Ralph was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ernestine Chestnut; his son, Reginald Gore of Charleston, SC and his daughter; Valerie Chestnut of the Poplar Community; His siblings, Lumina Gause (Kenneth), Chestina Chestnut, Roberta Livingston, Retha Livingston (Leon), Carrie Lee Gore (Curlee), Douglas Chestnut, Evelyn Marlow (John) and his brothers-in-law, Collins Moore and Calvin Livingston. *He leaves to cherish his memories; four loving daughters, Rafaela Chestnut of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Alisa Figueroa (Jose Figueroa) of Harlem, NY; Coretta Livingston Byrd (Donald Byrd) of Charlotte, NC and Whitney Mitchell of Charlotte, NC. He further leaves behind a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, church members, neighbors, and friends.*



1940 - 2026

**Joseph Levern Nichols**

**Mr. Joseph Levern Nichols** was born on **February 5, 1950**. He departed this life on **June 5, 2026**.



1950 - 2026



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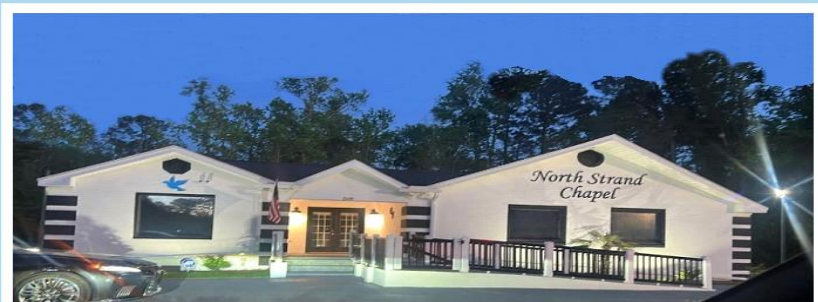
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