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**THE 9TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY**



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



First Step Scholarship Foundation has embarked on its ninth year since its inception. Despite many challenges, we are extremely fortunate to still be around living up to our vision and mission in providing scholarships to student with the assistance of our voluntary staff, our yearly contributors and our new donors. Our continued perseverance, dedication and commitment have served this foundation's leaders well. "Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." -Joshua J. Marine, we concur.

We have steadfast belief in our abilities in proffering what we had set our to do, we remain humble and patient that as long as we believe in the vision and our donors see the results of their generous giving, we will persevere. "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit". Aristotle. Therefore, we will continue by the grace of God to do our best for the subset we serve.

The Executive Board, Directors, Members and Volunteers of the Foundation are tremendously grateful for the continued assistance from our contributors in form of advertisements : business ads, bereavement ads, personal well wishes, and congratulations ads. These types of encouragements allow the foundation to remain steadfast in moving forward with the zeal to do more. "Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." Erma Bombeck. We shall continually aspire to make a difference in the lives of the students pursuing their studies in science. Accordingly, we shall rely on our ardent contributors to help us achieve our mission.

First Step Scholarship Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization that is tax deductible benefit to our donors. Consequently, members of the board, Committees, and some donors decided this year to raised their contributions in order to provide more funding to the students, please see pages 13-15 in this journal. "It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it." Albert Einstein. We concur with this argument also. Maya Angelou argued that she ... "[I] have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." Giving truly is a good feeling.

Praying that we all do our part in adhering to rules that will protect our climate as it is changing rapidly as seen in the hurricanes, wildfires, flooding, extreme heat, and cold weather. On May 11, 2023 the U.S. Department of Health declared COVID-19 public health emergency officially over, however we must continue to be vigilant as the virus continues to mutate into other variants infecting people. We pray for all the families whose loved ones have lost their lives during this 2020-2023 pandemic, the unrest, the floods, the fires, hurricanes, earthquake, wars and all those who met untimely death. It is of utmost importance that we continue to keep our country as well as the world in our prayers; we are hoping that people will come to believe that science is valuable in their lives. That's the reason we support the students in their quest for a scientific knowledge to combat climate change. Remain positive, optimistic, humble, caring and giving . Thanks to all who believe in First Step Scholarship Foundation.

Dr. Carmen Jones-Zeigler
Founder/Executive Director/Chairperson

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MESSAGE



As the Director of Finance, I am honored to speak on behalf of First Step Scholarship Foundation's financial services. We are a small organization with high morals and vision. The Foundation has the audacity to believe that funding scholarship in science is achievable, so we embarked on this mission. First Step Scholarship is in the ninth year of fulfilling this commitment and we are extremely proud that we made it this far and plan to continue by God's grace, years in the future.

This year we received increased contributions from our dedicated foundation's Board Members, Committee Members, Support members as well as our generous donors. This has made a tremendous impact on the amount we are able to give our students who met our criteria. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". 2 Corinthians 9:7 hence , we are fulfilling a teaching.

Consequently, First Step Scholarship Foundation 2023 financial award total is \$16,750 for distribution among nine students who met the qualifications for the award. The foundation is aware that our donors choose to support us since there are many charitable organizations that one can support. The Foundation is humbled that you trust us as your charitable organization. "Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." —Booker T. Washington.

First Step Scholarship foundation accepts contributions and or sponsors who are willing to support us in our efforts to provide scholarships to students. Contacts are available through our email at, firststepsscholarship@gmail.com or by correspondence to P.O. Box 2672, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

website - <https://www.firststepsscholarshipfoundation.com>
you may also donate on the website via Zelle

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"Educate Today for Innovators of the Future" Thank you for your continued support.

Delores Dale, Director of Finance

DIRECTOR SELECTION COMMITTEE



As the Selection Committee Director, It is with great pleasure to inform you that the First Step Scholarship Foundation (FSSF) is a 501 (3)(c) organization with an annual, renewable scholarship which is offered under the Eligibility and Criteria Policies of the Foundation. The value of the scholarship each year is contingent

on the results of continued funding projects, and philanthropic initiatives by donors annually. This year the Foundation intends to offer 9 college students an average of \$1500-\$2500 each; a total of \$16750. Congratulations to 2023's scholarship recipients.

A core principle of FSSF is to embrace the concept of Paying it forward. The philanthropic efforts of our members and donors provide valuable lessons to our scholarship recipients, in that, they will understand the importance of achieving future success, repaying the kindness shown to them, and the need to contribute to further fund future generations of students with financial hardships throughout their educational journey.

The leaders and donors of FSSF through the support of the scholarship programs, have the power to create a significant legacy in student education through the transformation of lives and the empowerment of future generations, therefore, Let us continue to pay it forward and encourage others to recognize the value of supporting students' educational aspirations.

To future applicants:

Before you fill out the scholarship application, please review the eligibility requirements before submitting the application to the First-Step Scholarship Foundation. This review is important because a scholarship has specific criteria or exceptions, so please carefully review the scholarships and follow the application instructions, including the deadline and document requirements.

**VOI SAUL, PHDC, DHAC.
DIRECTOR OF SELECTION COMMITTEE, NY**

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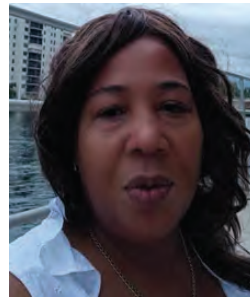
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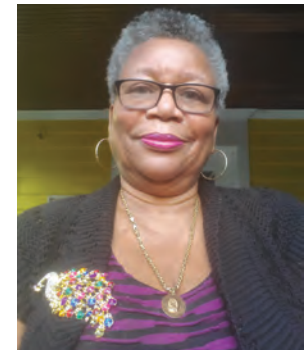
Dr Gloria Bonner



Voi Saul, PhD



Shea Taylor, Eng.



Dr. Carmen Jones-Zeigler

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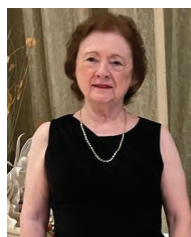
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George Isler



Merle Isler



Barbara Dickinson



Dr. Geraldine Lucignano

2023 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S AWARD HONOREES



9TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

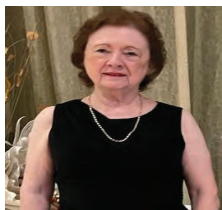
Enthusiastically and Proudly Honor:

DR. DAVID C. PIERRE, MD, MBA

For his Dedication & Contribution to Community Services Professionally and through Volunteerism. The Foundation greatly appreciates your sustained commitment over the years. We thank you for your service to the foundation.



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9TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

FERVENTLY PROUD TO HONOR

MS. BARBARA DICKISSON, MPA, RN

For her years of Dedication to Healthcare and Volunteerism in the Community. The Foundation acknowledges your continuous commitment to the team. We thank you for your service to the foundation since its inception.



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9th ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

EXTREMELY PROUD TO HONOR:

Mr. KEITH FOREMAN

For his years of Dedication to Social Services and Volunteerism in the Community. The Foundation recognizes your loyal commitment over the years. We thank you for your service to the foundation.



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9th ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

FERVENTLY PROUD TO HONOR OUR MEMBER

MS. LOTTIE RILEY

For her years of Dedication to Social Services and Volunteerism in the Community . The Foundation acknowledges your dependable commitment and contribution to the team . We thank you for your service to the foundation since its inception.



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2022 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S AWARD HONOREES



8TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
RESPECTFULLY HONORS OUR SELECTION COMMITTEE DIRECTOR

Dr. Gloria Bonner

Her Commitment to Volunteering is Unprecedented. Working in Mental Health, creating services for people who are challenged without being judgmental, setting up projects to ensure safety for the homeless, are a few of her skill sets. We thank you for your service.



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8TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
BOLDLY HONORS OUR DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT SECRETARY



Paulet Jones-Dyche, BSW, MPA

For Your Dedication & Contribution to Social Services in the community professionally and personally, assisting persons in need of social service guidance. The Foundation greatly appreciates your skill set over the years to the team.

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8TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
AUDACIOUSLY HONORS



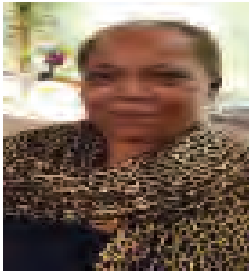
Angela King

For Decades of Community Service both Locally and Internationally. We appreciate your Longevity, Commitment, Dedication in Volunteerism. You have gone Above and Beyond to Assist the Foundation. You believed in the Mission and Vision of Foundation since its inception. Thanks for all your generosity throughout the years.



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2021 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S AWARD HONOREES



7TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
PROUDLY HONORS OUR DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

Edith Lovelady

For Your Conscientious Commitment, Dedication to Service.
It takes a caring person to be a Volunteer. The Foundation appreciates all you do in
service for others.



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7TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
IS EXTREMELY PROUD TO HONOR OUR SELECTION COMMITTEE DIRECTOR

Annie Williams, MSW, LSW

For Your Consistent Dedication & Outstanding Contribution. For Decades of
Commitment to Community Service.
The Foundation greatly appreciates your skillset over the seven years as a team player.



7TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

AUDACIOUSLY HONORS

George Isler

For Exemplifying what true Giving ought to be: Altruistic in nature.
Thank you, your contributions have helped in making us a success. We are appreciative of
all you do for the foundation.



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7TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

PROUDLY HONORS

Merle Isler, MSTM

For Exemplifying what true Giving ought to be: Altruistic in nature.
We thank you for your Dedication, Commitment to Volunteerism. We thank you for all
you do for the foundation.

2020 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S AWARD HONOREES



6TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

IS EXTREMELY PROUD TO HONOR OUR SELECTION DIRECTOR

Voi Saul, PhDc

For Your Impressive Dedication to Service, Outstanding Contribution, Commitment to Community Service especially in Science and Education.

The Foundation greatly appreciates your expertise in all you do in service to others.



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6TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

IS EXTREMELY PROUD TO HONOR OUR CORRESPONDENCE DIRECTOR

Ms. Deloris Dale

For Your Conscientious Commitment Dedication to Service, Delivering your Exemplary Expertise as a long time Voluntary Community Service Member.

The Foundation Appreciates all you do over the six years.



6TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

IS EXTREMELY PROUD TO HONOR OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

Joan Pierre, MSN

For Her Dedication, Commitment, and Outstanding Exemplary Voluntary Services to Communities in US and Abroad. We thank you for all you do for the Foundation since its inception.



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6TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARD. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

IS EXTREMELY PROUD TO HONOR OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/TREASURER

Dave Zeigler

For His Leadership Expertise, Determination, dedication, and Outstanding Commitment to Service.

You led by example, always willing to do the work without complaining. We are appreciative for all you do in services to others.

2019 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S AWARD HONOREES



5TH ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

IS EXTREMELY PROUD TO HONOR OUR FOUNDER

Dr. Carmen Jones-Zeigler

As a Visionary Leader with Impeccable Leadership Skills, Commitment to Service, with an Outstanding Dedication especially in Health and Education.

We are appreciative for all you do in service to others.



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5TH ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

IS EXTREMELY PROUD TO HONOR OUR FINANCE DIRECTOR

William D. Wheeler

For His Accounting Expertise, Dedication, Commitment, and Outstanding Exemplary Service to Our Community.

We thank you for all you do for the foundation.



2018 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



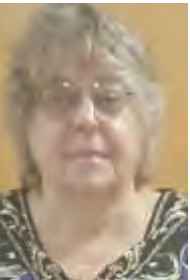
4TH ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

IS EXTREMELY PROUD TO EXTEND SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO

Ms. Angela King

For Continued Support to the Mission and Vision of the Foundation.

It takes dedication and unselfish demeanor to Volunteer. We are grateful for your continued support. Choosing First Step Scholarship as one of your charities humbles us. We're pleased for all you do in service to others



4TH ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION IS

EXTREMELY PROUD TO EXTEND SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO

Mrs. Kathleen Garcia, BSN, RN

For Continued Support to the Mission and Vision of the Foundation.

It takes dedication and unselfish demeanor to Volunteer. We are grateful for your continued support. Choosing First Step Scholarship as one of your charities humbles us. We're pleased for all you do in service to others

2017 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S AWARD HONOREE

First Step Scholarship Foundation Is Extremely Proud to Honor The Strike Merchants Bowling Club Scholarship Foundation For over 25 years of Exemplary and Outstanding Contribution To Education in the form of Scholarships. It takes Tremendous Dedication, Diligence, and Perseverance To provide One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in Scholarship Awards. We will applaud your Efforts and Hope to emulate your success. We are grateful for all you do to promote Education to our youths.

THE STRIKE MERCHANTS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.



Minnie Belton



Jewel Hunt



Donna Hall



Robert Gass



Deloris Harrington



Earl Cokley



Chester Holmes
1930 - 2012



Fred Mitchell



Inez Fry



Wayne Hightower



Lorraine Jackson



Larry Digsby



Barbara Ray



George Bailey
1946 - 2019

2016 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S AWARD HONOREES



FirstStepScholarshipFoundation Honors Rev.Dr.James M.RobinsonSr.,M.Th For His Outstanding,Exemplary Contribution; And Dedicated Service To Community Programs We are pleased for all you do to promote programs for the youths "Educate Today for Innovators of the Future"



First Step Scholarship Foundation Honors Bishop Neville Copeland For His Outstanding,Exemplary Contribution; And Dedicated Service To The Community. We are grateful for all you do to promote Education to our youths. "Educate Today for Innovators of the Future"



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2023 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S AWARD RECIPIENTS



Mr. Kyshaun Foster
Major: Electrical Engineering
Stevens University
Award: \$1000.00



Ms. Jada Worthem
Major: Public Health
Drew University
Award: \$1000.00



Ms. Leana Drummond
Major: Industrial Engineering
NC A&T State University
Award: \$1000.00



Ms. Tatiana Floretil
Major: Architecture/Engineering
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Award: \$1000.00



Mr. Christian Hill
Major: Political Science
Lincoln University
Award: \$1000.00



Ms. Yannah Gail Litchmore
Major: Computer Technology
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Award: \$1000.00



Ms. Nia Nelson
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Rutgers -School of Engineering
Award: \$1000.00



Ms. Kayla Slaughter
Major: Computer Science
Kean University
Award: \$1000.00



Mr. Elijah Foster
Major: Computer Science
Sacred Heart University
Award: \$1000.00

2023 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S BOOK AWARD

Angela King's 2023 \$750 Book Award



Angela King



Yannah-Gail Litchmore

Selection Committee Director:
Dr Gloria Bonner's 2023 \$750 Book Award



Dr Gloria Bonner

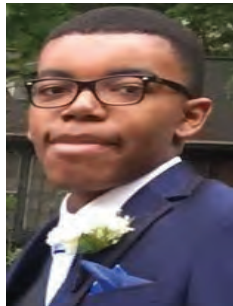


Ms. Kayla Slaughter

Mrs. Beverly Smith-Christian & Family
2023 \$500 Book Award



Mrs Beverly Smith-Christian

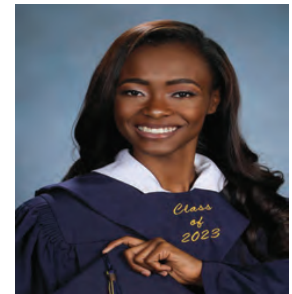


Mr. Kyshaun Foster

Selection Committee Director: Shea Taylor
2023 \$500 Book Award



Ms. Shea Taylor



Ms. Nia Nelson

Mr George Isler 2023 \$ 500 Book Award



Mr. George Isler



Mr. Elijah Foster

Mrs. Merle Isler 2023 \$500 Book Award



Mrs. Merle Isler



Ms. Tatiana Florexil

2023 FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S BOOK AWARD

Selection Committee: Director :Dr Herma Pallard-McIntosh, 2023 \$500 BOOK AWARD

The Cindy / Karen Higgins Scholarship for Gifted Athletes



Dr Herma Pallard-McIntosh



Ms Jada Worthem



Karren Higgins & Mrs. Dutton



Mr. Elijah Foster,

Director /Secretary: Ms. Edna Lovelady in memory of sister Gladys D. Sadden an educator. 2023 \$750 Book Award

Dr Karen Coutrier Memorial Scholarship for OLIVER COUTRIER : 2023 \$1000 Book award



Ms. Edna Lovelady



Mr. Christian Hill



Dr. Karen Coutrier



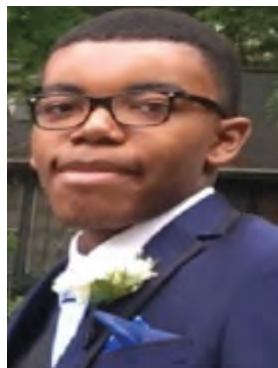
Ms. Leana Drummond

GURZEL JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD & DR. CARMEN JONES-ZEIGLER'S ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Kyshaun Foster: Physics/Engineering \$1000



Dr. Carmen Jones-Zeigler



Mr. Kyshaun Foster



Mrs. Gurzel Jones 1925-2018

BRANDAN WILLIAMS PAYING IT FORWARD!!!

**GIVING THANKS TO FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
ON THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY!!**



As a 5 times recipient of First Step Scholarship, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the First Step Scholarship Family for the opportunity to apply for and earn scholarships. I entered college majoring in a dual degree program receiving a degree in computer science and engineering. This past May, I received my Master's Degree in Information Technology & Security from NJIT.

Currently, I am employed as an IT System Analyst at the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

I wanted to send this message to everyone who has invested and supported students like myself who are in college, that your donation means a lot in helping us progress and finish our education.

I would not have been able to achieve this without your help, so thank you again.

BRANDAN WILLIAMS,

**BEST WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9th
ANNIVERSARY AWARDS CEREMONY.**

A TRIBUTE TO MY DAUGHTER YANNAH-GAIL LITCHMORE



Your life, your birth and all that it's worth God has given us you on this Earth.

Purpose driven that was your plan, to accomplish everything possibly which God would placed in your hands. Times would have come to wear you down but with positive encouragement you remove all frown. Now you have done all that can, finished your task with the reward in your hands. Love you always.

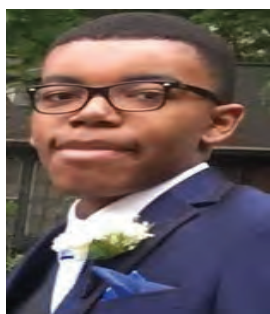
"Let your unique awesomeness and positive energy inspire confidence in others". Anonymous

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

Maya Angelou

NORVALEE BOX-POWELL

**CONGRATULATIONS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9th
ANNIVERSARY AWARD CEREMONY**



Kyshaun Foster

Taking on the challenge of higher education is never easy and most students will need certain amounts of support along the way. Support can come in all forms and **First Step Scholarship Foundation** has been one of my biggest support systems throughout my journey.

Whether it was financially or emotionally, this foundation has been with me every step of the way and I want to say thank you. This will be my last year receiving the award but I know I can always count on them for support in the future.

Thank you to the entire First Step Scholarship Foundation's Executive Directors, Directors, Members, Support Members and yes all the Donors who played an intricate part in this Foundation's vision.

"Thank you" is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding". Alice Walker

**CONGRATULATIONS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
ON YOUR 9TH YEAR OF PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP TO
STUDENTS.**

BEST WISHES TO ALL AWARD RECIPIENTS.

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN HILL

C Christian, A Believer in Jesus Christ! Trusting HIM for everything!

H Hardworking, Willing to put in the work and effort to reach your goals.

R Resilient, Knowing that Nothing is too hard for HIM!

I Intelligent, An intelligent heart acquires knowledge... Proverbs 18:15

*S Strong, You CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO
STRENGTHENS YOU.*

T Trustworthy, Trust the LORD and do good ... Psalm 37:3

*I Impressive, Despite the obstacles and issues you have faced, you have been
successful!*

A Abounding in your faith in THE LORD!

*N Nice, just a nice person, with a passion for caring and being concerned for
others.*

Son,

*My heart rejoices and I truly give all Honor and Glory to GOD when I think
of you. Not perfect, but a work in progress and a life that will be lived as a
testimony of His Goodness and Mercy! Continue Man of GOD in the path HE
has set before you, so that others can see and seek HIM!*

Grateful and Pleased Love Your Mommy

(Dr. Danielle Massey)

I AM ON MY WAY

*MY JOY REPLETE
I HUGGED MYSELF
I LIFT MY EYES
TO THE CLEAR BLUE SKY
MY DREAMS BECKON
THE TRAJECTORY CLEAR
IT'S NOW UP TO ME.*

*AM I FORGETTING
SO SOON ALREADY
IT'S UP TO HIM
WHO GAVE US LIFE
WILL I SUCCEED
OR WILL FAILURE
INTRUDE AND STEAL MY JOY*

*ANXIETY REVEALS ITSELF
MY HEART IS RACING
THEN , THE SUNSHINE
YOU ARE ONLY INVITED YOU
ARE NOT THERE YET HIGHER
EDUCATION IS YOURS,
CALM DOWN AND REJOICE*

*MY GOD I KNOW
MOURNING OTHERS ARE SAD
KEEP THEIR FAITH UP THE NEXT TIME SOON
LET THEM BE INVITED
TO COLLEGE OR A UNIVERSITY THAT WILL BEG THEM
COME*

DR. SONIA O JONES

BEST WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD CEREMONY. I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS FOUNDATION'S EFFORTS.



"Being able to be your true self is one of the strongest components of good mental health" Dr. Lauren Fogel Mersy.

Behavioral Health Why it Matters.

Behavioral health is important because it impacts the entire community. Some of the effects of behavioral health are the loss of lives, families being torn apart, substance abuse increases and reduces productivity, resulting in higher long-term costs for taxpayers.

If you have not personally or directly experienced a behavioral health issue, you may not think much about it (Loeb, K, 2020). However, behavioral health issues have been on the rise in the region for several years and have left a trail of destruction in its wake (Vail Health, Foundation, 2020).

There is a high likelihood that people in your community, those you work with, those you go to school with and those you socialize with are struggling with a behavioral health issue and are working hard to hide it (Loeb, K, 2020). It is also important because many behavioral health issues go undetected and untreated because of stigma, ignorance and the refusal to equate behavioral health with physical illness (Loeb, K, 2020). (Vail Health, Foundation, 2020).

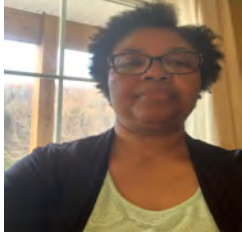
We have the ability to come together as a community and take action that will make a difference and save lives. Several organizations are raising critical funds for provider access and capacity, prevention & education, crisis response & tradition services, and school base services to transform behavioral health (Loeb, K, 2020). Transforming behavioral health requires the support of all parties in order to eliminate barriers to resources and services and to in turn reduce the stigma that surrounds seeking help (Loeb, K, 2020). (Vail Health Foundation, 2020).

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Caroline Estiverne
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I am from Haiti. I am a nurse who always wanted to be a medical doctor from the time I could think for myself. I came to America right after high school because my parents came here and they wanted for us their children to have a better life. In my country, we really value education. Once I came here, I did everything I knew to reach my goal. But, I did not know about the struggles I would encounter along the way. I have been a nurse now for twenty one years. I love helping people.

During my journey as a nurse, I got to go to medical school in the Caribbean, a small island calls Antigua and Barbuda. The dream that I had is now a reality but as a woman, with a family, sick parents and with a need to work life is not that easy. I realized that, in order to be a doctor I would have to make a lot more sacrifices. I found out that women in the medical field have changed the face of medicine. With determination, selflessness, goal driven attitude, and a clear vision, women have made a difference in the medical world. According to Hickman (2010) “Individuals can achieve a common purpose only when they join together in an act of generativity— forming a group to accomplish goals that an individual could not achieve alone, (Forsyth, 1999, p. 67)” (p. 25). Women’s right to practice medicine has been evolving slowly with time. Wood (2015) wrote, “The medical school class of Virginia Apgar (creator of the eponymous Apgar Score for assessing the health of newborns, is the most famous anesthesiologist of all time) looked very different from a class of today. Whereas the graduating class at Columbia in 2014 was 50% women, <20% of my graduating medical school class was women. Just as Virginia Apgar was advised not to enter surgery, many of us were advised not to enter competitive medical specialties” (p. 963). For many years, they have been through hard training, and persistent in fighting for gender equality. Allen (2017) stated, “We have long known—based on research from social psychology, political science, and business—that men and women are perceived and treated unequally in our work environments” (psychiatrictimes.com, n. d.). You, who are aspiring to become a doctor, a nurse, an engineer, a mechanic or anything you want in this life, should not get discouraged when things get tough. You need to be strong in your mind, strong in your faith and be willing to help others. Life is not easy but you can reach your goal

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As First Step Scholarship Foundation approached its ninth year of commitment to the education and empowerment of young scholars; let us be reminded of the mental health challenges that has become so rampant in our society that is affecting some of our students.

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Therefore, choose an activity that will uplift your spirit and have positive results. Activities such as music dancing meditation, reading, painting are just a few examples of leisure activity that might be helpful in releasing stress. I just want to say congratulation to all scholarship recipients. Good luck with your studies and remember it takes a village so with First Step Scholarship Foundation you will never be alone on your academic journey.

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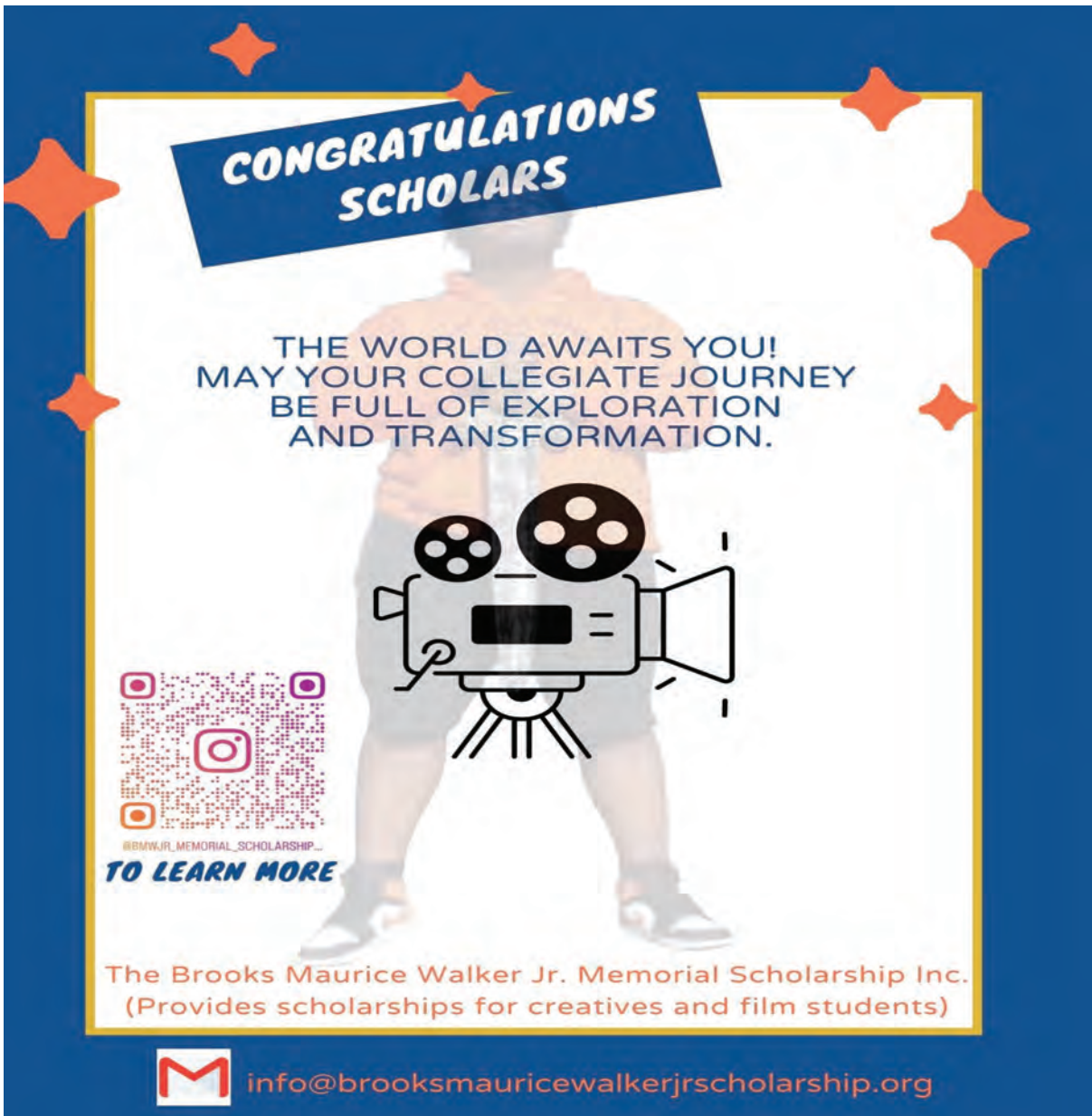
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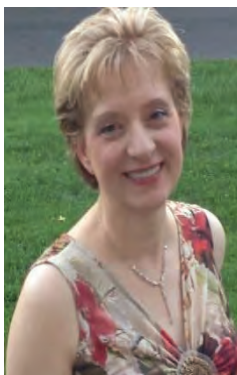
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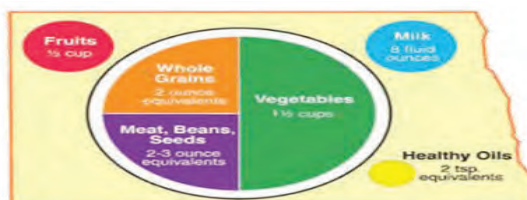
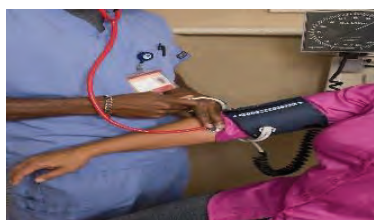
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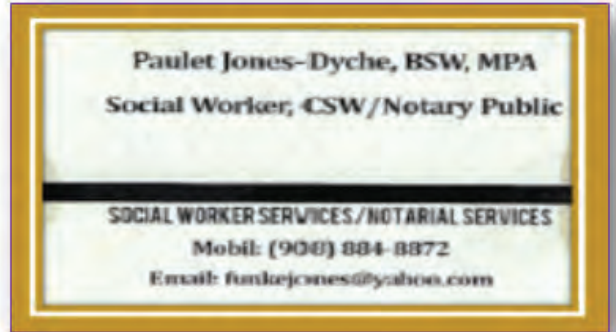


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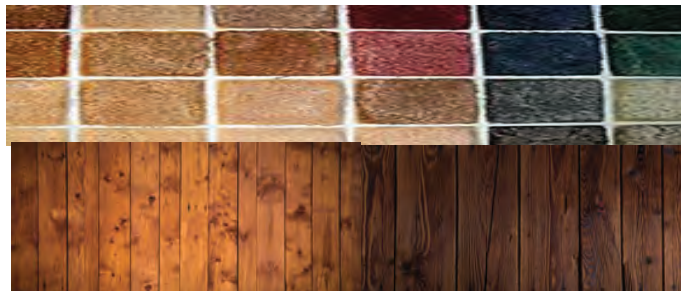


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IT TO 9 YEARS

Congratulations First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th Anniversary Awards

Best Wishes to all Award Recipients.

Dear Dr. Carmen

It's a great pleasure to contribute to an awesome scholarship fund. Your insight and vision are amazing, as is your strength and wisdom. I am grateful for knowing you! I contribute yearly and attend the award ceremony because I believe in the principles that this Foundation was founded on.

We all need to contribute to students studying, especially in the field of science. COVID-19, Monkey Pox, Polio are reminders why science is essential and vital to our existence. 2020-2022 as we continue through the years of the pandemic, stay home when you can, wear your mask, social distance, remember hand washing is vital these will save lives.

The life you save may be your own. Vaccination is important please get yours. It's your added shield of protection to save your life.

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up". James 4:10.

Harriet Fern Bunch, Professional Registered Nurse

***TO DR. CARMEN JONES-ZEIGLER
& BROTHER DAVE ZEIGLER .***



***CONGRATS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP ON YOUR 9TH
YEAR!***

***THANK YOU FOR PIONEERING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
STUDENTS. IT IS MY HONOR TO STAND WITH MY
GRANDCHILDREN IN DONATING TO A WORTHY
CAUSE SO THEY WILL GROW UP UNDERSTANDING
THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND GIVING!***

***GALATIANS 6:2 KJV "Bear ye one
another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of
Christ"***

***CONGRATS TO RECIPIENTS FOR ACHIEVING YOUR
AWARD.***

LOTTIE RILEY, MAKENDA & SHAKA BROWN.

DR. MAJOR MORRISON AND DELORES DALE

Congratulates and Extends Best Wishes To

The First Step Scholarship Recipients



Dr. Carmen Jones-Zeigler, we thank you for your diligent and dedication toward this noble mission.

“But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness” Galatians 5:22

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As the years pass the importance and quality of this Foundation continue to grow in its ability to grant financial support in order to advance students' tertiary educational performance. As such, I'll always commend the hard work and love that drives this initiative year after year. ".....the only to be truly satisfied is to do what you believed is great work and the only way to do great work is to love what you do" - Steve Jobs

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

CECILIA WINT & FAMILY, FL



An exciting, uplifting and rewarding experience is one that you return to once it is repeated. this scholarship is such an experience.

Congratulations First Step Scholarship, you are now cemented in the annals of history as a substantive and sterling foundation in uplifting the youth.

Congrats to this year's Scholarship Recipients.

EDUCATION : "WHEN YOU LEARN, TEACH. WHEN YOU GET, GIVE," - MAYA ANGELOU

"EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO WHAT MUST BE AN ACT OF SELF TRANSFORMATION" - MICHAEL MANLEY.

TED JONES, M.Ed, JP, PRINCIPAL

**CONGRATULATIONS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
ON YOUR 9th ANNIVERSARY AWARD CEREMONY.**



CONGRATS TO ALL THE AWARDEES YOUR DILIGENCE IN YOUR STUDIES HAVE PAID DIVIDENDS.

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank.

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.” — B.B. King
We concur with these quotes learning is important for all people regardless of age.

MICHAEL & WINNIE LABOY



Congratulations First Step Scholarship Foundation. It is marvelous to see you containing funding scholarship during this nine year.

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Best Wishes To All The Scholarship Award Recipients

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” —Malcolm X
I wish you all the best in your continued progress.

*“Teachers can open the door, but you must enter it yourself.”
—Chinese proverb.*

IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO PAY IT FORWARD. LET US ALL REMEMBER THAT WE ARE HELPED ALONG OUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN OURSELVES.

SHIRLEY GEORGES, MSN, A-GNP-C, BSN, RN.



***HELLO FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP
Happy 9th Anniversary, Congrats on your
perseverance in funding scholarships***

You will never always be motivated. You have to learn to be disciplined.

Motivation is a high which gives us the jump start and boost needed to take the leap of faith for our dream projects. This implies that you may fall into a rut in the absence of motivation. That's the time discipline rescues you from sinking. Yes, the cold regimen of hard discipline is what will wake you to work in the morning and keep you awake till late at night for relentlessly pursuing a dream. Discipline helps you achieve your daily targets and hence, the final and ultimate project which you began at the first place.

ELTON & CAROLYN EDWARDS & FAMILY, MARYLAND.

**BEST WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR
CONTINUED SUCCESS! NINE YEARS IS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.**

**CONGRATS TO ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, CONTINUE TO DO
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Luke 6:38 - Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

**Chairman: Dave Zeigler, Treasurer: Annie Williams,
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SURPERB! it's 9 YEARS, WOW!

God continues to provide blessings for First Step Scholarship. Congratulations and Best wishes on your Anniversary.

My family and I are always delighted to support this Foundation's effort. Despite the COVID-19, Monkey Pox it continues to offer scholarships. Dr. Jones-Zeigler your vision is working, it takes dedication, commitment and tanacity to be around eight yeas.

My desire to contribute stems from my upbringing, as a nurse working in the pandemic these past years it is imperative that we provide knowledge especially in science to all. Society on a whole need to understand that vaccination and treatment regime saves lives.

You are making a difference in the lives of our children.

Continue the good work my friend. I will continue to follow you.

Patricia Dore, Registered Professional Nurse, Florida.

IT'S 9 YEARS, I AM WITH YOU ALL THE WAY ! ALWAYS ELATED TO GIVE MY SUPPORT TO THIS CHARITY. FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION YOU HAVE DONE WELL!!

A NURSE'S PERSONAL REFLECTION



Reflecting on the past 3 years. It seems as if it was a long nightmare. However the support of family and friends has allowed me to embrace the challenges and accept the victories. Thanking God for the inspirational gifts of words that comes every morning from Dr. Zeigler. To God be the Glory

“What you're supposed to do when you don't like a thing is change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it. Don't complain.”

— Maya Angelou

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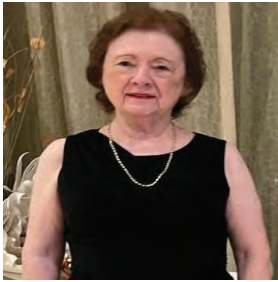


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We would like to say congratulations to the recipients of the First Step Scholarship Foundation Awards! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

*Warm regards for 2023,
Drs. Ardarian & David C. Pierre
Arden, Avery, Dylan and Aubry*

Congrats First Step Scholarship on your 9th year Anniversary.



“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.” Walter Cronkite

“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and diligence.” – Abigail Adams

To All Students who have benefited from the First Step Scholarships ...I wish you all the best as you go forward in pursuit of your education and careers. May all of your dreams come true!

To Dr. Zeigler

Congratulations to you and your team as you celebrate the success of your scholarship program!

BARBARA DICKISON, MPA, RN.

**BEST WISHES TO THE FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP
FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9 YEARS OF SUCCESSFULLY
PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHOSEN RECIPIENTS
YOUR HARD WORK HAS PAID OFF.**

**A positive attitude gives you power over your circumstances
instead of your circumstances having power over you. – Joyce
Meyer.**

**TO ALL THE FOUNDATIONS MEMBERS KEEP UP YOUR
EXCELLENT WORK. YOU ARE SERVING A VITAL
SERVICE.**

LINDA PIERRE, EDUCATOR NJ

Best Wishes to First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th Scholarship Award. Proud to give to a worthy cause, God has bless me with the gift of giving!



Good Luck To All Award Recipients.

God has given us many gifts, but the pandemic is going through families and communities. Because of this, we must believe in Him. He knows what we are experiencing and knows it is not easy staying focused now with all that is going on in the world.

We must pray for Health, Strength, Confidence and Perseverance, reinventing yourself if you have to. He wants us to do his work and work diligently.

"Instead of complaining about your circumstances, get busy and create some new ones". Anonymous

It is far better to be noble and have character than to be popular and have variety and lack tact. As the world changes, we need more mindful people, who will steer our families and country in the best direction.

Thanks First Step Scholarship despite the challenges you triumph

MELODY CLEVELAND, NJ

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION. YOU HAVE DONE WELL!



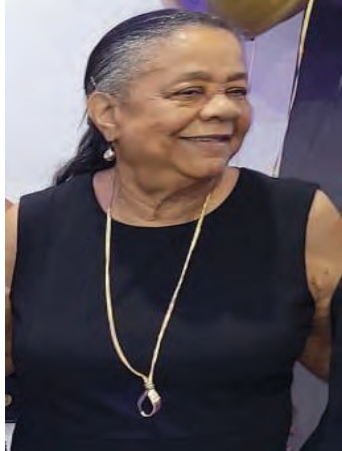
WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FROM ITS INCEPTION NINE YEARS AGO IS A BLESSING

Dr. Jones-Zeigler's passion for helping others is truly remarkable. The scholarship organization is another way she provides leadership in encouraging others to give back.

We contribute yearly because we believe in the mission and the vision of this organization. We studied engineering, we know the cost of college, and cost for books, that's why we are proud to support this endeavor. Please join us in lending your support yearly.

***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS
WE ENJOY GIVING BACK IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
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**BEST WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP ON YOUR 9th
YEAR ANNIVERSARY.**



This is my favorite Foundation, because I believe wholeheartedly in your vision and mission statement. The recipients are blessed to have the support of you and your team. Praying that COVID -19 and no other disease will hinder your efforts. Father God, please continue to bless, strengthen, and protect us from the COVID-19 viruses, Monkey Pox, or any other disease. You are a God of righteousness, love, peace and understanding. Proverbs 3:3 NIV. "Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart".

Recipients: Congrats on your award, stay safe and blessed. Please follow the precautions as you return to school this 2023-2024 school year.

BARBARA MCCRAY, NJ



**EXTREMELY HONORED TO SUPPORT
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Anniversary Awards Ceremony.**

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”Aristotle.

Recipients please remember this quote. Be Humble.

Supporting charitable organizations have no boundaries as long as it's a just cause. First Step Scholarship remained steadfast in its goal to fund scholarships. It takes a bold vision, commitment, dedication, and determination to be a success.

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DANE , KAMI & DAVID MURRAY, CANADA

**BEST WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP ON YOUR
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GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

*"AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE PAYS THE BEST INTEREST."
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*

*EVERY MAN SHALL GIVE AS HE IS ABLE, ACCORDING TO THE BLESSING
OF THE LORD YOUR GOD WHICH HE HAS GIVEN YOU"
DEUTERONOMY 16:17.*

**COVID-19 CONTINUES PLEASE FOLLOW PRECAUTIONS,
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SAVE ALL OUR LIVES.**

MR & MRS KEITH FOREMAN, NJ



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**Although there are challenges in your way you remained
faithful to your mission.**

**For every reason it's not possible, there are hundreds of
people who have faced the same circumstances and
succeeded. – Jack Canfield.**

Congrats to all Award Recipients.

**"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you
know better, do better". –Maya Angelou.**

**Philippians 2:4 - Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on
the things of others.**

GOULIE BARETT, MSN, BSN RN

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9th
ANNIVERSARY AWARD CEREMONY



**BEST WISHES TO THE RECIPIENTS, YOUR
IMPRESSIVE WORK LED TO YOUR AWARD.**

*"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the
first step". —Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*We applaud your generosity to students as they
seek higher education. All the best and continued
success!*

*"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason
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in people."*

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**BEST WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP
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WONDERFUL! CONTINUED SUCCESS TO YOU.**

Good Luck To All Award Recipients.

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commitment to higher education for all. Peace and
Blessings.*

*"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you
can". —Arthur Ashe*

Audria Russell, LMSW, LSW

FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION WOW!

WHAT CAN I SAY, 9 YEARS?

I BELIEVE THAT ONCE ONE HAS A VISION AND PUTS ONE'S MIND TO THE SAID VISION IT REAPS REWARDS.

"If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life". —Marcus Garvey

BEST WISHES TO ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

In a gentle way, you can shake the world. — Mahatma Gandhi

It always seems impossible until it's done. —Nelson Mandela

MAXINE AUGUSTUS-POWELL



...to the First Step Scholarship Foundation on Your 9th Award

Ceremony

We are very happy to support all that you continue to do for our students majoring in science.

"What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals. — Zig Ziglar

As you teach, do not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time, you will reap a harvest of blessings. Galatians 6:9 NLT

Denise Cummings, Joe & Dwana Hutchinson, Edna & Cori Lovelady, Thomas & Celestine Gresham.

Congratulations First Step Scholarship Foundation, from Pastor and First Lady Robinson.



Keep on striving, God is protecting you!

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty Psalms 91 : 1

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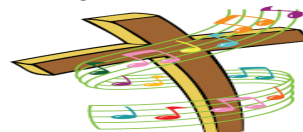
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AND TO ALL THE 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Many blessings to every one of you. Strive to do your best always.

“Intelligence plus Character – That is the goal of true education”. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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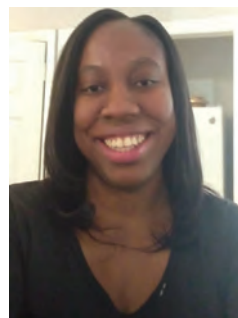
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"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other" Abraham Lincoln

*For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.
2 Corinthians 8:12*

ARTHUR KELLY.



First Step Scholarship Foundation congrats on your 9th year in providing scholarships to our students. It is always a blessing to pay it forward

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." - Robert Collier

Congratulations to all the awardees. As an educator, I believe in the ability of education to transform people's lives for the better. Thus, the work of First Step Scholarship is literally life changing.

CANDICE GURZEL JONES, EDUCATOR.

THANK YOU NOTE TO ALL WHO BELEIVED!



TO MY LOVING MOTHER PATRICIA RICHARDS, ALL MY LOVE GOES OUT TO YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK TO SEE THAT I RECEIVE A GOOD EDUCATION. YOU HAVE MY UTMOST RESPECT AND THANKS.

TO ALL MY SIBLINGS, FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS WHO BELEIVED IN ME NEVER WAIVERED, THANK YOU! DR. JONES-ZEIGLER THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BELEIVING IN ME.

“The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth.” John F. Kennedy.



CONGRATS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. WELL DONE, FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP.

Lord lead me in righteousness so I can assist those in need.

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” —Winston S. Churchill

**MARTHA FOWLER,
LICENSE PRACTICAL
NURSE .**



Congratulations First Step Scholarship on your 9th Scholarship Anniversary Award Celebration!

It's with great pleasure that I am a supporter of First Step Scholarship.

Good luck to all the award recipients, make the best of the opportunities you are given.

“We have an obligation and a responsibility to be investing in our students and our schools. We must make sure that people who have the grades, the desire and the will, but not the money, can still get the best education possible.” Barack Obama.

VIRGINA KEMP

Congratulations to The First Step Scholarship Foundation On their 9th Year Anniversary .



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Best Wishes First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th Anniversary Award Ceremony.

Congrats to all award recipients you worked hard and your hard work has paid off.

“Success is a state of mind. If you want success, start thinking of yourself as a success.” — Joyce Brothers.

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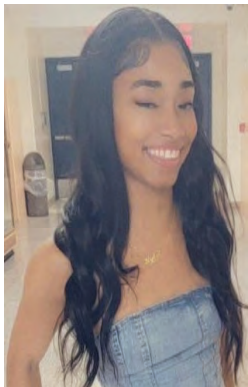
RESPECTFUL, HONEST, CARING, LOVING, AND THOUGHTFUL HUMAN BEINGS. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR GRANDMOTHER THIS YEAR AND PRAY THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO TO EXCELL IN YOUR EDUCATION.

May God continue to shine his light on you both that you may walk continually in his path.

Thanks First Step Scholarship Foundation for awarding scholarships.

YOUR GODPARENTS.



Congratulations First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th anniversary. Continue your excellent work. Awardees congratulations for being one of the chosen

**“Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.”
Henry David Thoreau**

EMILY JACKS, NJ



CONGRATS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9th ANNIVERSARY AWARDS CEREMONY.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL AWARD RECIPIENTS, I WISH FOR YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS.

“Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.”

Albert Einstein

“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.” Chinese Proverb.

SHARON PERRY, NJ



Best Wishes First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th Anniversary!

Congrats to all the recipients your grades earned you this award. Keep up the good work.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

I PROUDLY SUPPORT FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP YEARLY BECAUSE I BELEIVE IN GIVING FOR WORTHY CAUSE. THANKS TO THE FOUNDATION'S LEADER AND DONORS, THE SCHOLARSHIP IS DONG WELL!

Nubiola Castillo, Healthcare Worker



Deacon Curtis And Deaconess Patricia Harmon Proudly Supports Charitable Giving to assist students in quest for higher education.

"No country can really develop unless it's citizens are educated" Nelson Mandela

Congratulations to the 2023 First Step Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Award Recipients

Colossians 3:23

"Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people."

May the Lord continue to bless you as you move forward on life's journey. Keep God in your heart every step of the way



Jeremy Jr.



Jazara

Jeremy Jr and Jazara Wilkinson extends best wishes to First Step Scholarship on the 9th anniversary! Congrats to the recipients.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7 KJV

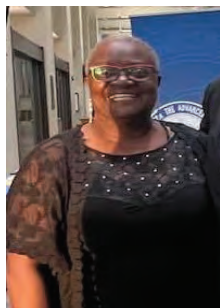
““One small positive thought can change your whole day.” — Zig Ziglar

JEREMY WILKINSON Sr & FAMILY.



To our very sweet young lady Kayla we are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Continue to do great things, keep GOD first and know that we are your biggest cheerleaders always. We love you!!

Congratulations from your proud FAMILY.

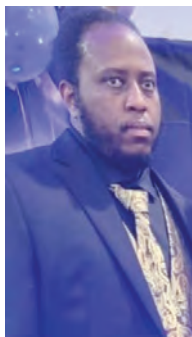


It is a pleasure to support First Step Scholarship on the 9th Anniversary. Congrats to all the recipients all the best with your studies.

. “The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth.” —John F. Kennedy.

1 Thessalonians 5:18- In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

DIANN MOSLEY, GA



It is always an honor to support Dr Jones-Zeigler's charities. Thank you for your vision for First Step Scholarship Foundation', 9 years is a great accomplishment. Continued success to all members of this great foundation. Keep up the good work.

Congrats to all recipients on your awards. Your education is extremely important therefore reach for the stars. "Don't just aspire to make a living; Aspire to make a difference" - Denzel Washington "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding". Proverbs 4:7 KJV

SHANE JONES



CONGRATS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY. CONTINUE THE GREAT WORK.

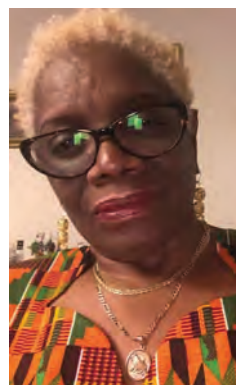
BEST WISHES TO THE RECIPIENTS. CONTINUE TO DO YOUR BEST IT PAYS OFF.

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope.” —Helen Keller

We support this foundation's effort to provide scholarships to students majoring in the area of science. We are in need future scientists with knowledge of science to deal with climate change, viruses, biological warfare's, and human mistakes as to scientific research.

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary. —Vidal Sassoon

Naomi & Josiah Marshall Ramsay



BEST WISHES TO THE FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, ON YOUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY.

CONTINUED SUCCESS IN FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS.

CONGRATS RECIPIENTS

**CLOTHING ALTERATIONS
UNIQUE HOMEMADE CRAFTS**



CALL: 718-749-6172





Congrats First Step Scholarship on your 9th annual scholarship award. I am proud to support you. Continue your good work.

Congratulations for 9 years of seeding into the lives of young people. With God nothing is impossible! God bless and favor this year's recipients!

Leslie Lester, RN, MS, CHPN.



GOD BLESS THE FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON THE 9th ANNIVERSARY!!

BEST WISHES TO ALL RECIPIENTS, CONTINUE TO DO WELL IT PAYS OFF.

"Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful". —Joshua J. Marine

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another". —Walter Elliott

MAUREEN SUPERVILLE .



Best wishes First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th anniversary award ceremony! You have been a blessing to many despite challenges, keep up the good work. Donating to First Scholarship to help students is my pleasure! Best Wishes to All Recipients!

"Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine." Roy T. Bennett,

Galatians 6:2. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Hebrews 13:16. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

PAULET JONES-DYCHE, MPA, SW

Congrats First Step Scholarship on your 9th Anniversary Awards Ceremony.

Congrats to all the award recipients continue your excellent work.

"A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special." Nelson Mandela

I support First Step Scholarship Foundation yearly because I believe in what they are doing in providing scholarship to students in science.

Kevin Murphy, Healthcare Worker

CONGRATS TO FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP
ON YOUR 9TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS .

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORKS.



FROM SHERONETTE , ROY BRYAN
AND FAMILY



**MT. Zion AME New Brunswick, NJ
Senior Usher Board**

**Congratulates, and Salutes the First Step
Scholarship Recipients
Arthur Howard, President**

**And we know that all things work together for
good to them that love God, to them who are called
according to his purpose” Romans 8:28**

**Dr. CARMEN JONES-ZEIGLER :
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT AND
DEDICATION TO OUR FUTURE
GENERATION**

**Rev. Dr. W. Golden Carmon and Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Mattie Carmon**

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**BEST WISHES FIRST
STEP SCHOLARSHIP
ON YOUR 9TH
ANNIVERSARY!
YOU ARE
SURVIVING
DESPITE
CHALLENGES**

CONGRATS TO ALL THE RECIPIENTS

**“Success is a state of mind. If you want success,
start thinking of yourself as a success.”— Joyce
Brothers,**

**Please let us all get on board to support this
foundation’s effort in helping students majoring
in health science, social science and engineering.**

**Our future depends on an educated workforce in
science. Therefore, it is imperative that we fund
scholarships in this are of study.**

Jennece Wright, Healthcare Worker

**FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO
ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS WHO ARE GRIEVING THE
LOSS OF LOVED ONES**



SOME OF THE LOSSES ARE RELATED TO THE 2020-2023 COVID-19, OTHER LOSSES MAY BE RELATED TO OTHER CAUSES, NEVERTHELESS YOU HAVE OUR SYMPATHIES.

Psalm 94:19 When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

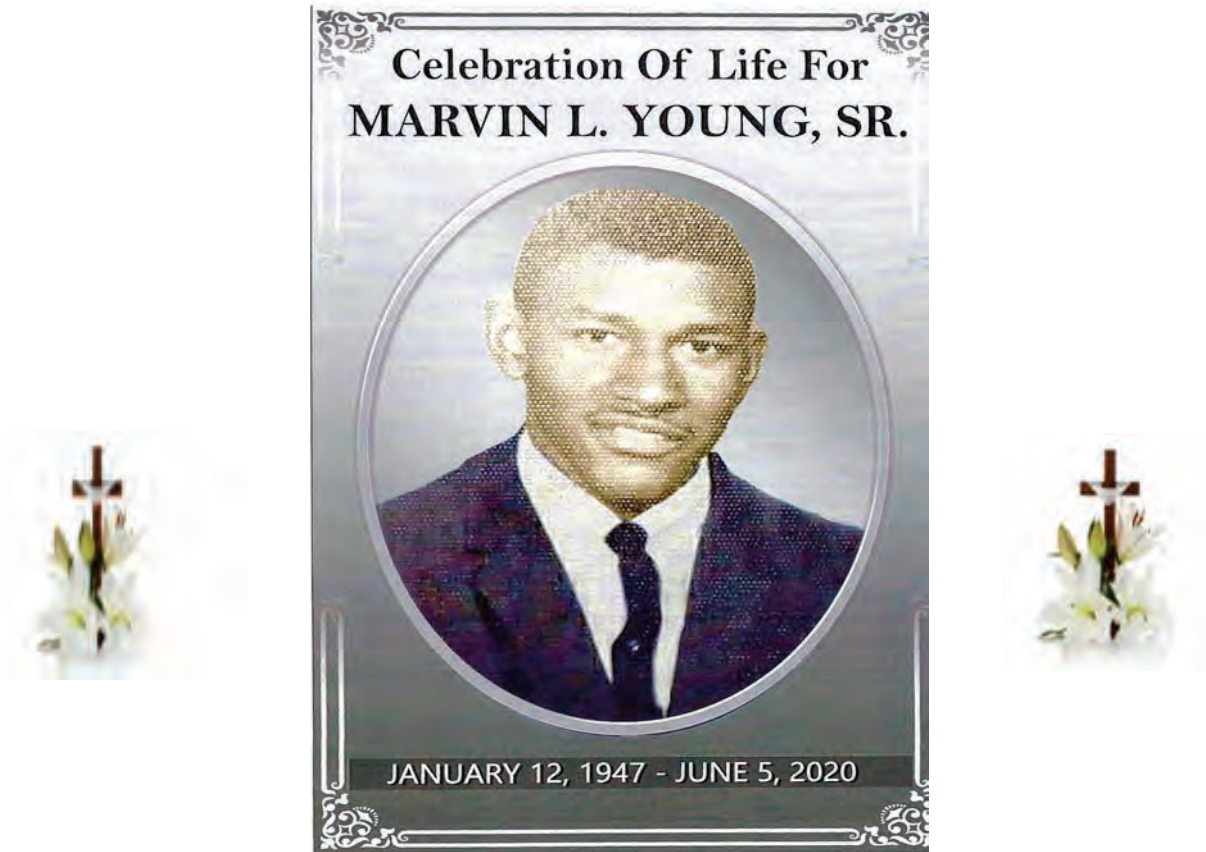
THE FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S BOARD.



In Loving Memory of our Mother the Matriarch, she had a full life. Lived over nine decades, four scores and twelve. Praising her God all the way. A giving, and loving person.

Enjoyed helping, teaching, and molding young minds. Always was passionate about education. You are gone but your memories and stories lives on in our hearts. The Jones' & Zeigler Family.

In Loving Memory of My Dear Father.



Daddy, I miss you more than ever....

Your guidance, and your love...

*I know you are still watching
silently above...*

Cordria (Cori) Vanessa Lovelady

Cordria (Cori) Vanessa Lovelady

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND WHO HAS GONE ON TO BE WITH OUR SAVIOR. YOUR WORK ON EARTH WAS COMPLETED AND NOW YOU ARE RESTING IN YOUR SAVIOR'S ARMS. *Edna Lovelady*



Sunrise
January 2, 1944

Sunset
October 26, 2020



THANKS BE TO GOD FOR LONGEVITY! A LIFE WELL LIVED.
NOW I HAVE GONE HOME TO REST IN MY SAVIORS ARMS.

CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF LIFE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SUSIE ROBINSON



I MADE IT HOME

*I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.
Everything is so pretty here. So bright, so fresh, and so new.
I wish you could close your eyes, and you could see it too.
Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.
God is taking care of me. I'm in the shelter of His hands.
Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.
Here it is so peaceful when all the angels sing.
I really have to go now. I've just got to try my wings.*

Your Memory Will Forever Remain In Our Hearts

Carolyn Green and Family

*John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as
the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.*

EDNA LOVELADY

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF JANEY BRACY OUR CHOIR
MEMBER AT SECOND MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH.**



JANEY BRACY: SUNRISE: DECEMBER 28, 1932 -SUNSET : JUNE 30, 2022

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND, A TALENTED SINGER AND CHOIR MEMBER.

A CHILD OF GOD WHO LEFT THIS WORLD WHILE SERVING THE LORD.

**JANEY YOU ARE THERE WITH GOD'S ANGELS, SINGING BEAUTIFUL SONGS FOR
YOUR SAVIOR!**

**We miss you; we miss your talent; we are thankful that you
used it for God's kingdom.**

EDNA LOVELADY

BEST WISHES TO ALL 2023 RECPIENTS

“You Never Said Goodbye”
Author Unknown

You never said I’m leaving,
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.

A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn’t go alone.
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.

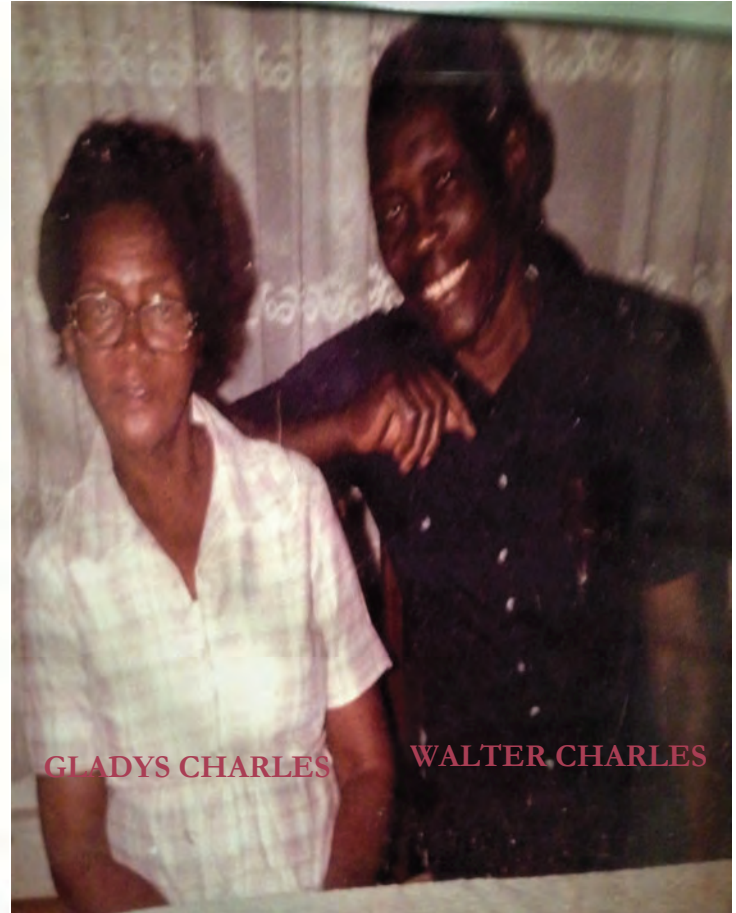
Rest in peace My Brothers

Horace Albert Jones, Jr.
1953 - 1962

Alvin Pernell
Jones 1950 - 1970

Lovingly,
Sisters Celestine Gresham and Edna Lovelady

***In Loving Memory of our Beloved Parents:
Gladys Mary Agnes Charles & Walter Charles.***



**Congratulations to First Step Scholarship Foundation on the 9th
Anniversary of your Awards.**

Congratulations to all the Scholarship Recipients.

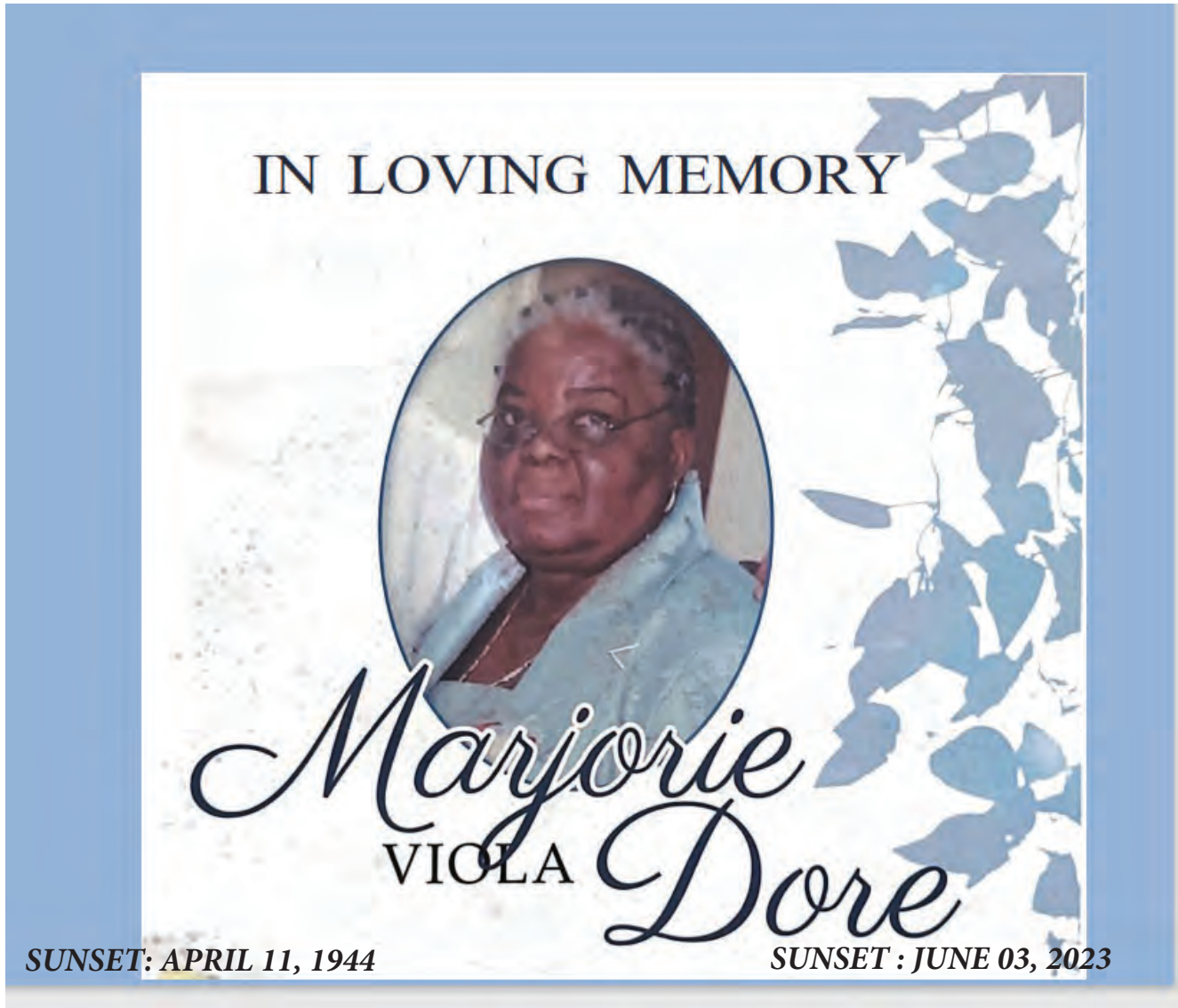
Proverbs 3:5, 6

**Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not unto your own understanding
in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.**

The Charles Family



**REMEMBERING A BELOVED MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND AUNT.
YOUR KINDNESS, HONESTY, CALMING DEMEANOR AND LOVE OF
FAMILY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.**



Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. (Psalm 34:15)

**YOUR FAMILY WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU , YOUR MEMORIES WILL
REMAIN INN OUR HEARTS. *Patricia Dore, M***

IN MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND, A FASHION DESIGNER WHOSE TALENT WAS NEVER TRULY KNOWN DUE TO HER HUMILITY. GOD HAS CALLED YOU HOME , YOU NEVER COMPLAINED, YOU BELIEVE IN GOD AND SERVED HIM ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. REST IN PARADISE MY DEAR CHERRY UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

From: Dr. Carmen Jones-Zeigler & Family

*Celebrating the life of
Joyce Diana Mattison Lawrence
"Grandma Cherry"*



March 26, 1950 - August 11, 2023

God called your name so gently
That only you could hear,
No one heard the footsteps
Of the Angel drawing near.
Softly from the shadows
There came a gentle call,
You closed your eyes and went to sleep
and quietly left us all.

GOD HAS TAKEN YOU HOME TO BE AT REST MY BELOVED GRANDMA CHERRY . I MISSING YOU EACH DAY



Friday August 11, 2023 – Joyce Diana Mattison Lawrence. My mother Rosetta's mom and my amazing Grandma Cherry passed away. For 26 years of knowing and loving you I am so blessed to spend almost every summer of my life with you in Jamaica and to have just celebrated one of your favorite days of the year, your birthday, just a few short months ago.

To the woman who potty trained me at 2yrs old, ensured all her grandkids were baptized, and who has stored up thousands of prayers for her family and friends, I thank you. My Grandma Cherry was one half of my world and though our family's heart is broken into so many pieces over her passing, I am so immensely grateful to have known, cared for, and love my grandma. Our hearts will go on and Cherry will forever be in them. There is no doubt she is in heaven. Sleep in eternal peace my beautiful Grandma Cherry

We will all mourn you, you will always be in our thoughts, and memories until we meet again. *Rosetta, Jacqueline, Carlina, Dwayne and all the family.*

***Grandma, your life was
full of loving deeds,
forever thoughtful of our
special needs.
Today and tomorrow, my
whole life through,
I will always love and
cherish you.***

-Unknown Author



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER, 1925- 2017



Our Mother lived a life of dedication and sacrifice. She loved a lot and treated everyone with dignity and respect.

Mama was caring, compassionate, and saw the best in people.

Mama loved her Bible; she constantly read her Bible.

Mama, God took away all suffering.

Mama, you are resting in your Savior's arms.

Rest in heavenly peace Mama!

We will always cherish your memories and the lessons you taught us!



Beverly Smith-Christian & Family

**BEST WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
ON YOUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY!
CONGRATS TO ALL 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS!**



Let us give thanks to God for the 71 years of life

Henderson A. Taylor Lived!

My dear brother, you meant so much to all of us.

You will remain in our hearts.

You will always be precious and loved.

Rest in Your Savior's Precious Arms .



Coral Taylor Family & Loved Ones.

THE STRIKE MERCHANTS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR DEPARTED LOVED ONES.

YOUR WORK ON EARTH WAS COMPLETED

GOD CALLED YOU HOME TO ETERNAL REST.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER.

MAY YOUR SOULS REST IN PEACE.



HERMAN HOLMES 1933–1988

CAROLYN GILCREST

CHESTER HOLMES 1930–2012

DOROTHY HARRINGTON 1945–2014

GEORGE BAILEY 1946–2019



In loving Memory of our mother and father who were relentless in their conviction to educate their children. May your souls find eternal peace. You were terrific parents!



Isaiah 41:10. Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

"When men on earth has done their best Angels in heaven can't do better" you have done your best, Your legacy is intact. R.I.P.



Gurzel L. Jones 5/23/1925 -2/7/2018

Cleophas Jones 3/29/1922- 7/17/1996

YOU TAUGHT US TO BELIEVE IN GOD FIRST AND ALWAYS, NEVER WAVER, STAND FIRM IN OUR BELIEF.

*YOU TAUGHT US COMPASSION, HUMILITY, GRACE, AND GENEROSITY,
ABOVE ALL YOU TAUGHT US HOW TO GIVE BACK
WITHOUT EXPECTING RETURN IN OUR GIVING.*

YOU TAUGHT US TO REACH FOR THE STARS IN ALL WE DO.

*"A GOOD EDUCATION IS ALL YOU WILL NEED TO NAVIGATE THIS WORLD" GURZEL JONES
YOU WERE AHEAD OF YOUR TIME, YOU UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR US.*

Thank you, you have done well. We all owe you our love. R.I.P.

Papa & Mama!

Yvonne, Sonia, Hector (Hope) Paulet, Denton, Carmen (Dave) Andy, Ted

*Kami (Dane), Alicia, Andre (Shelly) Sheldon (Shea), Doron, Carolyn (Elton),
Jalecea, Hector Jr., Kimberly, Ade (Bayo), Candice, Jauyna, Janotraub, Shane*

(grandchildren)

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF A BELOVED SON, BROTHER, FATHER,
UNCLE, FRIEND WHO SUCCUMBED TO COVID-19 IN 2020
WHILE WORKING AS A FRONTLINE WORKER. GOD MUST HAVE
NEEDED YOU MORE. HE CALLED YOU HOME TO REST.**



SUNRISE: 05/06/1962



DOUGLAS ZEIGLER



SUNSET: 04/25/2020

From the day we are born, we know we will eventually go home to our Heavenly Father. We are thankful for the time God has allowed us to have you in our lives. Rest easy until we meet again.

Ephesians 4:13 "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ".

**YOU ARE MISSED BY YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALL WHO LOVED YOU,
WE WILL CHERISH YOUR MEMORIES ALWAYS.**





*In Loving Memories of Mr. Billy James Weston
March 5, 1939 – June 3, 2018*



Our Family Story seems so incomplete now that you are gone. We find it hard to turn the page knowing that you are not in the next chapter. However, Loving Memories of you will be held in our hearts forever.

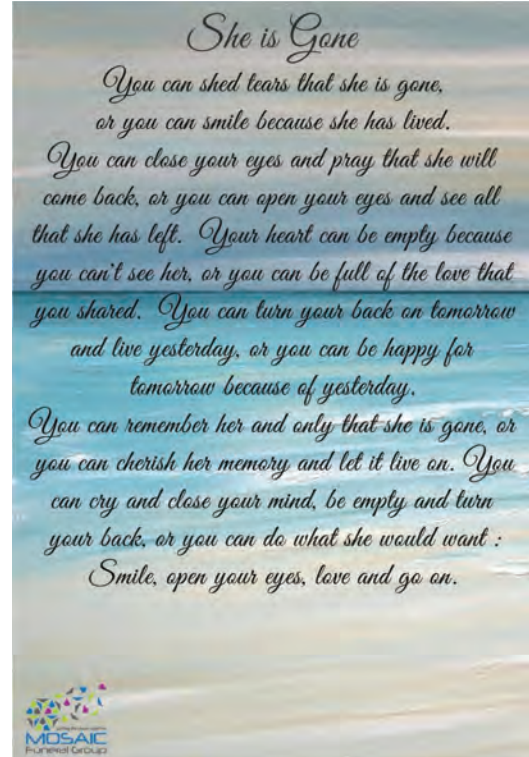
Jarrett E. Weston, Son
George Isler, Jr., Brother
Diane Isler Smith, Sister
Merle Gervin Isler, Sister-in-Law
Cedrick Gervin-Isler, Nephew
Dawn Gervin-Isler, Niece



IT'S HARD TO FORGET SOMEONE;
WHO GAVE YOU SO MUCH TO
REMEMBER.



THE FAMILY IN MEMORY OF A BELOVED MOTHER WHO BELIEVES IN CHARITABLE GIVING IS PROUD TO SUPPORT FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON THEIR 9TH ANNIVERSARY.



For those of you who knew Brenda also fondly known by her friends as “Ms. P” would agree that she was a very jovial, resourceful and peaceful person who loved to tell jokes. She enjoyed cooking and was known for her pudding and souse, coconut bread and cassava pone. These are a few of her favorite, traditional dishes from her beloved Barbados. She spent her free time sewing, reading, and watching “Judge Judy.” Her favorite motto was “It won’t always be this way,” meaning that things will always get better.

" I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing". 2 Timothy 4 : 7-8 NIV

*Did you want to see me broken? Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops, Weakened by my soulful cries?*

STILL I RISE !

MAYA ANGELOU

FROM THE FAMILY OF ANDREA LOCHAN

GOD HAS CALLED YOU HOME TO INTERNAL REST!

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
& LEGACY OF

Anne Phedora Douglas



*In Memory of a very devoted, loving,
caring, and giving wife, mother, mother-
in-law, grandmother, and great
grandmother.*

Hugo Douglas and family.

When someone
you love becomes a
Memory
That memory
becomes a *Treasure*

WE HAVE LOSS YOU TO YOUR SAVIOR. WE ARE SO SAD, BUT YOU FOUND SAFETY IN YOUR SAVIOR'S ARMS , NO MORE PAIN.

Celebration of Life
*Deaconess Mary Bell Wyatt
Parham*

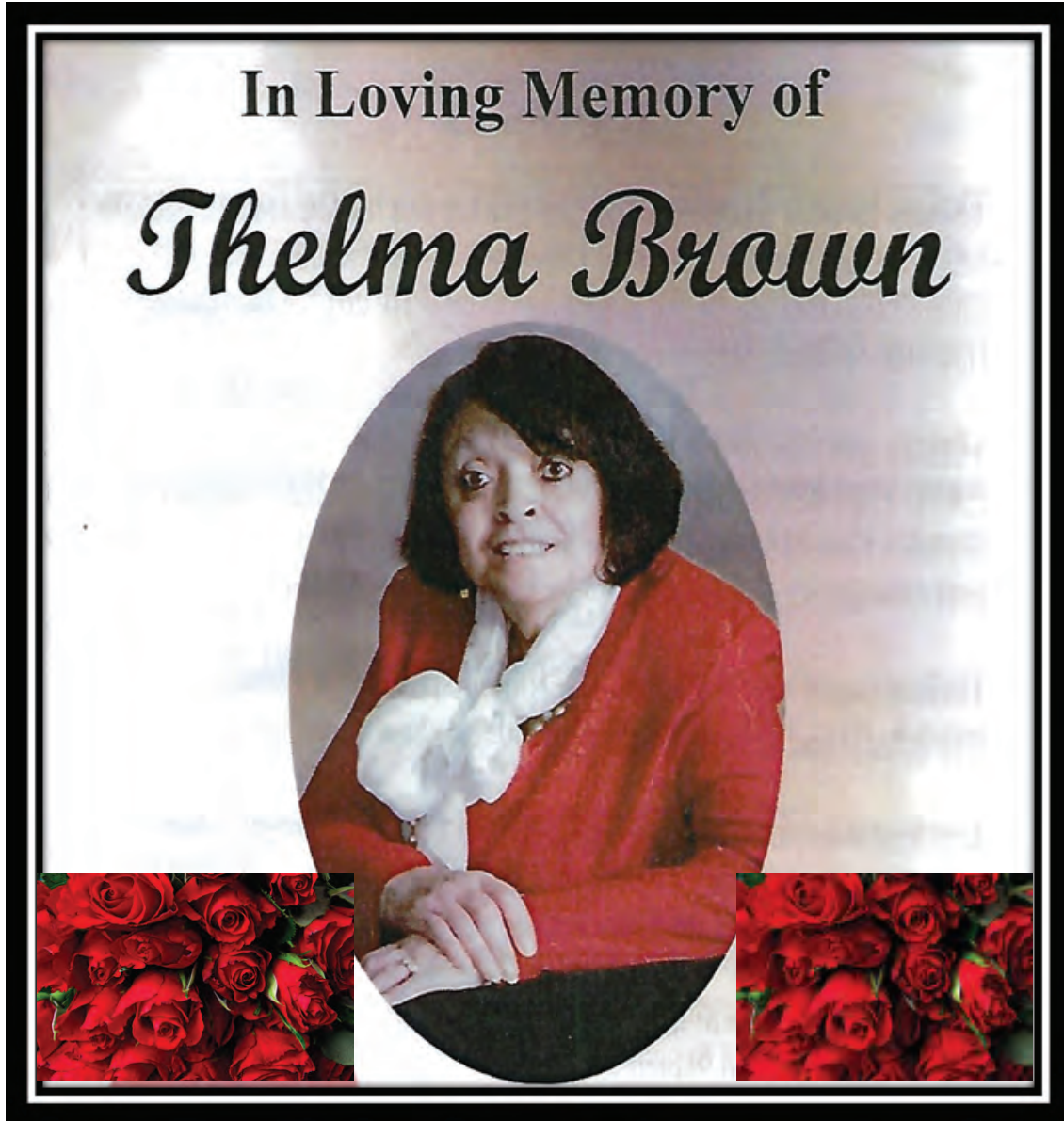
June 20, 1944 – June 22, 2023



Loved Ones
May leave this world,
but they never leave
Our Hearts

SADLY MISSED BY: THE PARAM FAMILY, THE FOSTER FAMILY, & The ZEIGLER FAMILY.

GOD HAS TAKEN YOU HOME TO BE AT REST MY BELOVED WIFE. I AM MISSING YOU EACH DAY. PRAYING THAT GOD WILL KEEP ON COMFORTING ME. R.I.P. MY BELOVED THELMA



SUNISE: OCTOBR 7, 1949

SUNSET: OCTOBER 10, 2017

JOHN 16: 22 "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy ". NIV

Matthew 5:4 - "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted " KJV

Deacon Jefferson Brown

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF DOROTHY MAYNOR, BELOVED
WIFE & MOTHER.***

Gone but never forgotten!

Sunrise 7/31/1945



Sunset 7/28/2020

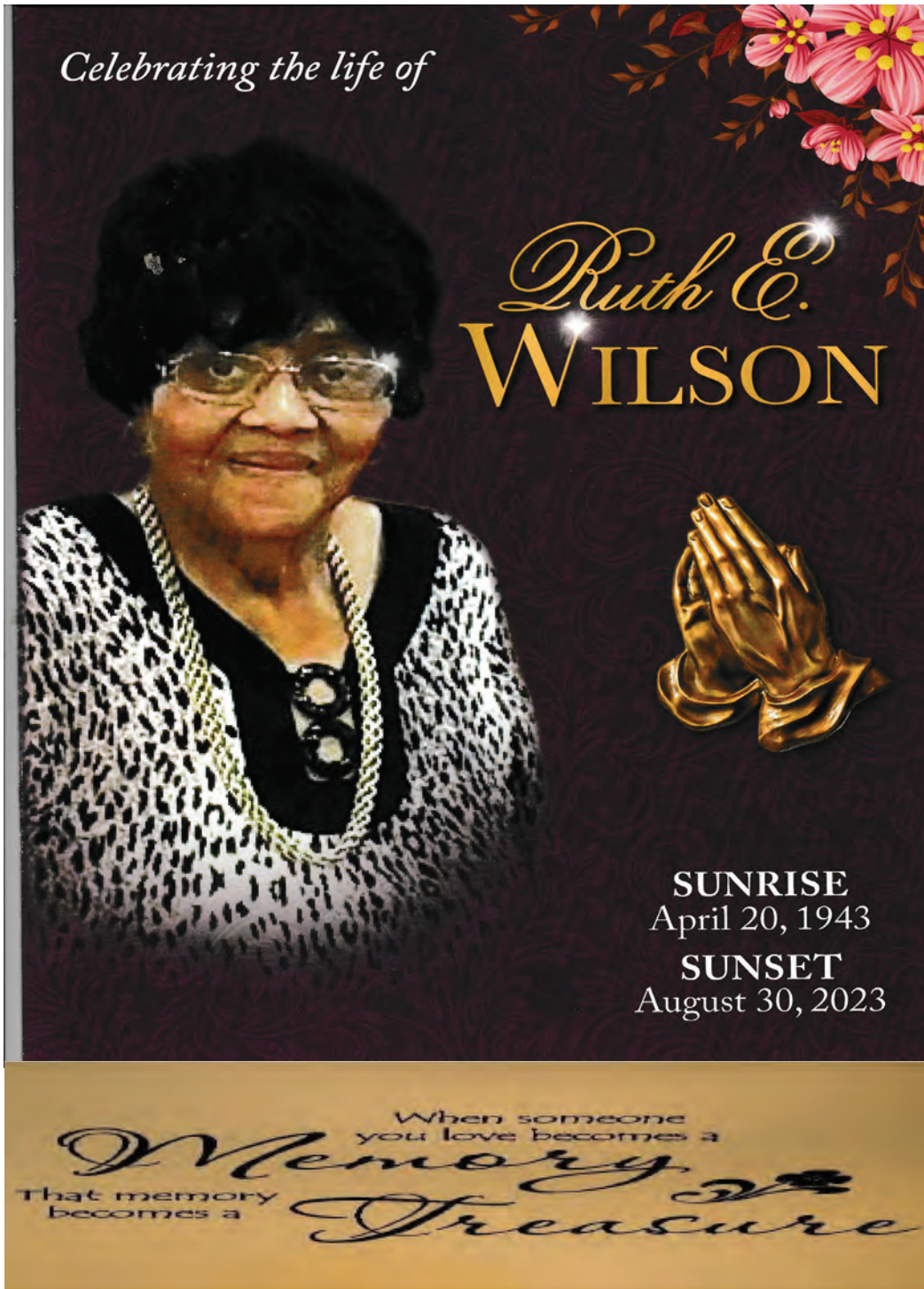


***GOD CALLED YOU HOME TO REST IN HIS ARMS. WE MISS YOU
TREMENDOUSLY, YOUR MEMORIES WILL REMAIN WITH US TO COMFORT US
THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE!***

Congrats First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th year Anniversary

In memory of a dear friend, spouse, mother, grandmother, RUTH E. WILSON. God called you home from all the suffering and pain . You served the Lord well now you are with Him in paradise until we meet again.

From: All your Friends & Family who will miss you.



Congratulations First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th Anniversary

In Loving Memory Of Our Loving Parents
HENRY & OBIE SHAW



A special smile
A special place in our hearts
Memories are a gift to treasure, ours of you
will last forever.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And
His ears are open to their cry. Psalm 34:15

William, Janice Shaw & Family

In Loving Memory Of Our Loving Parents
JAMES & ANNA HARDY



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Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are they that mourn: for
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JANICE, WILLIAM SHAW & FAMILY

In Loving Memory Of My Brother
Maurice Culver.



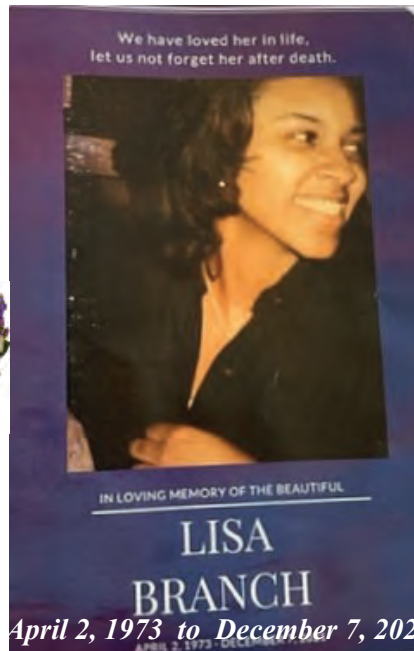
Sunrise:
April 11, 1963.
Sunset: February
8, 2023. Rest In
Eternal Peace



Maurice was a devoted member of
Community Baptist Church of Plainfield .
A member of the CBC Men's Fellowship
Ministry. A member of the Men's Choir.
He always speaks of the love he has for his
Pastor Robinson Sr.

My brother truly loved his church and his
family.

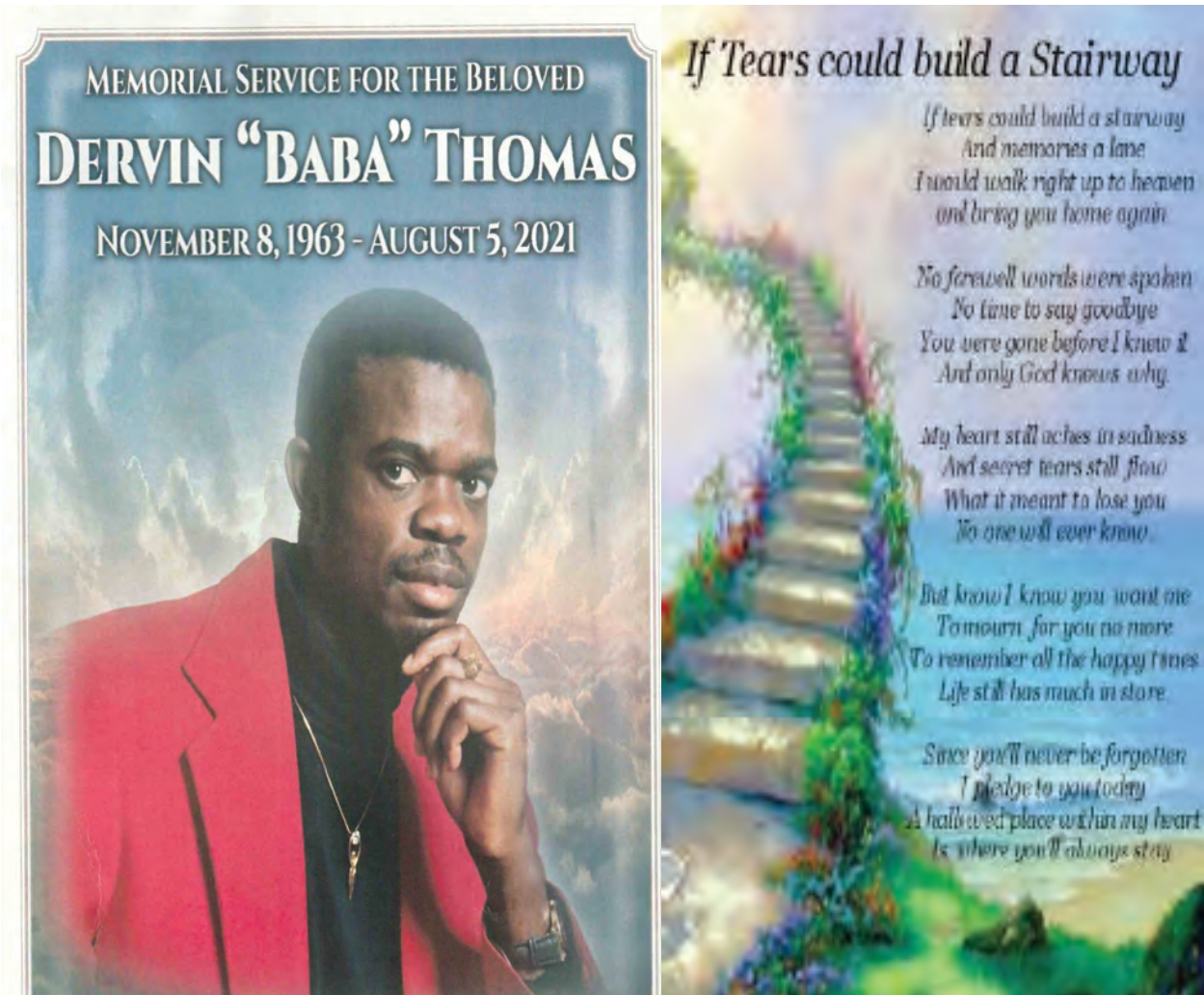
I will miss you and your loving kindness.
SHARON CULVER & FAMILY.



*Lisa you are missed by your family. God
called you home to be in eternal peace.
We will keep your memories in our hearts
Floretta Belle-Corbin & Family*

**CONGRATULATIONS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON
9 YEARS OF TREMENDOUS SERVICE TO STUDENTS !**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEARLY BELOVED BROHER , & FATHER
DERVIN. GOD LOVED YOU MORE AND CALLED YOU HOME TO
REST.**



It is a year now since you left us. You suffered in silence for so long, you choose to keep the extent of your illness away from family. Leaving us with your memories to comfort us. Your memories are etched in our hearts, you will always be with us in spirit. "That infectious smile". We loved it.

Mom Aldith, son Nate, grandson Omar/Kristina.

Brothers: Rowan, Winston, Jeff.

Sisters: Pat, Judith, Doreth, Joy and a lot of family friends and coworkers.

R.I.E.P. DERVIN "BABA"

**THE FAMILY IN MEMORY OF DEACON & DEACONESS
NEWSON WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
CONGRATS ON THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS.**



SUNRISE:6/24/1943
SUNSET: 1/27/18



SUNRISE : 2/23/1944
SUNSET: 1/6/1922

"I [We] have fought a good fight, I [we] have finished my [our] course, I [we] have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me [us] a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me [us] at that day: and not to me [us] only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" 2 Timothy 7-8.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple". Psalms 27 :4

**THE FAMILY OF DEACON EDWARD J. NEWSON & DEACONESS QUEENIE
NEWSON**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND REUBEN E. JOHNSON ALWAYS ON MY MIND.
YOUR LOVING WIFE, DENISE**



CONGRATULATIONS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION CONTINUE YOUR AMAZING WORK.

***BEST WISHES FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. STAY TRUE TO YOUR MISSION & VISION***



***IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY
PARENTS,
VIRGIL & MARY ARMSTRONG***

***THE VALUES YOU BESTOWED IN ME WILL REMAIN
WITH ME ALWAYS. HELPING OTHERS AS GOD HAS
ALLOWED ME TO.***

***Psalms 94 : 19 When the cares of my heart
are many, your consolations cheer my soul.***

YOUR Loving Daughter : DELORES DALE.

IN MEMORY OF MY LOVING FAMILY WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE. MAY YOUR SOULS FIND ETERNAL REST.



Donald Allen 1923-2006

Enid Allen 1925-2009

Kaye Evans 1945-2017

Patrick Allen 1958-2017

OUR BOND WILL NOT BE BROKEN, YOUR MEMORIES ARE ETCHED INTO MY HEART FOREVER UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN MY MISSING YOU ALWAYS. THANKS FOR BEING A WONDERFUL FAMILY.

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ON YOUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY

DONALD ALLEN

WILLIE MAC ZEIGLER & ANNIE MAE ZEIGLER

Your loving memories will be cherished in my heart forever. I missed our talks, our laughter, our happy family life, always. Jim Crow south never broke your spirits. You believed in God.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

YOUR BELOVED SON: DAVE MAC ZEIGLER



Revelation 21:4 - And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT OUR FAMILY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF
FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
YEARLY IN AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING STUDENTS.



Sunrise: 2/26/1973
Sunset: 4/10/2020

*IN MEMORY OF MY BELOVED SON WHO LEFT THIS WORLD
TOO SOON! MY HEART STILL ACHES. YOU FOUGHT LONG
BUT YOU WERE NO MATCH FOR "CANCER" IT WON.*

***PETER ANDRECAVE** was born in Georgetown Guyana to
Joycelyn Inniss- Roach on **FEBRUARY 26, 1973.**
He migrated to **USA** in 1984.*

*WE THINK ABOUT YOU ALWAYS,
WE TALK ABOUT YOU STILL..
YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN FORGOTTEN AND YOU NEVER WILL
WE HOLD YOU CLOSE WITHIN OUR HEARTS
AND THERE YOU WILL REMAIN,
TO WALK AND GUIDE US THROUGH OUR LIVES
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.*

**Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every
day. Unseen, unheard, but always near So loved, so
missed, so very dear.**

Your family misses your greater than life presence. R.I.P

**John 16:22 - "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I
will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your
joy no man taketh from you"**

JOYCELYN ROACH & FAMILY



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF ERZA JONES, LOVING FATHER,
AND UNCLE WHO IS NOW RESTING WITH HIS SAVIOR.**



**Sunrise: 01/03/36 -
Sunset: 08/20/2023**



*We will always cherish your memory,
remembering your smile, your kindness
and generosity to all. We will miss your
caring and calm demeanor.*

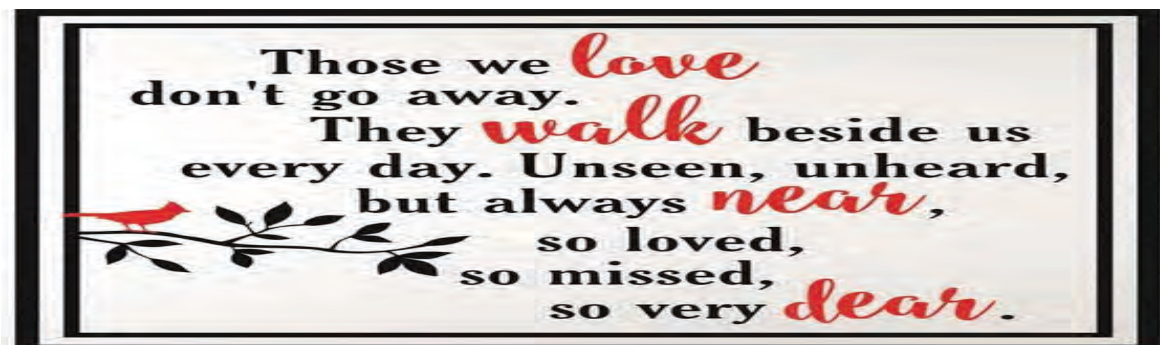
*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says
the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you
a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)*

SADLY MISSED, THE JONES FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM OF LAURA B. (WAWA) LLOYD

& GREGORY (GREG) DEWITT

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever
and so does ours. You both will remain forever in our hearts.**



CONTINUE TO PROTECT US AS WE CONTINUE TO MISS YOU BOTH. THE PAIN NEVER GOES AWAY BUT IT DOES BECOME MORE BEARABLE.

CONTINUE TO REST IN PEACE.

Rene Zeigler and Family Psalm 107:1 NIV



A Tribute to :

The Late Horace & Cordria Jones

Our thoughts of you continue to be strong even after many years. We miss your loving kindness and strength. Because of God's Grace and your guidance, we have been able to help each other through all our trials and tribulations.

**Never will we forget!
Your Loving Family,**

Edna Jones-Lovelady, Celestine & Thomas Gresham, Sr.

Cori Lovelady, Charles Thomas Gresham, Jr., Joe & Dwana Hutchinson, Denise Cummings.

REMEMBERING OUR SISTERS IN HEAVEN LOOKING DOWN ON US !



SHIRLEY DELORES MADISON



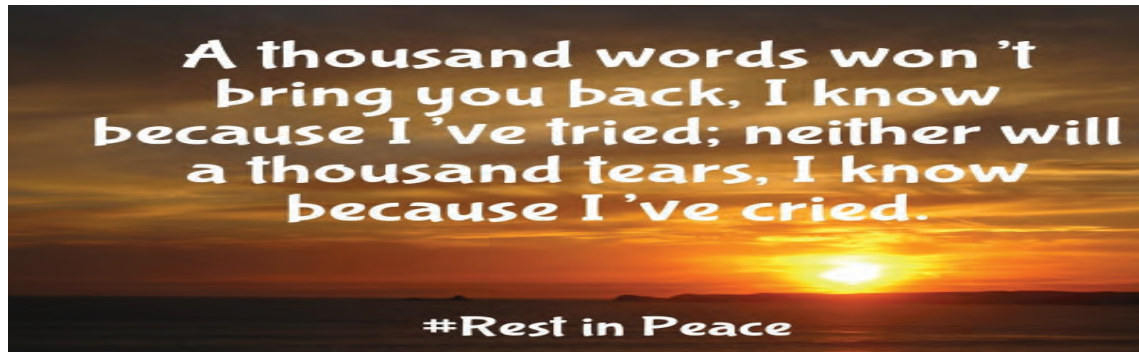
GLADYS DIANE JONES-SADDEN

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed" away "Revelations 21:4

EDNA LOVELADY & CELESTINE GRESHAM

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BELOVED MOTHER

Mother Samuel you were a spiritual woman, you taught your children to love God. I miss your guidance, your wit, your positive demeanor. your memories are all that I have to comfort me.



Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:1-3)

Aston G Williams
10/ 1922- 7/ 2015



EDITH WILLIAMS
02/1919-08/1984



In loving memory of our parents who went on to be with the Lord. I thank you for the spiritual life you gave all your children, I am grateful for the good manners you taught us.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry. (Psalm 34:15)

ANNIE WILLIAMS



IN MEMORY OF MY BROTHER **ARBURN LOVETTE** WHO BELIEVED IN GIVING:
 CONGRATS TO FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP ON YOUR NINETH YEAR

Gone too soon, you will always be in my heart, your memories will never fade.



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

DAVE ZEIGLER & FAMILY

Congratulations First Step Scholarship Foundation on your 9th year!



In loving memory of my darling husband, a devoted father and a loving grandfather. Gone but never forgotten. Your Loving wife
Deaconess Gertrude Booth

*Mr. Thomas N. Booth, Sr
 Sunrise: February 7, 1946
 Sunset : February 9, 2009*



ELIZABETH RILEY
 11/15/29-10/16/2012
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF A MOTHER, AND GRANDMOTHER
 WE LOVED YOU SO MUCH, WE MISSED YOUR WARMTH, YOUR SMILE YOUR WORDS ENCOURAGEMENT.
 GOD HAS BLESSED US BECAUSE OF ALL THAT YOU TAUGHT US.
 YOU WILL FOREVER BE IN OUR HEART.

TO FIRST STEP SCHOLARSHIP, I BELIEVE IN THE MISSION AND VISION, THAT'S WHY I AM GIVING AS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME.

LOTTIE RILEY & FAMILY

AUNTIE GOD NEEDED YOU, SO HE CALLED YOU HOME TO BE WITH HIM IN ETERNAL PEACE. MISSING YOU ALWAYS. **WINSOME FORRESTER**



COLLEEN FORRESTER SUNSET JULY 23, 2023

"We had a wonderful aunt, one who never really grew old; her smile was made of sunshine, and her heart was solid gold."

Remembering Phillip Jones



A beloved and devoted spouse, father, brother, uncle who departed this life to be with his Saviour.

"What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us". — Helen Keller

Sunrise: March 03, 1929

Sunset: December 20, 2014

Your family misses you but we know you were called home to be with the Lord.

"Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy" John 16:20 (NIV)

Sadly missed by The Jones Family

Congrats First Step Scholarship Foundation



In Loving Memory of LORDIAN (Peter) TURNER 6/10/1952 - 9/8/2020

"That best portion of a good man's life, his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love"
William Wordsworth

YOUR CALMNESS, YOUR LOVE OF FAMILY, YOUR LOVE OF GOD WERE ATTRIBUTES THAT WE LOVED ABOUT YOU. THE FAMILY WILL MOURN YOUR UNTIMELY PASSING. A BRILLIANT ARCHITECTURAL MIND GONE TO REST. WILL BE MISSED THE JONES, ZEIGLER, AND TURNER FAMILIES.



Remembering our Father and mother, auntie, uncle who left us to be with the Lord, we will always miss you, we will never forget your love. and guidance.

Hermine Maud Turner (nee Jones) 1928-2015 & Wendel Oliver Turner 1924-2001

2 Corinthians 1:4-6 - Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Turner, Jones, Families

Jan. 11, 1929-Nov. 15, 1998



IN LOVING MEMORY OF STIVEL JONES SPOUSE, FATHER, UNCLE, BROTHER

Colossians 2:5 - For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

YOUR CALM DEMEANOR, YOUR EVER LOVING SMILE, WILL BE REMEMBERED ALWAYS. WE WERE NOT READY FOR YOU TO GO BUT GOD NEEDED YOU MORE. YOU WILL FOREVER BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND HEARTS, YOUR MEMORIES WILL LIVE ON.

Sadly missed by the entire Jones' family

Maureen Henry to mother Pearlina Henry



A beloved and devoted mother who loved and cared for her children, always wanted the best for them. I appreciated all that you have done for my siblings and me. Words will never be enough to express my love for you.

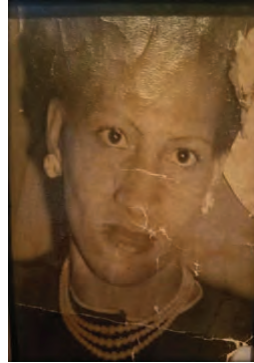
Sunrise: February 19, 1920

Sunset: August 3, 1996

I missed your beautiful spirit. God knows why he needed you more... Rest in eternal peace, your memories will always be in my heart.

"Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy" John 16:20 (NIV)

Congrats First Step Scholarship Foundation on



your continued outstanding achievement!

John 16:22 NIV- So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

In Loving memory of:

Anna Van Dunk

Those we love never go away, they walk besides us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near still loved, still missed, forever wishing you were here.

Matthew 5:4 ((NIV) Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Sharon Perry and Joyce Van Dunk

REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE!



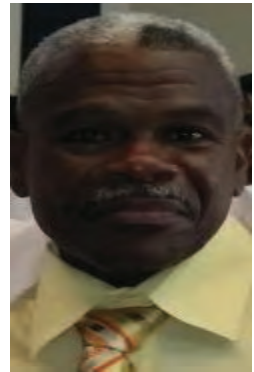
Remembering my dear sister Blossom Williams who left us to be with the Lord, we will always miss you, we will never forget your kindness, compassion and willingness.

Sunrise: 11/04/1947 Sunset: 10/08/2019

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

ANNIE WILLIAMS

APRIL 21, 1958- JULY 30, 2023



IN LOVING MEMORY OF DUDLEY WILLIAMS MY DEAR BROTHER.

Colossians 2:5 - For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

YOUR CALMNESS, AND LOVE OF FAMILY, WILL BE REMEMBERED. I WILL KEEP YOUR MEMORIES IN MY HEART.

REST IN PEACE MY DEAR BROTHER

ANNIE WILLIAMS



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THANKS TO ALL OUR ATTENDEES AT THE LUNCHEON IN JUNE 2023
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“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

By: James Weldon Johnson

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory
is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Here now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forgot Thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.*

*A TRIBUTE TO OLIVER COUTRIER A DEDICATED, DEVOTED HUMAN BEING
MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!*



Peace of Mind

"Life Is What Happens While Making Other Plans" ... who would have thought that the homage I paid to my husband last year for this journal ... that this year I would be writing a memorial page. I am using this format to voice the value of "Peace of Mind the value of preparation". My husband was a person who always prepared for the "What ifs of Life" what If I die first how will I take care of my wife. He always thought he would go first and he did but what I found out was all the preparations, he made over our married life to make the transition peaceful. He always created an "emergency fund" that could handle 6 months of "what if" because everything else takes time, take my word for it, I was the beneficiary for everything and that emergency fund was a lifesaver. Making a person, hopefully your spouse, saves so much time, aggravation, court appearances but more importantly peace of mind.

We were married for over 42 years and I am grateful every day that I had a spouse that gave me the peace of mind to mourn without the worry that comes with lack of preparation. I did not have that because he was a planner and prepared for the "what ifs of life". Take the time to prepare for the "what ifs" especially if you have family members and loved ones that are left behind. Peace of Mind is Priceless Thank you Oliver Pierre Coutrier for giving me a gift that has been and continues to be Priceless. I love you, miss you but we had a love affair for 42+ years and no regrets, I am so happy that when he asked me to travel 2022 with him, I said "Yes" who knew that goodbye forever was going to happen on 12/24/2022 totally unexpectedly. Thank you for being a wonderful husband who allowed me to be me. A fabulous father to our two children and grandfather "GP" to our grandchildren and a giver of yourself to many. I have my memories to treasure forever and that can never be taken away from me. I have been blessed, many have said so, I know it, I would rather have you here by my side but that is not possible so I will settle for our pledge to each other on the first day we said "I Do" with a commitment to God and the vows we made plus "Forever Plus One Day" ... Thank you Oliver Pierre Coutrier for loving me, just the way I am regardless of all the changes over time and for allowing you to be you.

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