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December 6, 2025

Greetings!

I am honored to welcome members of the Upsilon Chi Chapter of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority to the 38th Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Your support for the Chapter ensures their continued work in mentoring nursing students and providing outreach to neighbors. These valuable services keep our residents healthy and informed through vaccination clinics, blood donor drives and health screenings.



I am grateful for the Upsilon Chi Chapter's longstanding commitment to the nurses of the future, who will care for our elders, ourselves and future generations. Mentorship and scholarships reduce barriers to success – efforts which are vital for our community's families to thrive.

I want to congratulate everyone who receives a scholarship tonight as well as this year's Humanitarian Award recipient, Rukiya Foster. She is an outstanding educator, leader and advocate for Knoxville youth and young professionals. She truly exemplifies Chi Eta Phi's motto, "Service for Humanity."

I hope you enjoy today's celebration and continue to give back to our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Indya Kincannon
Mayor





OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR GLENN JACOBS

December 6, 2025

Good afternoon,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 38th Annual Upsilon Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Christmas Luncheon. You are all to be commended for your dedication to the nursing profession and for the care, comfort, and kindness you provide to make a meaningful difference in the lives of your patients.

Each year, I am honored to congratulate an outstanding leader in Knox County; someone who dedicates themselves to serving our community and exemplifies humility and compassion through their selfless commitment to others.

Congratulations to this year's honoree and recipient of the Humanitarian Award, Ms. Rukiya Foster, for her innovation and dynamic leadership with Knox County Schools. We are grateful for her service. It is individuals like Ms. Foster who make Knox County a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Again, thank you for continuing the tradition of excellence through Upsilon Chi Chapter and for your dedication to our community. I wish you all another successful Christmas Luncheon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn Jacobs". The signature is stylized with a large initial "G" and a cursive "Jacobs".

Glenn Jacobs
Knox County Mayor



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December 6, 2025

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.
Upsilon Chi Chapter
Knoxville, Tennessee

Congratulations on celebrating your 38th Annual Christmas Luncheon to recognize your scholarship recipients, and Ms. Rukiya Foster for her outstanding work in earning the Humanitarian Award for this year. Since the founding of Chi Eta Phi at the Freedman's Hospital in Washington D.C. in 1932, Chi Eta Phi has focused on health promotion, leadership development, mentoring, recruitment, retention, and scholarship. With over 8,000 members throughout the world, the impact of Chi Eta Phi can be felt by their work in public education related to health.

In the years following the global pandemic, nurses have been instrumental in health outreach to communities in need. The vaccination efforts of the Upsilon Chi Chapter in Knoxville have provided the community with easy access to vaccinations, and has helped the community weather the pandemic, and each flu season, with valuable health information. With over \$10,000 in scholarships to local nursing students, the work of Upsilon Chi will impact our community for the foreseeable future. Your efforts in the community have lived up to the organization's purpose of elevating the plane of nursing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam McKenzie".

Sam McKenzie
State Representative, District 15



Congratulations

to the ladies of

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.

Upsilon Chi Chapter

on your 38th Annual Christmas Luncheon
and the valuable work you do in the community!

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TO: Upsilon Chi Chapter of
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated

FROM: Samantha Agee, National President

RE: 38th Christmas Luncheon Message

DATE: December 6, 2025



Greetings Members, Honored Guests, Scholarship Recipients, and Friends,

On behalf of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated, I extend heartfelt congratulations to Upsilon Chi Chapter on the occasion of your 38th Christmas Luncheon. For nearly four decades, you have remained steadfast in advancing the mission of “Service for Humanity” through your unwavering commitment to education, leadership, and community impact.

Today’s celebration is more than a luncheon—it is a testament to your dedication to nurturing the next generation of nursing and health care leaders and recognizing members of the community making impactful contributions. Through your appreciation, scholarships, and mentoring, you embody the spirit of our Founders—visionary women who believed in the power of education and action to transform lives and uplift communities.

To the scholarship recipients and awardee, we applaud your hard work, perseverance, and excellence. Continue to pursue your dreams and actions with confidence and integrity, knowing that Chi Eta Phi stands beside you as a source of encouragement and inspiration.

Congratulations once again to Upsilon Chi Chapter for your enduring legacy of service, scholarship, and sisterhood. May your light continue to shine brightly for many years to come.

With Sisterly Love and Admiration,

Samantha Agee, MSN-Ed, RN, APRN, CRNA
National President, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated

“Service for Humanity”





Greetings to the members, supporters, and honored guests of the Upsilon Chi Chapter,

As the Southeast Regional Director, it is a privilege to join you in celebrating the 38th Annual Anniversary Scholarship Event. Upsilon Chi's dedication to service, scholarship, and community uplift truly exemplifies the spirit of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated®.

With over \$30,000 awarded in scholarships to nursing students across Knoxville and the surrounding areas, Upsilon Chi has continuously invested in the future of nursing and supported aspiring nurses on their journey

to excellence. Additionally, the chapter's partnerships with local agencies, providing essential screenings, educational presentations, and impactful workshops, reflect a powerful commitment to community wellness.

Your theme, "Music in the Air," reminds us that like music, the work we do creates harmony, connection, and inspiration. The chapter's key projects—raising awareness and support for St. Jude, Breast Cancer, the March of Dimes, and adopting local nursing homes—speak to a caring mission that uplifts the entire community.

Congratulations on your many achievements and thank you for the lasting difference you make. May this evening be filled with joy, unity, and, of course, music in the air, as you continue to uplift our profession and communities with grace and purpose

With Sisterly Love and Warm Regards,

S. Elaine Leonard, MHA, BSN, RN

Southeast Regional Director,
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated®





Message from the President
38th Annual “Music in the Air” Christmas Luncheon

Greetings,

On behalf of the Upsilon Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to our 38th Annual “Music in the Air” Christmas Luncheon.

This meaningful celebration is more than a seasonal tradition, it is a joyful reflection of our enduring commitment to excellence in nursing, education, and community uplift. This year holds special significance, as on September 6, 2025, we proudly celebrated the 50th anniversary of our chapter’s chartering in Knoxville, Tennessee. We honor the visionary nurses, our charter members whose dedication and leadership laid the foundation for all that we continue to build.

Throughout the year, Upsilon Chi has remained steadfast in its dedication to servant leadership and humanitarian outreach. We continue to implement impactful programs and partnerships that reflect our values and uplift those we serve. In every endeavor, we strive to elevate the plane of nursing by advancing its purpose, expanding its reach, and deepening its impact through education, advocacy, and compassionate care.

Today’s celebration offers a moment to reflect, rejoice, and recommit. We will honor exceptional students who are pursuing degrees in nursing, and we will recognize a distinguished individual whose life and work embody our cherished motto: Service for Humanity. These moments remind us of the power of unity, compassion, purpose, and of the vital role nurses play in shaping a healthier, more just world.

To our guests, supporters, and honorees: thank you for your presence, your generosity, and your belief in the power of education and service. Your contributions help us continue this legacy of leadership, love, and the elevation of nursing as both a science and a calling.

With heartfelt gratitude and holiday cheer,

Kimberly Byrd-Kearney, BSN, RN
President, Upsilon Chi Chapter
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated





The History of Upsilon Chi Chapter

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated

Knoxville, Tennessee

On April 6, 1975, 13 Black Registered Nurses met at the home of Martha Bowden to form a Chi Club for the purpose of applying for a charter chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Incorporated in Knoxville, TN. Chi Eta Phi was an organization of professional registered nurses and nursing students, founded in 1932 with the two-fold purpose of elevating the plane of nursing and increasing interest in the field of nursing. The sorority has chapters throughout the United States, but at that time in the southeast region, only two chapters existed in the state of Tennessee, Alpha Chi in Nashville, and Beta Chi in Memphis.

Five months later, on September 6, 1975, twenty nurses were initiated into the newly chartered Upsilon Chi Chapter at the home of Dr. E. V. Davidson. Initiation and installation of new officers and members was done under the guidance of Verdelle Bellamy (Gamma Chi Chapter) Supreme Basileus, Edna Batiste (Lambda Chi Chapter) National Organizer, and Ella Williams (Lambda Chapter) Southeast Regional Director. New members and officers were:

Darneta Gillespie—Basileus	Sharron Hodson—Anti-Basileus
Victoria Whitehead—Grammateus	Virginia McClain—Epistoleus
Aleece Stewart—Tamias	Gloria Lane—Historian
Ann Calhoun—Sargent at Arms	Mattie Wiggins—Chaplain
Dorothy Holloway—Parliamentarian	Martha Bowden
Esther Davidson	Thelma Eden
Katie Haynes	Edna Mayfield
Sarah P. Nelson	Barbara Reid
Ruth Smith	Willene Thompson
Mary Allis Walker	Cynthia White

**Soror Virginia McClain was initiated two weeks later, as she went into labor and delivered a baby girl, Treasure McClain, on September 6, 1975.

Of special note, during the 1975-1976 year, Soror Edna Mayfield was named a delegate to the American Nurses Association's Convention that was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Soror Esther Davidson was elected president of the auxiliary program at The University of Tennessee Medical Center and Soror Katie Haynes retired after 35 years of nursing with the Public Health Department.

Upsilon Chi initiated two new sorors, Lois Johnson and Deborah Fowler on March 19, 1977, with special guests present, the Southeast Regional Director Soror Ella Williams and sorors from Lambda of Asheville, North Carolina. During this year, Upsilon Chi presented their first scholarship to Frances McGinnis (\$500), a nursing student at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The chapter also, in conjunction with Jack and Jill and the East Tennessee Heart Association, sponsored blood pressure clinics at several area churches. Upsilon Chi offered tutoring sessions for LPNs preparing to challenge exams or desiring reviews. Also, during that year, Soror Edna Mayfield was nominated for Nurse of the Year sponsored by the District 2 Tennessee Nurses Association.

Upsilon Chi Chapter hosted the 28th Southeast Regional Conference in April 1981 at the Sheraton West Hotel.

The charter members currently living are Sorors Darneta G. Brown, Gloria Lane, Virginia McClain, Mattie W. Ragland, Aleece Stewart, Mary Allis Walker, and Cynthia White.

The current active membership is 31.



Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated



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Upsilon Chi Charter Members

Front row Left to right: Darneta G. Brown, Sharron Hodson Fitzgerald *,
Aleece Stewart, Gloria Lane, Ann Calhoun *, Victoria Whitehead *, Dorothy Holloway *

Top row Left to right: Katie Haynes *, Mary Allis Walker Burriss, Mattie Wiggins Ragland, Willene Thompson *,
Barbara Reid*, Thelma Eden *, Edna Mayfield *, Cynthia White, Ruth Smith *, Sarah Nelson *,
Martha Bowden *, Esther Davidson *.

Virginia McClain (not pictured).

(*Deceased Sorors)





Golden Charter Members



Virginia McClain



Cynthia White



Mattie W. Ragland



Aleece Stewart



Darneta G. Brown



Gloria Lane



Mary Allis Burriss

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated *Roster - Upsilon Chi Chapter - 2025-2026*

Sola Aduloju	Sherola German	Pearl Marion
Gelois Allen	Bonnie Graham	Remi Omitaomu
Yolanda Billings	Margaret Harris	Mattie Ragland
Donna Billingsley	Vivian James	Crystal Ray
Betty Blackman	Shaundresha Jones	Felicia Stewart
<u>Darneta G. Brown</u>	Debra Julius	Carolyn Tabors
Lois Dave	Kimberly Kearney	Pakesta Washington
Janice Deathridge	Nichole Kirkland	<u>Cynthia White</u>
Lisa Faulkner	Gloria K. Lane	LaNorris Young
Beverly Finch	Angela Lattimore	
<u>Elizabeth Foatman</u>	Jeana K. Leverette	

Upsilon Chi Chapter Boosters

Sunday Aduloju	Cedrick Graham	William Lattimore
James Billings	Russell Harris	Harry Leverette
William Faulkner	Roosevelt James	David Marion
John Foatman	William James	Olufemi Omitaomu
Joseph German	Buford Jones	Richard Ragland
	Keith Lane	Gilbert Washington

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Bold - Charter Member



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2025 Scholarship Recipients



Maria Loggins

is a 4th quarter nursing student at South College. Her goal after graduation is to work in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and obtain her DNP in Mental Health Nursing.



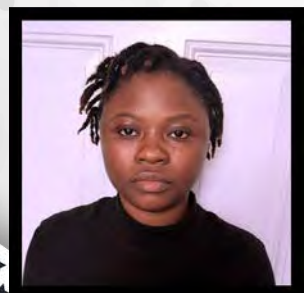
Anndrena Downs

is a senior nursing student at Pellissippi State Community College. Her goal after graduation is to work in Women's Health.



Ijeoma Chukwu-Amaechi

is a junior nursing student at East Tennessee State University. Her goal after graduation is to work in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing.



Zainab Akanni

is a 5th quarter nursing student at South College. Her goal after graduation is to work in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).



2025 Scholarship Recipients



Dawson Rogers

is a junior nursing student at South College. His goal after graduation is to work with the geriatric population.



Pichandy Saranya

is a sophomore nursing student at Walters State Community College. Her goal after graduation is to work in Pediatrics or Oncology.



Lauren Griffin

is a 4th quarter nursing student at South College. Her goal after graduation is to work in the Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit.



Chenoa Mitchell

is a freshman nursing student at South College. Her goal after graduation is to work in Pediatric Oncology, Oncology, or Pulmonology and to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).



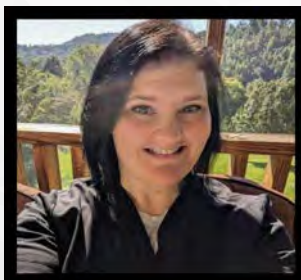


2025 Scholarship Recipients



Emily Hall

is a senior nursing student at Tennessee Wesleyan University. Her goal after graduation is to work in Pediatrics.



Sandy Godsey

is a nursing student at South College in the LPN bridge program. Her goal after graduation is to work in the Emergency Room or Wound Care.



Angel Bonner

is a senior nursing student at Tennessee Wesleyan University. Her goal after graduation is to work in Pediatrics or Neurology.





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Program

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Prelude	Eric Moore and Friends
Greetings and Occasion	Felicia Stewart
Introduction of the Mistress of Ceremony.....	Felicia Stewart
Mistress of Ceremony	Karen George
Golden Charter Members Recognition	Lois Dave
Inspirational Song.....	Eric Moore and Friends
Blessing of the Food.....	Betty Blackman
Lunch Served.....	Soft Music
Scholarship Presentations	Debra Julius
Music.....	Eric Moore and Friends
Humanitarian Award Presentation	Kimberly Kearney
Recognition of Soror of the Year.....	Darneta Brown
Acknowledgements/Closing Remarks.....	Kimberly Kearney
Closing Song.....	“This Christmas”



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Menu

Garden Salad

Ranch and Italian Dressings

Grilled Herbed Chicken

Chef's Choice of Starch

Seasonal Vegetables Medley

Warm Rolls with Butter

Tennessee Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce

Red Velvet Cake

Iced Tea with Lemon

Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated
Coffee



Mistress of Ceremony

Karen George



Karen George, Owner and Broker of Walton George Realty Group [(only black-female-owned real estate firm for 100 miles) in Fountain City and Oak Ridge], has been an award-winning REALTOR® and Broker in the East Tennessee area for over 14 years selling commercial and residential real estate along with property management. Karen is a member of the Tennessee Association of REALTORS' (TAR) Residential Forms Committee and the TAR State Convention Committee. She is a licensed real estate instructor, a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Greater Knoxville, a founding member of Greater Knoxville NAREB, a board member of NAMMBA (National Association of Minority Mortgage Bankers of America) of Knoxville, a member of the Advisory Board for the Anderson County Family Justice Center, and many professional committees. Karen is also a Distinguished Toastmasters' speaker, emcee and comedienne.

Karen (a native of Chattanooga and a graduate of UTC) and her husband Chris (from Cleveland, TN) are parents to Ben (20) and live in Oak Ridge, TN. Her son, Ben, is a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK).





Humanitarian Award Recipient: Rukiya S. Foster

Rukiya S. Foster is a native of New Brunswick, New Jersey. She graduated from Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, New Jersey. She continued her education at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and a Master of Science in Secondary Education.

In 2000, she began her career in education with Knox County Schools as a World Language Educator (Spanish). During her 17 years as an exemplary educator, she has held various leadership positions, such as a TAP (System for Teacher and Student Advancement) Mentor Teacher, World Language Department Chair, and was named twice as Teacher of the Year.

While growing up, Rukiya witnessed her parents' love and service to others through their professions as a Dean at Rutgers University (father) and a Litigation Attorney for many notable organizations (mother). Like her parents, she was excited to help and serve others as an educator. In addition, she aimed to provide her students with the same opportunities and meaningful experiences that had impacted her during childhood. Rukiya also understood that the opportunity to shape, encourage, and influence students' lives and be a part of their personal and professional achievements would be a tremendously rewarding experience.

As a firm believer that applied knowledge is power, armed with her faith and inspired by her love for traveling, in 2016, Rukiya created the Austin-East Spanish Travel Club, which provided the opportunity for students to experience Europe in person. This inaugural trip for the school and these students would allow them a once-in-a-lifetime chance to visit Barcelona, Madrid, and Paris.

Being that the inaugural trip was such a success and an inspiration to her students, as well as the community, she provided the opportunity for another cohort of students to travel to Europe in the summer of 2017. During this trip, students visited Barcelona, Paris, London, Madrid, Avignon, and Sitges.

After 17 years in the classroom, Rukiya decided to accept another challenge in her career, further fostering academic learning and student development. As a result, she was selected to be a member of the prestigious Knox County Schools Leadership Academy for the 2017-2018 school year as an Assistant Principal/ Leadership Academy Fellow at Powell High School. Upon completing the program, Rukiya graduated with an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, in 2018.

Currently, she is the A.S.C.E.N.D. Freshman Academy Principal at Austin-East Magnet High School, and impacts her community and students daily through education and service. Her goal is to inspire, uplift, and cultivate the passions and talents of all students.

Her student-first approach, reputation as a dynamic leader, collaborator, innovative thinker, love for her school community, and those she serves led her to be selected as the 2025 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Leadership Award Recipient.

Furthermore, as the A.S.C.E.N.D. principal, she has implemented strategic planning, analyzed solutions, and created programs to encourage and increase student achievement. Rukiya has also led the creation of many events and programs that provide her students with the skills necessary to become successful, lifelong learners.

Rukiya is committed to following in the footsteps of those who inspired her and striving to live a life characterized by honesty, integrity, and responsibility. She firmly believes, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education."

In addition to her professional responsibilities, she is a sought-after speaker, published music artist, and motivator. She is the owner of Shani and Sham Handmade Jewelry Company and Shani and Sham Sweets (a dessert company). In her leisure time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, decorating, creating, and writing.



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Entertainer *Eric Moore*

Eric Moore is an Atlanta, Georgia native. He is an accomplished vocalist and actor. Eric began professionally singing in 1986 and has worked extensively as a vocalist, musical director, songwriter, and music producer. His style is versatile and can blend into traditional gospel to contemporary, jazz, holy hip-hop and bluegrass. Eric began his professional acting career in 1995 by landing a role in

Theatrical Outfit's musical production of "Cotton Patch Gospel" directed by Tom Key. This production would be the first of many productions in Eric's career. Eric has appeared in a host of local and national theater productions. He has toured over 40 US & Canada cities with "Ghost Brothers of Darkland County" produced by Stephen King and John Mellencamp. Other Atlanta credits include the World Premiere of "I Dream" (2010 Suzie Bass Award Nominee for Best Musical) directed by Jasmine Guy at the Alliance Theatre.

He has performed with a variety of ensembles and portrayed a wide range of roles in such productions as Ain't Misbehavin', Full Monty, Dreamgirls (Atlanta Lyric Theatre), I Can Do Bad, All By Myself (Tyler Perry Productions), Ain't Misbehavin' (Theatrical Outfit), Travelin Black (Theatrical Outfit), Jitney (True Colors), Jesus Christ Superstar (Alliance Theatre); Once on This Island (Aurora Theatre); Big River (Theatrical Outfit); Godspell (Theatrical Outfit); Man of La Mancha (Alabama Shakespeare Festival / Montgomery, AL); To Kill a Mockingbird (ASF / AL); Mahalia, a Gospel Musical (Theatrical Outfit); Lost Highways (Theatrical Outfit); Tambourines To Glory (True Colors Theatre /Atlanta & Washington, D.C.); Five Guys Named Moe, Hometown Holidays, Hand On A Hardbody, Memphis The Musical (Aurora Theatre); I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (Horizon Theater); Cotton Patch Gospel (Theatrical Outfit, Alliance, Rialto Theater and Georgia Ensemble Theatre); A Christmas Carol (Alliance Theater & ASF / Montgomery, AL); Christmas Gathering (ART Station); Merry Wives of Windsor (Fourteen Street Playhouse); King of Glory (Green Pastures Christian Church).

Eric has appeared in films, local and national television, radio broadcasts, as well as commercials including, but not limited to Tyler Perry's Medea's Big Happy Family, Medea's Family Reunion, Stomp the Yard, The Gospel, The Fighting Temptations, The Last Adam, Strife, Void, Port City P.D., Randy and the Mob, Four Minutes, Jeff Foxworthy Big Night Out, Motives 2 Retribution, Trinity Broadcast Network Praise the Lord, Say Yes, BET's The Bobby Jones Show, Good Day Atlanta, Home Depot Industrial Film, Delta Airline Commercial, Star Cable Network Commercial, O'Charley's Restaurant Commercial, The Southern Company Commercial, DeKalb Medical Commercial, Herren's Restaurant Documentary and TV 57's Babbie's House. Eric has received a number of honors and awards which include: Babbie Mason's Music Seminar Grand Prize Winner, 1st place Vocalist & 3rd place Songwriter; Atlanta Gospel Choice Awards Nominee for Best Male Vocalist; Gospel Music Association Seminar Vocal Finalist (Estes Parks, Colorado), Gospel Today Magazine, Suzi Bass Award for Outstanding Feature Actor in a Musical, Suzi Bass Nominee for Featured Actor in a Musical and Ensemble in a Musical. Other musical credits include vocalist for the Peachtree Road Race, Olympic Torch Relay Celebration, Abbey Awards, First Night Atlanta, Summer Olympics, and The High Museum of Art.

Eric and his wife Bridgett have been married for twenty 24 years. They have three beautiful children, Erika (20), Joshua (17) & Jonathan (9) all whom actively supports his acting and singing career. Eric currently serves as the Praise Leader at Eagles Nest Church in Roswell, GA.





Deceased Members & Boosters

Hazel Adams

Booster Isiah Blackman

Booster Eddie Billingsley

Martha Bowden

Ann Calhoun

Galene Crawford

Booster Luther Dave

Laura Davis

Reolla Davis

Esther Davidson

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Sharron Fitzgerald

Madelyn Golden

Lois Goodman

Katie B. Haynes

Dorothy Holloway

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Lois Johnson

Edna Mayfield

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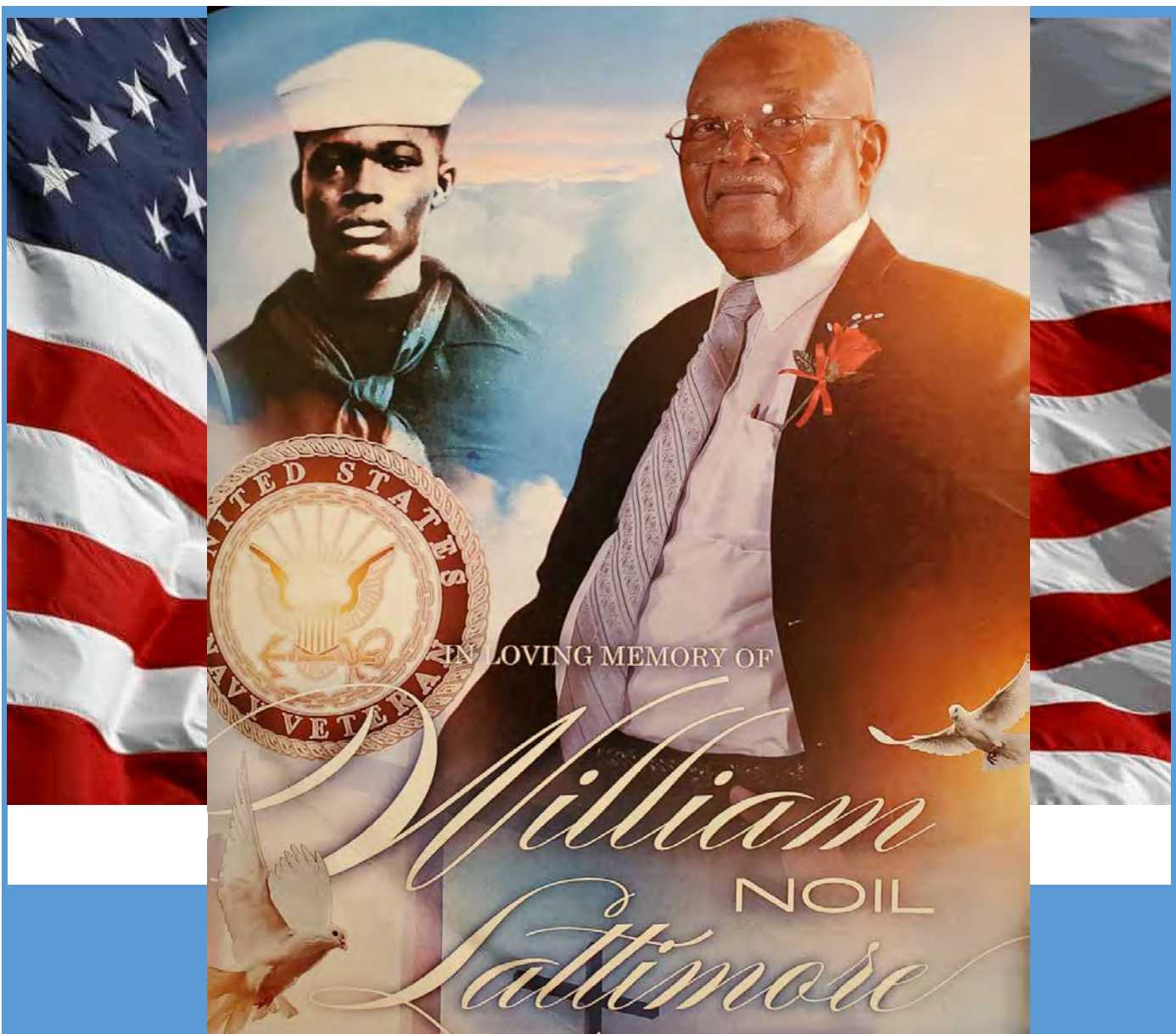
OUR QUEEN, OUR LEGACY

JUANITA TERESA BROWN

Mom you are in our thoughts every day. We miss your sweet smile, your soft touch and kind words of love, encouragement, and praise. We thank you for being the very best mother anyone could ever wish for. We know you are up in heaven without pain or worry dancing around in a flower garden with all your family and friends. We will live our lives in the special ways that you taught us and one day we will all be together again in that flower garden. Just know that we love you very much and that you will always be our queen.

Love you forever, your children, Anthony, Angela, Michael, Paul, Ramona, Stephen, Victor, Sharon and Cheryl and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.





TRIBUTE TO OUR FATHER

We love and miss you very much but will meet up with you again someday. We miss your laughter and smiles every day. Thank you for teaching us how to love one another, work hard and value family. We love you for passing on your love for traveling. We especially love you for sharing your great family stories from South Carolina as a child. We will always remember your legend.

We love you forever, William Lewis and Steve, grandchildren & great grandchildren.





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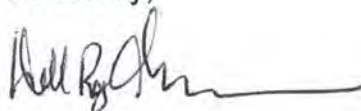
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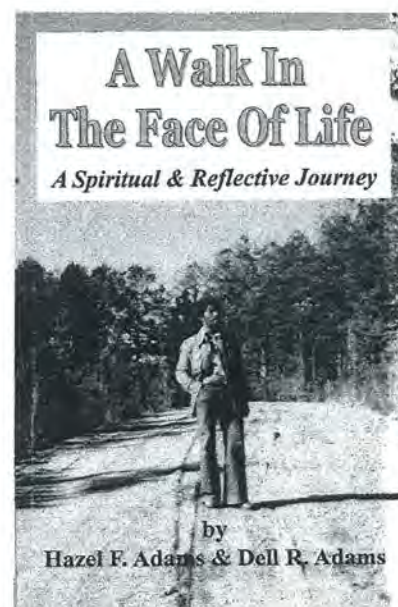
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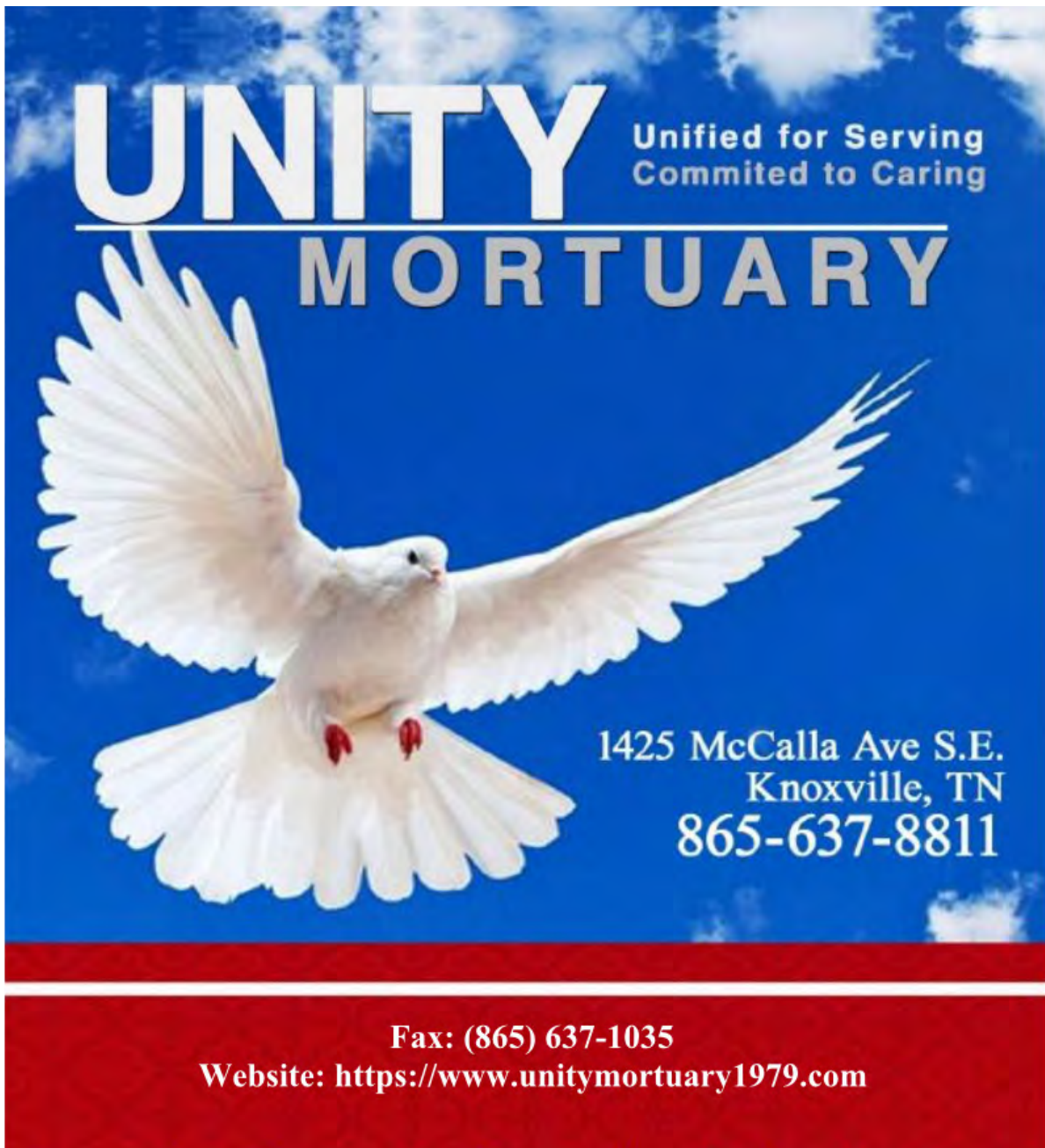
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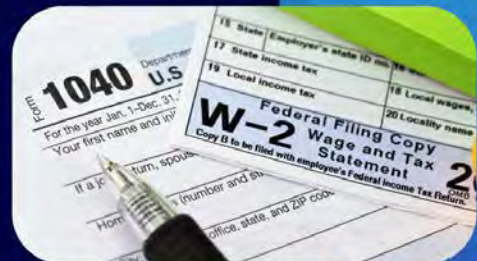


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This Christmas



Hang all the mistletoe
I'm gonna get to know you better
This Christmas
And as we trim the tree
How much fun it's gonna be together
This Christmas

The fireside is blazing bright
We're caroling through the night
And this Christmas will be
A very special Christmas for me

Presents and cards are here
My world is filled with cheer and you
This Christmas
And as I look around
Your eyes outshine the town, they do
This Christmas

The fireside is blazing bright, yeah
We're caroling through the night
And this Christmas will be
A very special Christmas for me, yeah

Shake a hand, shake a hand now, yeah
Oh yeah

The fireside blazing bright
We're caroling through the night
And this Christmas for me
A very special Christmas for me

Hang all the mistletoe
I'm gonna get to know you better
This Christmas
And as we trim the tree
How much fun it's gonna be together
This Christmas

The fireside blazing bright
We're caroling through the night
And this Christmas will be
A very Merry Christmas for me

Merry Christmas
Shake a hand, shake a hand now
Wish your brother "Merry Christmas"
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