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State Rep. Eric Johnson Kicks Off Texas' 30th Annual Black Rodeo



On Saturday, June 16, 2018, the African American Museum of Dallas hosted the 30th Annual Texas Black Invitational Rodeo at the Fair Park Coliseum. The Honorable State Representative Eric and Mrs. Johnson served as Grand Marshals for the event. Their two young sons, William, age 4, and George, age 9 months, accompanied them in the Grand Entry Parade that kicked off this annual Lone Star tradition.

The Texas Black Invitational Rodeo is a 30-year-old institution in the State of Texas. Saturday's event featured more than three hundred African American cowboys and cowgirls who competed for more than \$25,000 in prize money. Nearly eight thousand people attended the event from all over Texas and the United States.

"This fast-paced sporting event...provides many of its almost 8,000 viewers with their first glimpse of the historical contribution that African Americans contributed to the settling of the western United States," stated a spokesperson for the African American Museum of Dallas.

State Representative Eric Johnson has released the following statement about the event.

"My wife Nakita and I were peacock proud to serve as Grand Marshals for the 30th Annual Texas Black Invitational Rodeo, a beloved Texas tradition that takes place right in the heart of Dallas and in my legislative district. We thoroughly enjoyed this unique celebration of Black culture with our two young cowboys, William and George," stated Representative Johnson.

The African American Museum of Dallas, the annual host of the event, was founded in 1974 and is dedicated to the display and preservation of African American cultural, historical, and artistic materials. It is the only museum of its kind in the Southwestern region of the United States. For more information about the Texas Black Invitational Rodeo, contact the African American Museum of Dallas at (214) 565-9026.

Officer charged in fatal shooting of unarmed teen Antwon Rose

(AP) - A Pennsylvania police officer accused of fatally shooting an unarmed black teen hours after being sworn into the East Pittsburgh Police Department was charged Wednesday with criminal homicide.

Authorities say Officer Michael Rosfeld, who is white, shot Antwon Rose Jr.,

17, on June 19 while fleeing from a car that had been stopped on suspicion it was involved in a drive-by shooting. Police were arresting the driver when Rose and another man fled. Rose was shot three times.

Two guns were found in the vehicle, police said.

Rose's death set off a series of protests across the Pittsburgh area that drew hundreds of demonstrators, many armed with "Black Lives Matter" signs and shouting "No Justice, No Peace."

Rosfeld, 30, who has been on administrative leave since shooting Rose. The officer had previously worked for other departments but was sworn in the East Pittsburgh force about three hours before the shooting.



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Could you have diabetes? Find out your risk
Diabetes is a health problem that affects people of all ages. More than 11 percent of Americans have diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Association, someone is diagnosed with diabetes every 23 seconds.

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Even though diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S., experts say that many people don't know they can often prevent Type 2 diabetes. Knowing your risk can help you make better decisions and decrease your chance of getting diabetes.

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You can have high blood sugar and not feel anything. Harmful effects include damage to eyes, feet, teeth and gums. Diabetes also doubles your risk of having a heart attack. When your blood sugar is very high (above 200 mg/dl), you may have some of these signs and symptoms:

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- Feeling very hungry
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- Fatigue (being very tired)
- Blurry vision
- Losing weight without trying

What's your risk?
Take the diabetes self-assessment test by going to www.ParklandDiabetes.com/RiskTest to find out if you are at risk for diabetes.

If you have symptoms or other risk factors for diabetes, it's important to get tested. When you catch diabetes early, you can start treatment to avoid nerve damage, heart trouble and other serious health problems. Talk to your healthcare provider about steps you can take to prevent diabetes.

For more information about living healthy with diabetes, visit www.ParklandDiabetes.com.

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Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10



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EDITORIAL PAGE



Colleen White, Ed.D
 Editorial Columnist

A Little Bit of Faith: A Storm is Coming

Can you feel a storm brewing before it comes? Most of us can. We see the signs, we may not want the storm to come, but if we are walking in Christ, we are not alone. We will have storms brewing in our lives. None of us are kept from storms. The wonderful thing about being a Christian is that when storms come, you know you have someone who will stick to you closer than a brother, a friend, or a parent. Jesus will help to carry you through the storm.

“You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words. I have

sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise” (Psalm 119:57-58). This scripture reflects a heart that is seeking to be pleasing to God in all aspects of life. In difficult situations of our lives, it is hard for us to say we will continue to obey God’s word no matter what. We often begin to question God and ask Him why we may be going through another storm after coming right out of a previous storm.

The person in Psalm 119 has been afflicted in some kind of way, thus, he

acknowledges God’s judgment. It says, “I know, O Lord, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness you have afflicted me” (Psalm 119:75). The psalmist has a desire to still learn from his situation. He does not question it; he is accepting of it. He realizes that if God has allowed it, then there is something he can learn from it.

Are you going through another storm after just coming out of a previous storm? Is there something you can learn from this? Perhaps if you have a prayer of acknowledging your situa-

tion and be willing to say, “You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words...be gracious to me according to your promise” (Psalm 119:57-58), then you have a teachable heart.

Our Heavenly Father has not promised to keep us out of difficult situations, but He has promised to always be with us as we go through the storm. If you’re in another storm today, open your heart to receive it and still be thankful that Our God can and will be with you through the storm. Amen? Amen.



Dr. J. Ester Davis
 Editorial Columnist

The Pastor Sammie Lee Davis, Sr., Dash (1927 - 2018)



My Day
 By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Placing a brief note on social media about the death of Rev. Sammie I received several comments in forms of replies, emails and phone calls. One friend wrote, “thanks for the brief history. I am from Alabama and did not know him”. Mrs. Mertis Evans, community royalty, wrote “I remember him well”. On the phone with Rev. CJR Phillips, Pastor, St. Phillips Baptist Church, he said directly “Sammie did it all, he was always busy. It was an honor to have him preach at my church every year. That was a tradition we started as young preachers-to-pastors years ago”.

The Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Jones, current Pastor of historic New Hope Baptist Church, Dallas, said “the Sammie Davis

Pastorate and Ministry produced many , but three outstanding current leaders in the ministry and political arena. Rev. Danny Davis, Pastor of Jordan Grove Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; Rev. Mark Davis, Pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church, Houston; and the noted Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Jones, first African American City Manager, Garland, Texas and Garland’s three(3)term first African American elected Mayor.

I last saw the dynamic seasoned pastor at the famous Luby’s Bill Blair Roundtable several months ago.

Sitting and calculating his approximate age, I asked ‘you are about 90 years old now, aren’t you?’ He replied yes. He looked very well, of course, in a white monogrammed shirt.

Sidebar: A monogram shirt is an etiquette code that makes social interactions run more smoothly.

While I was in the prestigious profitable law offices of Finch, Lockridge, Cunningham, back in the late ‘60’s, Pastor Sammie knew everybody in the community. These offices were on Oakland Avenue, nee Malcolm X Blvd, surrounded by about 3,000 other African American businesses in South Dallas.

The mild mannered Pastor Sammie always had an obvious bold, straight forward agenda that made him famous to some, talked about by many and misunderstood by others.

Pastor Sammie organized and pas-

tored the Fellowship Baptist Church for over 51 years. He did amazing things and had unapologetic “big thoughts” for his neighborhood. Through his church he organized the “War on Drug Program” which was a Negro licensed hospital recognized by the State of Texas for those who had a drug problem. He helped many people redirect their lives from drugs and crime to Christ.

Pastor Sammie was a consonant confident educator/lecturer. The product of Dallas Public Schools, graduating from Lincoln High School, Pastor Sammie amassed quite an educational resume around the world. From Bishop College in Marshall, Texas, to the University of Los Angeles onward to SMU’s Perkins School of Theology. His whole life embraced education, entrepreneurship, vision and progress.

Pastor Sammie graced the halls of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Isreal, the University of Rome, Italy, Aswan University, Egypt. And on April, 2013, he received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian College and Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida. In 2013 also, Pastor Sammie retired from active pastoring, and continued to preach the gospel in and around his beloved Dallas, Texas.

Thanks for the memories, Pastor Sammie. Thanks for the many social interactions and sermons that will assist forever in our daily lives.

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Teacher Externship Program Helps Educators Foster Exponential Learning

Capital One associates are sharing forward-leaning practices and technology they apply at work with two Dallas ISD teachers from NAF during a two-week immersive program this summer. In turn, the educators can infuse this experience into their teaching to trigger exponential learning amongst their students. The paid teacher externships run from June 11 through the 22nd on Capital One’s Plano campus. The NAF IT Academy teachers are from Skyline High School and South Oak Cliff High School.

Through this intensive technology program and its exponential learning, externs are able to “teach the teachers” since they will then share their learned skills with other educators who can integrate this knowledge into students’ education, and thus impact more students as a result.

Capital One externs are integrated into cross-functional teams where they participate in a collaborative, learning environment. Workforce training skills include:

- Agile methodology for project management processes
- Problem solving
- Coding and app development
- Design thinking
- Python programming language
- Marketing

Capital One recruiters also meet with the externs to give them a look at what employers are looking for in candidates so that educators can help shape curriculum to meet future industry needs. Today, teachers worked with their Capital One mentors on app development.

“In the classroom while giving a demonstration, it’s important to make sure students are comprehending the curriculum. This app deals with Multiple Response Strategies (MRS) so that the presenter uses the app and clicks a button or shakes the device to populate strategies to engage the audience,” said Darion Walton who teaches Web Technology and Web

Design at Skyline High School and the NAF IT Academy.

One strategy is “turn and talk” so that students discuss the subject matter with other students as well as the teacher. That way, the teacher can assess if the lesson is being comprehended or if further learning is needed. “Our objective is for 90-100% of students to retain the information being taught and understand it well before the bell rings,” he added.

Capital One has enjoyed being a NAF partner for ten years. With the quality education that teachers provide, educators nurture our future workforce and help prepare youth for success.

“This externship helps me prep students for college and future jobs with the career pathways available to them that are innovative on what’s trending in the business, especially in IT,” said Euranie Patin, who teaches Principals of Technology, Digital Media and Web Technology at South Oak Cliff High School and the

NAF IT Academy.

Capital One believes that businesses have an opportunity and responsibility to develop the talent pipeline for future jobs. This commitment comes to life with Future Edge. In 2015, Capital One launched Future Edge, an initiative that pledged \$150 million over five years to help more Americans get the skills, tools and resources they need to succeed in the 21st century. As part of this initiative, Future Edge DFW symbolizes Capital One’s commitment to make Dallas-Fort Worth a destination for top talent, spur growth as a world-renowned technology hub and nurture leaders of tomorrow.

“The knowledge of workforce digital skills learned through this externship, which I will share with my students, will help spark their interest in taking more tech classes in high school and in college so that they can then work in the career of their choice since IT is embedded in all industries,” added Patin.

NAF is a national network of education, business, and community leaders who work together to ensure that high school students are college, career, and future ready. NAF works with high need communities to transform the high school experience through an educational design that includes industry-specific curricula, work-based learning experiences, and relationships with business professionals, culminating in a paid internship.

“There’s only so much I can teach from a book or video, but real-world experience is the way to get students really engaged because if you’re excited about something, then students get excited as well.

My externship will increase student interaction by them wanting to do internships after hearing about my experience. They will see the value,” explained Walton.

He added that sharing his externship experience will also help students take more

interest in technology jobs since they will no longer see these careers as just being about numbers. “I can share with them how tech helps corporations see what customers want as well as answer their questions and how it helps with projects. With me sharing the knowledge I’ve learned through this externship, it will open up students’ minds about their career opportunities in technology.”

NAF academies fit within and enhance school systems, allowing NAF to become an integral part of a plan for higher achievement at a low cost. NAF academies focus on one of five career themes: finance, hospitality and tourism, information technology, engineering, and health sciences. During the 2017-18 school year, more than 100,000 students attended 644 NAF academies across 36 states, including DC and the US Virgin Islands. In 2017, NAF academies reported 97% of seniors graduated with 90% of graduates with post-secondary intentions.

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Padres rally past Rangers 3-2 as Choo extends on-base streak



By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Wil Myers and Hunter Renfroe hit run-scoring doubles in San Diego's three-run eighth inning, helping the Padres rally for a 3-2 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Shin-Soo Choo singled with two outs in the ninth to extend his major league-leading streak of reaching base to 39 games before Brad Hand got Nomar Mazara to fly out with two runners on for his 22nd save.

Four of six San Diego hitters reached against Jake Diekman (1-1). After Myers ended the Texas shutout, Christian Villanueva lifted a tying sacrifice fly to left

before Renfroe's go-ahead liner down the line in left.

Rougned Odor hit a solo homer for Texas in the second and Robinson Chirinos added one in the fourth against former teammate Tyson Ross. The right-hander had another solid start in a bounce-back season after posting a 7.71 ERA for Texas last year before his late-season release in his return from surgery for thoracic outlet syndrome.

San Diego relievers struck out five straight batters, starting with the second of two from Matt Strahm (2-2) in the seventh. Kirby Yates fanned the side in the eighth and Hand finished the Padres' second win in 10 games. The Rangers lost just

their second in the past 10.

Austin Bibens-Dirkx gave up two hits, struck out six and walked four in five innings in his fourth start for Texas. The right-hander is in a similar fill-in role from last season, when he made his major league debut as a 32-year-old following 12 years in the minors and won five games.

Mazara had three hits a night after leaving early for precautionary reasons because of tightness in his left hamstring.

KUDOS TO COLON

Texas right-hander Bartolo Colon was honored before the game for passing Juan Marichal for the most wins by a Dominican-born pitcher. The 45-year-old earned his 244th career win at Kansas City on the most recent road trip. Manager Jeff Banister presented him with a jersey with "244" on the back, and a quote from Marichal was shown on the videoboard calling the milestone "a special achievement for your career and your country." Colon needs two wins to pass Dennis Martinez of Nicaragua for the most wins by a pitcher from Latin America.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: 1B Ronald Guzman was placed on the seven-day concussion disabled list a day after the rookie's head struck the knee of Padres third baseman Christian Villanueva when Guzman was diving back on an attempted pickoff. ... LHP Martin Perez struck out nine in five scoreless innings for Class A Hickory in his first rehab start Monday. Perez has been on the DL since May 10 with right elbow discomfort. Perez had arthroscopic surgery on that elbow in December. He broke a bone in a fall after being spooked by a bull on his ranch in Venezuela.

Tuesday's Sports in Brief

By The Associated Press WORLD CUP

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — Lionel Messi and Argentina finally came alive at the World Cup.

Messi scored an exquisite 14th-minute goal to give the two-time champions the lead Tuesday, but it wasn't until Marcos Rojo's 86th-minute strike that Argentina was assured of a place in the round of 16.

Victor Moses scored a penalty in the 51st minute for Nigeria, putting Argentina in danger of being eliminated without winning a match in Russia.

It took an unlikely goal by Rojo to save Argentina and give it second place in Group D.

Diego Maradona, in the stands at the St. Petersburg Stadium, celebrated both goals wildly.

Argentina will play France in the last 16 in Kazan on Saturday.

PRO FOOTBALL

FAIR LAWN, N.J. (AP) — A body has been found at a New Jersey home where New York Giants cornerback Janoris Jenkins lives.

The Bergen County prosecutor's office says it is investigating a death at the house in Fair Lawn, about 10 miles (16 kilometers) north of MetLife Stadium. Property records show Jenkins has lived at the house the last two years.

Authorities have identified the dead man as 25-year-old Roosevelt Rene, a family friend of Jenkins. The prosecutor's office didn't say where Jenkins was when the death occurred.

A spokesman for the Giants says the team is monitoring the situation but didn't comment further.

Jenkins played at Florida from 2008-10 before finishing his college career at North Alabama. He was drafted in the second round by the St. Louis Rams in 2012. He played four seasons with the Rams and the last two seasons with the Giants.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson is taking a leave of absence because his cancer has returned, and he does not expect to return to the job.

With the team in a massive tailspin, Mets chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon and the 70-year-old Alderson made the announcement before a game against Pittsburgh.

"With respect to the future, I would say two things: One is, notwithstanding the good prognosis, my health is an uncertainty going forward," said Alderson, who agreed to a contract extension in December. "And secondly, if I were to look at it on the merits, I'm not sure coming back is warranted."

Asked whether he would like Alderson to resume his GM duties if his health eventually allowed that, Wilpon avoided expressing an opinion and answered the same way twice: "I think his health and his family are first and foremost."

Assistant general manager John Ricco and special assistants J.P. Ricciardi and Omar Minaya will run the team's baseball operations in Alderson's absence. Minaya preceded Alderson as Mets

general manager, and Ricciardi was GM of the Toronto Blue Jays from 2001-09.

ATLANTA (AP) — The body of a third-party contractor has been found inside a beer cooler at SunTrust Park.

The body was found by a worker from the same company. Cobb County police spokeswoman Sarah O'Hara tells The Atlanta Journal-Constitution she could not say if foul play is suspected because the investigation is ongoing.

Cobb County police say in a statement that officers responded to a "call of a deceased person located at SunTrust Park" before the Atlanta Braves' game against the Cincinnati Reds.

The Braves declined comment, referring reporters to the statement from Cobb County police.

O'Hara tells the newspaper the identity of the person would not be released until the family is notified. She says the Braves are assisting in the investigation.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s father has been acquitted in Las Vegas of a misdemeanor battery charge after a trial before a judge.

Floyd Mayweather Sr.'s lawyer, Nicholas Wooldridge, said testimony took several hours before Justice of the Peace Harmony Letizia reached the not guilty verdict on Tuesday.

Wooldridge called allegations that the 65-year-old Mayweather Sr. pulled a woman from his vehicle, punched her in the leg and left her after a boxing event last September in an attempt to get money from his client.

Prosecutors didn't immediately respond to messages. Police had said the woman was treated at a hospital for bruises she said she received from Mayweather Sr. after arguing with him while he drove her and her husband home after a Sept. 16 boxing match at T-Mobile Arena.

HOCKEY

The Hockey Hall of Fame has added NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, pioneering black player Willie O'Ree and all-time winningest goaltender Martin Brodeur to its latest class.

Since taking the job in 1993, Bettman has overseen the growth of the league to 31 teams and an enterprise with some \$5 billion in revenue.

O'Ree was the first black player in the NHL and will be the third black player in the Hall of Fame, joining Edmonton Oilers goalie Grant Fuhr and Canadian women's national team captain Angela James. Playing for Boston, he had four goals and 10 assists in 45 NHL games during the 1957-58 and 1960-61 seasons despite being 95 percent blind in his right eye.

Now 82, O'Ree works for the NHL as diversity ambassador.

The 46-year-old Brodeur was a three-time Stanley Cup champion with the New Jersey Devils who was elected in his first year of eligibility. He is the goalie with the most wins, shutouts and games played in NHL history.

Anita Baker, H.E.R., Meek Mill shine at BET Awards

By MESFIN FEKADU AP
Music Writer

The 2018 BET Awards barely handed out any trophies with big stars like Cardi B, Drake and Kendrick Lamar absent, but the show included superior performances by rising singer H.E.R., rapper Meek Mill and gospel artist Yolanda Adams, who paid tribute to Anita Baker and nearly brought her to tears.

Baker, an eight-time Grammy winner who dominated the R&B charts from the early '80s to mid-90s, earned the Lifetime Achievement Award on Sunday at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

The 60-year-old used her speech to encourage the artists in the room to keep music alive.

"I would ask that the music be allowed to play, that singers are allowed to sing, and rappers are allowed to rap, and poets are allowed to rhyme," said Baker, who also was honored by host Jamie Foxx, Ledisi and Marsha Ambrosius.

H.E.R., whose real name is Gabi Wilson, was impressive as she sang the R&B hit "Focus," played the electric guitar like a rock star and sang softly during the sweet love song "Best Part," where she was joined by Daniel Caesar.

Meek Mill, who was released from prison in April, rapped the song "Stay Woke" on a stage transformed into a street corner, featuring hustlers, children and police officers. A mother screams as her child is shot during the powerful performance, and an officer lays an American flag over the body.

Meek Mill also made a statement by wearing a hoodie featuring the face of XXXTentacion, the 20-year-old rapper-singer who died after being shot last week.

"We can't get used to these types of things. We're too used to young people getting killed," Foxx said when speaking about XXXTentacion later in the show.

The Oscar winner told the audience to "try to sneak a message in" their music.

"We got to figure something out," he said.

Snoop Dogg celebrated 25 years in music, performing the classic songs "What's My Name" and "Next Episode." The rapper also performed songs from his recently released gospel album, wearing a choir robe on a stage that looked like a church.

Childish Gambino, whose song and music video "This Is America" tackles racism and gun violence and

became a viral hit last month, gave a short, impromptu performance of the song when Foxx brought him onstage.

"Everybody begged me to do a joke about that song. I said that song should not be joked about," Foxx said.

Foxx kicked off the show rejoicing in the uber success of "Black Panther," name-dropping the records the film has broken and even pulled Michael B. Jordan onstage to recite a line from the film.

"We don't need a president right now because we got our king," Foxx said of T'Challa. "(Director) Ryan Coogler gave us our king." Foxx entered the arena with a stuffed black panther toy — with a gold chain around its neck — which he handed to Jordan. The film won best movie.

"The film is about our experiences being African-Americans and also captures the experiences of being African," Coogler said. "It was about tapping into the voice that tells us to be proud of who we are."

At the end of his speech he told the audience to travel to Africa and learn more about the continent's history.

SZA, who was the most nominated woman at this year's Grammys, won best

new artist and said she's "never won anything in front of other people."

She dedicated the award to those "lost in the world," saying: "Follow your passion ... believe in yourself."

After the show, BET announced that Kendrick Lamar had won best album for "DAMN." and best male hip-hop artist. Beyonce won best female pop/R&B artist, while Bruno Mars was named the best male pop/R&B artist.

"Girls Trip" star and comedian Tiffany Haddish, who won best actress and gave her speech in a taped video, also said encouraging words. "You can achieve anything you want in life," she said.

DJ Khaled was the leading nominee with six and picked up the first award of the night — best collaboration — for "Wild Thoughts" with Rihanna and Bryson Tiller. He was holding his son on his hip onstage and also used his speech to highlight young people.

"All of y'all are leaders and all of y'all are kings and queens — the future," he said.

Migos won best group and gave a fun performance that even had Adams reciting the lyrics. J. Cole, Nicki Minaj, Janelle Monae, Miguel, YG, 2 Chainz and Big Sean also performed.

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LOOKING TOWARDS THE SUNSET

Amos Grant Gray

(fondly known as A.G.)
October 11, 2013 – June 16, 2018

A.G. was born on October 11, 1943 in the Yard community of Tennessee Colony, Texas (Anderson County) to the parentage of Willie Frank and Juliana Gray, who preceded him in death. Three siblings; brothers, Willie Lewis Gray and Overton Gray, one sister, Josephine Gray also preceded him in death. A.G. accepted Christ at an early age in Dallas, Texas.



He attended elementary schools in the Bethel community (Anderson County) and in Dallas, Texas. He attended high schools at; Massey Lake High, in the Massey Lake community and Green-Bay High, Tucker, Texas both in Anderson County.

A.G. retired from the City of Dallas as an Electrician and returned to Yard, Texas to be near his cousins and friends.

A.G. loved people and trusted everybody he met, and was willing to do anything to help them whenever needed. He was a man that had many hobbies, one being an expert of; "telling non-harmful fictional stories" which his family enjoyed listening to during their many holiday gatherings. His western attire (jeans, cowboy boots, belt and hat) was his trademark style for many years and he wore it with pride.

A.G. departed this life at his resident on Saturday, June 16, 2018.

He leaves to mourn his departure:

Two brothers: James Edmond Gray, DeSoto, Texas and Steven Lewis Davis, Dallas, Texas.

Four sisters: Ruby Cleola Bennett, Palestine, Texas, Shirley Ann (Angus) Gray, Patricia Ann (Bill) Rambo and Erma Jean Davis all of Dallas, Texas.

One nephew: Ronald Jordan, Cleveland, OH.

Eleven nieces: Teresa (Phillip) Hollie, Mesquite, Texas, Theronica (Gary) Bond, Irving, Texas, Juliana S. Gray, Dallas, Texas, Eva Crumby, Elizabeth Rambo, Austin, Texas, Tamara Rambo, Dallas, Texas, Erika Wright, Errian Gray and Yetonda Free, all of Fort Worth Texas, Twanna G. Bennett, Albuquerque, New Mexico and Margie Taylor.

One great aunt: Beatrice Johnson, Oklahoma City, OK.

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