

2024

BRINSON
2024
FAMILY
REUNION



JULY 25TH-28TH , 2024
SOUVENIR BOOKLET

Welcome

Greetings Family and Friends

The members of the Brinson Family Reunion Host Committee are pleased to welcome one and all to our 25th Brinson Family Reunion in Tampa Bay, Florida.” Fun and exciting activities await all attendees, based on the theme, **“THE BIG GUAVA!”**

We would like to give thanks to God for allowing us all to be together on this grand occasion. We express our gratitude to each of you for your support and cooperation in making this reunion a success.

Again, welcome, and thank you for coming; especially those who have traveled from out of town and out of state. The Family is the backbone of society; and it is always a happy and joyous occasion when family members can come together for fun and fellowship.

The Brinson Family Reunion Committee

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The 2024 “BIG GUAVA” Brinson Family Reunion

Thurs- July 25th, 2024 - WELCOME TO THE “BAY”

- 2:30pm-6:00pm** CHECK IN/REGISTRATION
Embassy Suites Westshore- Bayshore Ballroom Foyer 2nd Floor
- 5:00pm-7:00pm** PRE-REUNION MEET & MINGLE –EMBASSY SUITES WESTSHORE
(Managers Special! All are welcome to socialize and lounge). 2nd Floor Foyer
- 7:30pm-10:00pm** PRE-REUNION DINNER – Location: TBA (Dine on your Dime)

Fri- July 26th, 2024- BRINSON EMPOWERMENT and GRAND WELCOMING

- 8:00am - 2:00pm** BRINSON TIMES (Free Time) FAMILY Activities
Tampa Bay, Fl
- 12:00pm - 3:00pm** CHECK IN/REGISTRATION
Embassy Suites Westshore- Bayshore Ballroom Foyer 2nd Floor
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm** “BRINSON EMPOWERMENT Session” – EVERYONE WELCOMED
*Real Estate, Life Ins/Wills, Long Term Investing, Estate Planning, Entrepreneurship
Employment Techniques*
Embassy Suites Westshore- Bayshore Ballroom
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm** CHECK IN/REGISTRATION
Embassy Suites Westshore- Bayshore Ballroom Foyer 2nd Floor
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm** OPENING CEREMONIES / MEMORIAL SERVICE
Embassy Suites Westshore- Bayshore Ballroom 2nd Floor
- 8:00pm - 11:00pm** “ISLAND GETAWAY” ALL-WHITE DINNER- BAHAMA BREEZE
Attire: All-White (Casual)
3045 N Rocky Point Dr. East, Tampa, FL 33607 –Transportation Provided

Saturday- July 27th, 2024 - "TUBING & MOVING"

- 9:30am -** DEPART Embassy Suites Westshore FOR Adventure Island
Attire: Official BFR T-Shirt/ Swimwear
10001 McKinley Dr. Tampa, FL 33612–Transportation Provided
- 10:00am - 3:30pm** “ULTIMATE PARADISE SPLISH SPLASH” Adventure Island
12:30pm Lunch Together- Pavilion
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm** BRINSON TOWN HALL MEETING
Embassy Suites Westshore- Bayshore Ballroom 2nd Floor
(Voting and Announcement of the 2026 Brinson Family Reunion Location will occur during meeting)
- 8:00 pm - Until** “ROAM THE BAY” –Family Free Time to explore venues in Tampa
POOL PARTY w/ Food – Pool side (Embassy Suites Westshore Pool)
TEEN NIGHT- SPECIAL ACTIVITY

Sunday- July 28th, 2024 – OLD TIME RELIGION

- 9:30am - 11:00am** FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
Attire: Home Church Shirt/T-Shirt
Embassy Suites Westshore- Bayshore Ballroom 2nd Floor
BFR Chaplain, Bishop Norris Brinson, Presiding
- 11:00 am** 2024 BIG GUAVA BRINSON FAMILY REUNION CLOSING
CEREMONY
Embassy Suites Westshore- Bayshore Ballroom 2nd Floor

OUR FAMILY PRAYER

We have been made a family Through your grace, O Lord.

In love, you have brought us together.

In love, you sustain us.

In love, you forgive our sins.

Help us, dear Lord, to grow together, To serve you, to love our neighbor, And cherish each other.

*Keep your faith aflame in our hearts, That we may witness to all
Our faith in You.*

In Jesus name. Amen



A BLACK FAMILY PRAYER

*Because we have forgotten our ancestors, our children no longer
give us honor.*

*Because we have lost the path our ancestors cleared, kneeling in
perilous undergrowth, our children cannot find their way.*

*Because we have banished the God of our ancestors, our children
cannot pray.*

*Because the old walls of our ancestors have faded beyond
our hearing, our children cannot hear us crying.*

*Because we have abandoned our wisdom of mothering and
fathering,
our befuddled children give birth to children they neither want, nor
understand.*

*Because we have forgotten how to love, the adversary is within our
gates,
and hold us up to the mirror of the world, shouting, "Regard the
loveless."*

*Therefore, we pledge to bind ourselves to one
another To embrace our lowliest
To keep company with our loneliest,
To educate our illiterate, To
feed our starving, To clothe
our ragged.*

*To do all good things, knowing that we are more than keepers of our
brothers and sisters: We are our brothers and sisters.*

*In honor of those who toiled and implored God with golden
tongues, and in gratitude to the same God who brought us
out of hopeless desolation,*

WE MAKE THIS PLEDGE.

Dr. Maya Angelou

THE BRINSON COVENANT OF FAMILY RENEWAL

(To be read in unison)

In the presence of God and the members of my family, I renew my commitment:

I recognize that the family was ordained by God the Creator, was upheld by the teaching of Jesus the Son, and is indwelt by the living presence of the Holy Spirit. I, therefore, renew my commitment to my family as a part of my Christian faith.

I want to see harmony in my family: therefore, I will readily cooperate in daily tasks; I will try to help each member by understanding the other's needs and feelings; I will be a peacemaker and an influence for harmony.

I want my family to be happy: therefore, I will really show that I care for every other member of my family; I will always try to affirm the worth of the other and will apologize when I have failed to do this; I will reach out with encouragement to that person when I see that he or she is hurt.

I want my family to be a growing family: therefore, I will be always ready to listen, ready to honestly share my own needs and feelings. I will help my family to grow by being a growing person myself.

I want my family to be a Christian family: therefore, I will bring Christ into my family by my own prayer life, by trusting Him for His grace and strength in every situation and by encouraging the others to make Him Lord of our family at all times.

I believe that God can bless my family through me and fulfill His purposes for my family in me: therefore, I renew my commitment of love to my family.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for my family! I ask for your help, that I may fulfill the covenant I have just made. There will be times when I fail, perhaps even miserably fail, but give me your grace so that I may be as faithful as I can be. I ask this with thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ who strengthens me. AMEN

Name

LITTLE KNOWN BRINSON HISTORY FACTS

Brinson is a town in Decatur County, Georgia, and is in the Bainbridge metro area. The population was 225 at the 2000 census.

Major ancestry groups reported by Brinson residents include:

- **Black or African American - 24%**
- **English - 14%**
- **Irish - 10%**
- **German - 6%**
- **French (except Basque) - 4%**
- **Mexican - 4%**
- **Norwegian - 2%**
- **Scottish - 2%**
- **Cherokee - 1%**
- **American Indian tribes, specified - 1%**

Brinson was chartered in 1907. First called Spring Creek, the community was later named for an early settler, Simeon Brinson, whose great granddaughter still lives in Brinson.

The core of Brinson was once a robust mill industry, but today, explains veteran city council member, Franklin Faircloth, “We are a small farming community. Landowners here grow corn, peanuts, cotton and soybeans.” The community’s leadership is focused on ensuring that Brinson’s infrastructure is adequate to provide the town’s residents and businesses with quality utility services.

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth century’s, Georgia, including the city of Brinson, was the world’s leading producer of naval stores. Naval stores is a term that applies to all products derived from pine sap which are used to manufacture soap, paint, varnish, shoe polish, lubricants, linoleum and roofing material. It was a term originally applied to the resin- based components used in building and maintaining wooden sailing ships. The naval stores industry attracted increasing numbers of migrants to the Georgia wire, grass, and pine forests because the area’s longleaf yellow pine and slash pine produced the highest grade of turpentine. Crude turpentine was distilled throughout an eight-month dipping season. A crop might produce as much as 83,000 pounds of crude turpentine during the first two years of harvesting. Spring Creek runs through Brinson and was key to the lumber business as the waterway used to float logs to the mill. Today, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report Spring Creek is one of the last remaining free-flowing creeks in Georgia. The Old Methodist Church in Brinson is on the National Registry of Historic Places. It was built in 1901.

Simeon Brinson

Birth: March 24, 1847, Dougherty County, Georgia

Death: November 11, 1918, Decatur County, Georgia

Burial: Brinson Cemetery, Decatur County, Georgia

The BRINSON FAMILY REUNION originated in the early fifties with the Brinson sisters and brothers in their birthplace – Parrott, Georgia.

Later, the roots became pot-bound and they needed more room to grow. The Family Reunion was then moved to Columbus, Georgia, the home of Tobe and Mary Lee Brinson at 523 Third Avenue. After their death, our energetic and beloved brother, C.T. Brinson, stepped forward and took leadership. He continued this great fellowship until his death in 1960.

In 1978, the tradition of the Brinson Family Reunion was revitalized. Relatives came from all over the country to attend this grand family gathering. For many this was their first time attending. Our family was growing and the roots were spreading across the country. For the next few years, the Family Reunion was held annually.

After the 1979 reunion, the family decided to hold the reunion biannually. This tradition continues today.

1950	Parrott, Georgia
1960	Columbus, Georgia
1978	Columbus, Georgia
1979	Atlanta, Georgia
1980	Boston, Massachusetts
1982	Orlando, Florida
1984	Atlanta, Georgia
1986	Cleveland, Ohio
1988	Columbus, Georgia
1990	Wichita, Kansas
1992	Orlando, Florida
1994	Atlanta, Georgia
1996	Buffalo, New York
1998	Columbus, Georgia
2000	Virginia Beach, Virginia
2002	Detroit, Michigan
2004	Newark, New Jersey
2006	Buffalo, New York
2008	Beaver Fall, Pennsylvania
2010	Orlando, Florida
2012	Atlanta, Georgia
2014	Washington D.C.
2016	New Orleans, Louisiana
2018	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
2020	Postponed COVID-19 Pandemic
2022	Chicago, Illinois
2024	TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

To the best of our knowledge, Tobe Brinson was the son of Abram Brinson, Jr. and grandson of Abram Brinson, Sr.

In the year of our Lord, 1897, Tobe and Mary Lee Brinson settled in Terrell County, Georgia establish their family. Their off springs were Allie Bell, O.B., Lloyd, a set of twins-Willie and Willard, C.T., Arrie D., Orrie, Lemon, a girl dead at birth, Bessie Lee, Mae Thelma, Arcola, Lucy Florence, Luther D., and Ponjola D., totaling sixteen (16) children. The family relocated to Muscogee County at 508 Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Georgia in 1927 with all but four children.

MARRIAGES OF THE OFFSPRINGS

- Allie Bell**..... married John Hall and to that union came seven children, Sam, Myra Lee, Florine, Clyde, John, Paul, Willie.
- O.B.** married Albertha Slade in Cuthbert, Georgia; to that union came 11 children, Robert (R.B.), Milton, Willie B., Charlie, Raymond (Ray), Alton (Snoop), Ben , Bertha, Frank, William (Tommy), and Edward ("B"). After Albertha's death, O.B. married Willie Vera Jackson and from that union came one child, Patricia Brinson.
- Lloyd** never married; devoted friend, Mozelle.
- Willard** married Mae Allie Perry in Parrott, Georgia. To that marriage a set of twin girls came, Mary and Martha.
- C.T.**married Louise Houghton in Columbus, Georgia. To that union came one child, C. T. Brinson, Jr. After Louise's death, C. T., Sr. married Eddie Lee Hines and to that marriage came one child, Marie.
- Arrie D.**married Spencer James in Columbus, Georgia in 1961. To that marriage came no children. Arrie D. was "Mother to All."
- Orrie**married Eda O'Neal in Phoenix City, Alabama. To that marriage came no children.
- Lemon**married Ella Tramble in Columbus, Georgia and to that marriage came one son: Lemon, Jr.
- Bessie Lee** married George Smith in Columbus, Georgia in 1931. To that marriage came one son, Herbert.
- Mae Thelma** married Frank Goodwin in Atlanta, Georgia in 1945; to that union came no children.
- Arcola Rebecca** married Eugene Giddens in Columbus, Georgia; to that union came two children, Joe Alvin and Betty Jean.
- Lucy Florence**married Cleveland Beckum in Columbus, Georgia in 1938; to that union came four children, Cleveland Jr., Joan C., twin daughters-Sheila and Sharon. In 1953, Lucy gave birth to another set of twins, sons-Richard and Ronald Harris.
- Ponjola Da Mon**married Ernest Hollis, Sr. in Columbus, Georgia in 1948; to that union came two children, Ernest Jr. and Rhonda Katrina.

BRINSON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The information contained was researched by Angela Berry and Sheila B. Head at the Atlanta Archives in Atlanta, Georgia for the 1994 Brinson Family Reunion. The Soundex for 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and census records of 1860 and 1870 were used.

What was discovered: James Brinson 1st, Abram Brinson, Sr., Abram Brinson, Jr., Mack and James lived in Lee County, and Abram Sr. and Abram, Jr. were in Terrell County. It is our belief that Abram, Sr., James 1st, and Mack were brothers. However, we have not been able to confirm this relationship. Additional research is needed to verify the kinship. The two counties, Terrell and Lee where relatives were found are in close proximity to one another. Lee County was founded in 1825, and Terrell County was composed from part of Lee (Randolph County) in 1856.

Tracing our roots to 1880 was easy; however, going further back was difficult. Our ancestors were found in the 1880 and 1870 census records, but the records were confusing. In some cases, the ages and household members were inconsistent with what we found later. We are sure that slavery is a contributing factor to these findings. Our ancestors were 3-5 years out of slavery. Many could not read or write and were not sure of their ages. The census takers recorded what they were told.

We are sharing this information to stimulate your interest in our family history. We hope that some of you will search our ancestors' records, bibles, church records, cemetery records, etc., to help put the pieces together.

We also have included a genealogy chart for your personal history. Start the chart by writing your name on line 1, and then add the names of your parents and grandparents in the proper spaces. The dates and places of birth, marriages and deaths for each person should be recorded.

We encourage you to complete the chart and present to every child who is born in your family with his/her own personal chart. This is important 1) to help your descendants know their roots and 2) to avoid some of the problems we encountered in our research.

In closing, we would like to emphasize that our research has just begun. We believe that we have a rich history and many pieces are missing. We plan to continue our research. As we learn more about our ancestors, we will share this information with you.

Please feel free to let the Brinson Family Reunion Host Committee know if any information submitted is incorrect!

Thank you in advance,
Brinson Family Reunion Host Committee
info@brinsonfamilyreunion.com



“MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO”

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little but not too long And not
with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared;
Miss me but, let me go.*

*For life is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*So when you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds; Miss
me, but let me go.*

From: *Esther Cullen-Tillman
Beaver Falls, PA*

IN MEMORY OF JIMMY “ROOSTER RED” CLAYTON

JIMMY CLAYTON

January 13, 1947 – February 20, 2000

Jimmy, known as **Rooster Red** had a vision that the Brinson Family Reunion would grow to include other branches of the Brinson Family Tree. Through his efforts and determination two branches joined together for a family reunion in Atlanta, Georgia, July 1994. Jimmy was the youngest son of Fred and Willie Mae Clayton. He was the grandson of Nora Brinson Cleveland. He grew up in Columbus, Georgia where he graduated from Spencer High School. Jimmy's two siblings are Fred and Mamie. Jimmy was a professional house painter.

We are truly thankful to Jimmy. You brought us together. We have grown as a family. Our lives are richer because you cared enough to intersect our paths. Rest in peace, Jimmy, we love you and miss you! You and our memories of you will always be in our hearts.

*A MEMORY IS A SPECIAL TREASURE
WHICH ENDURES AND GIVES US PLEASURE
ONE WE CHERISH ALWAYS, FOR WE
KNOW THAT RECALLING CERTAIN
TIMES AND PLACES, TENDER
MOMENTS, SMILING FACES,
ALWAYS BRINGS OUR HEARTS
A WARMING GLOW
THOUGH TIME MAY PASS, A
MEMORY STAYS, REMINDING US
OF A HAPPY DAYS
AND OF THE PEOPLE
WHO HAVE TOUCHED OUR LIVES—
OF FAVORS DONE, AND HAVE LOVE
EXPRESSED, OF THOSE WHO'VE
STOOD ABOVE THE REST, A
MEMORY IS A TREASURE
THAT SURVIVES.*

AMANDA BRADLEY



IN LOVING MEMORY

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In April 1916, the first tragedy hit the family. **Willie Brinson** died at the age of 12.

In April of 1931, **Lemon Brinson** departed this life in Columbus, GA.

On July 18, 1939, our mother, departed this life at the age of 55 in Columbus, GA. She left her husband, Tobe Brinson and their 13 children and grandchildren as survivors.

On April 15, 1945, **Albertha Brinson**, O.B.'s wife, died in Cuthbert, Georgia.

On September 22, 1948, our father, **Tobe Brinson** died at the age of 74, in Columbus, GA.

In 1951, **Lloyd Brinson** departed this life in Columbus, GA.

On January 22, 1960, **C.T. Brinson** departed this life at the age of 53, in Columbus, GA.

In January 1965, **O.B. Brinson** departed this life in Cuthbert, GA.

On October 28, 1967, **Robert Brinson** (O.B.'s oldest son), his wife **Rosa Lee Brinson** and their son, **Willie James Brinson** died in a car accident in Hahira, GA.

In 1968, **Ray Brinson** died in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In November 1973, **Martha Brinson Hunter**, daughter of Robert and Rosa Brinson, departed this life in Orlando, Florida.

In 1975, **Roy Lee Sorrells, Sr.**, son of Bertha Brinson Sorrells departed this life in Boston, Massachusetts.

On December 12, 1975, **Allie Bell Hall** departed this life at the age of 77, in Columbus, GA.

In May 1976, **Alton "Snoop" Brinson** departed this life in Cuthbert, GA.

On October 16, 1977, **Reverend Willard Brinson** departed this life at the age of 71, in Columbus, GA.

On February 3, 1978, **Bessie Lee Smith** departed this life at the age of 64, in Columbus, GA.

On January 9, 1980, **Orris Brinson** departed this life at the age of 69, in Columbus, GA.

Ben Brinson, who resided in Miami, FL departed this life. (He was the Son of O. B. Brinson)

On April 17, 1983, the Matriarch of the Brinson Family: **Arrie D. James** departed this life at the age of 72, in the Columbus, GA.

In December 1987, **Luther Brinson** departed this life.

In February 1992, **Wilma Brinson**, wife of William D. Brinson (Son of O.B. Brinson) departed this life in Boston, MA.

On August 2, 1992, **Joseph Wayne Brinson**, (Son of Robert and Rosa Brinson) departed this life in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In November 1995, **William D. Brinson** (Son of O. B. & Albertha Slade Brinson) was called to Rest.

Joan Beckum heard the Master's call & was transitioned. (Daughter of Lucy Florence Brinson Beckum)

On January 10, 1998, **Charlie Brinson** (Son of O.B. Brinson) departed this life.

On July 24, 2008, **Martha Louise Brinson**, (Wife of Charlie Brinson) mother of Terrance and Terri Brinson, departed this life to rest.

On December 10, 2008, **Willie B. Brinson** departed this life in Boston, Massachusetts.

On March 2, 2012, GOD called to rest **Patrick Leon Brinson** (Son of Carolyn Brinson Tolbert)

On March 30, 2013, at age 86, **Ponjola D. Hollis** (Daughter of Patriarch, Tobe & Mary Lee Brown Brinson) departed this life.

On July 11, 2013, **Ernest Hollis, Sr.** departed this life.

Arcola Giddens (Daughter of the Patriarch Tobe & Mary Lee Brinson) departed this life to rest.

On August 25, 2013, earth released **Milton Brinson** (Son of O. B. Brinson).

Lucy Florence Beckum (Daughter of Patriarch Tobe Brinson and Mary Lee Brown Brinson) answered her Master's call and departed this life on December 25, 2013.

On November 15, 2014, **Emma Rose Brinson** (Wife of Willie B. Brinson and Mother of Lee Cardwell) was called from labor to rest.

On November 22, 2014, **Ronald Harris** (Son of Lucy F. Beckum) obeyed the MASTER's call.

Myra Lee Brinson, Daughter of Alton (Son of O. B. Brinson) & Catherine Brinson, departed this life.

Mattie Brinson (Mother of Johnnie Brinson) was transitioned from this earthly life.

Ethel Mae Brinson-Hatton transitioned from this life January 26, 2015.

Matthew Hatten Jr. laid to rest December 28, 2015.

Ronald "P-Nut" Sorrells (Son of Bertha B. Sorrells-Kennedy – Daughter of O. B. Brinson) was called from this life in October 2016.

Annie Kate Redding-Brinson was laid to rest on May 14, 2016.

On October 10, 2016, **Jessie Louise Brinson** was called home.

On November 6, 2016, **Ulysses "Tony" Brinson** (Son of Robert and Rosa Lee Brinson) was called home to rest.

On January 19, 2017 - **Apostle Cassie Sorrells-Brown** (Daughter of Bertha Sorrells-Kennedy – Daughter of O. B. Brinson) was transitioned from earthly labor to rest.

Linda George, Daughter of Bertha Sorrells-Kennedy, departed this earthly life in 2017.

Clara B. Brinson was called hone on November 16, 2017

Denis Leon Brinson was laid to rest on December 17, 2017.

March 22nd, 2017 - **Anita Flanagan** was called to rest after a fierce health battle.

June 2018, **Delphine Hollis**, wife of Ernest Hollis, Jr. and daughter-in-law of Ernest & Ponjola Hollis, Sr. passed away.

On July 16, 2018, **Jeff Dardy**, Son of Edward B. Brinson, Sr. transitioned from earth to rest.

On September 17, 2018 **Cynthia S Sorrells** transitioned her earthly life on the Master's Call.

On May 4, 2019, **Mary Esther Cullen – Tillman Newman**, was called from this life to rest.

On November 16, 2019, **Vivian Jean Brinson** was called home.

On April 23, 2020, **Vera Lucille Brinson** (Mother of Allen, Eddie Jr., & Fhynita Brinson) answered the Master's Call.

James Brinson Jr. was called to rest on February 9, 2021.

On February 16, 2021, **Edward B. Brinson, Sr.** (Youngest child and Son of O.B. Brinson), transitioned his earthly life on the Master's Call.

Anthony Duane Thomas was laid to rest on July 30, 2021.

Claree Brinson-Seay transitioned from this earthly life on November 12, 2021.

Betty Pierce-Brinson was laid to rest in Buffalo, NY.

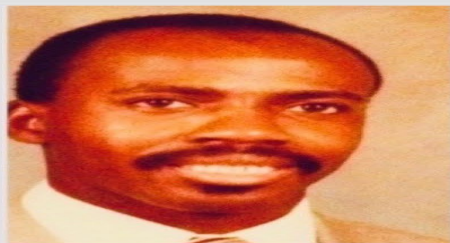
Willie B. Brinson received his wings on December 21, 2021.

Ruth Diane Hopkins received her wings on June 10, 2022.

Bertha (Brinson) Sorrells-Kennedy Sunrise September 1, 1931- Sunset June 3, 2023

On April 17th. 2024, "The Life of the Party" **Carolyn Sue Brinson Tolbert**, (Youngest Daughter of Robert and Rosa Brinson) departed this life in Wichita, Kansas.

**YOU ARE SADLY MISSED BY YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, BUT WE KNOW
THAT WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN WHEN WE REACH THE OTHER SIDE.**



In Loving Memory of our Mother, Sister, and Brother

Lucy Florence Brinson Beckum

Joan Carol Beckum

Ronald Harris

Sometimes it's hard to understand why somethings have to be. But, in his wisdom, God has planned beyond our power to see. So, looking back with tenderness along the path we trod. We cherish the years we had with you and leave the rest to God.

Your loving Family

Richard Harris, the Head family, the Jones Family and the Beckum family



Official Obituary of

Bertha Lee Kennedy

September 1, 1931 - June 3, 2023

YOU ARE SADLY MISSED BY YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, BUT WE KNOW THAT WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN WHEN WE REACH THE OTHER SIDE.

LUCY FLORENCE BRINSON BECKUM

WORDS THAT WOULD CAPTURE HER SPIRIT:

“YOU’RE NO LESS OR NO BETTER THAN OTHERS, BUT YOU ARE JUST AS GOOD.”

OLIVIA BRINSON CROCKER

WORDS OF WISDOM: COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

HOWEVER HARD THE GOING IS, HOWEVER BLEAK IT
SEEMS, JUST KEEP ON TRUSTING JESUS; HE WILL FULFILL
YOUR DREAMS.

AND THOUGH THE WAY SEEMS DARK AND DREAR
AND EVERYTHING GOES WRONG, STAY BY THE SIDE OF
JESUS, FOR THAT’S WHERE YOU BELONG.
SO KEEP ON TRUSTING AS YOU GO ALONG LIFE’S TROUBLED WAY.
JUST KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS; HE’LL TURN THE NIGHT
TO DAY. SO PRAISE HIM FOR THE GOOD AND BAD
AND COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS NOW.
FOR HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU –
THAT’S HIS ETERNAL VOW.

ARCOLA BRINSON GIDDENS

WORDS OF WISDOM:

NEVER LOSE AN OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING ANYTHING THAT IS BEAUTIFUL; FOR BEAUTY IS GOD’S
HANDWRITING – A WAYSIDE SACRAMENT. WELCOME IT IN EVERY FAIR FACE, IN EVERY FAIR SKY,
IN EVERY FLOWER, AND THANK GOD FOR IT **AS** A CUP OF BLESSING.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

THELMA BRINSON GOODWIN

“BEING YOUR OWN PERSON IS ONE OF THE BEST REWARDS LIFE CAN OFFER.” IN THIS LIFE, IF YOU
STEADFASTLY AFFIRM GOODNESS, GOODNESS WILL BE THERE. IF YOU AFFIRM LOVE, YOU WILL FIND IT.
AND IF YOU AFFIRM THANKFULNESS, BLESSINGS WILL FLOW.

PONJOLA BRINSON HOLLIS

WORDS OF WISDOM:

WE JUDGE OURSELVES BY WHAT WE FEEL CAPABLE OF DOING; OTHERS JUDGE US BY WHAT WE HAVE
DONE. THE WISEST MIND HAS SOMETHING YET TO LEARN.

DEAL ONLY WITH THE PRESENT, NEVER STOP INTO TOMORROW, FOR GOD ASKS US TO TRUST HIM AND
NEVER BORROW SORROW FOR THE FUTURE IS NOT OURS TO KNOW, AND IT MAY NEVER BE. SO LET US
LIVE, AND GIVE OUR BEST, AND GIVE IT LAVISHLY. FOR TO MEET TOMORROW’S TROUBLE, BEFORE THEY
ARE EVEN OURS, IS TO ANTICIPATE THE SAVIOR AND DOUBT HIS ALL WISE POWERS.
SO LET US BE CONTENT TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS ONE BY ONE ASKING NOTHING OF TOMORROW
EXCEPT “THY WILL BE DONE”!

CLAREE SEAY

WORDS OF WISDOM: “BE CAREFUL HOW YOU TREAT YOUR NEIGHBORS TODAY, THEY MAY BE THE
ONES YOU HAVE TO KISS TOMORROW”

BRINSON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS, CON'T




Happy Birthday to Ms. Mattie Rosemond
who celebrated her 75th Birthday on June 11th, 2024.
We pray that you have many more!



TAMPA, FLORIDA

BRINSON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

DAWN LANETTE VINING- SORRELLS

Daughter of Robert Lee Sorrells Sr and Sandra Elaine Vining. Siblings are Robert Lee Sorrells Jr. and Twana Sorrells-McCrea. Wife is TereLaShai Taylor -Vining. She served 10 Years in the United States Army and received a Purple  Heart for Desert Storm. She also received a honorable discharge from the United States Army and is currently a disabled Veteran with nursing degree and over 30 years in nursing who currently work for the United States Government.

Thanks for your service DAWN!

Odessa C. Burruss

from Buffalo, New York, daughter of Elvira Brinson-Brennan and Bernard Burruss is a jack of all trades. Odessa who worked as an Emergency Medical Technician currently works in retail and drives school buses. In May 2024 she enlisted into the United States Navy. Odessa starts basic training in August 2024. Odessa the family is very proud of you!

Good luck in your new endeavors.

Syreeta K. Yelverton

from St. Louis, Missouri currently residing in Buffalo, New York, daughter of Carolyn Brinson Yelverton and Alvin Yelverton Sr. graduated from Stony Brook University with a BA in Journalism and Sociology in 2019. She was just excepted to the University of Buffalo, Jacob's School of Medicine and starts school in July. She expects to graduate in 2028 as a Medical Doctor.

Way to go Syreeta, sky's the limit!

Christopher I. France

from Buffalo, New York, son of Belinda Brinson Herring and the Late James France is a Music Artist by the name RI\$CH. He performed in the "Last Name Legendary Tour" June 2024 with the last show in his home town at the Buffalo Iron Works on June 29th . You can find his music on Youtube by the name RI\$CH. Chris is also the owner of CE Home Improvement he can be contacted at Chrisfrance8@yahoo.com.

Best wishes in all your accomplishments!

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Brandon L. Moody

Son of Eddie B. Brinson, Jr and Vivian Jones-Brinson, and Grandson of Edward B. Brinson, Sr. Serves in the U.S. Navy promoted to the rank of Commander/0-5, and completed Prospective Executive Officer (PXO) school in Newport, RI. Following training school he assumed the duties and responsibilities as the Executive Office (XO) of the USS Sterett (DDG-104).

Thanks for your service Brandon!

Vivian Jones-Brinson

from Fredericksburg, VA, wife of Eddie B. Brinson, Jr. and Daughter-in-law of Edward B. Brinson, Sr. retired from 37 years of Federal Government Service, As a Senior Human Resources Specialist. Thank you for your service! Enjoy your retirement and new endeavors.

Gabriella Graham

from Fredericksburg, VA, God-Daughter of Eddie B. Brinson, Jr.

Jade' D. Moody

Daughter-In-Law of Eddie B. Brinson, Jr., and Vivian Jones-Brinson, and wife of Brandon L. Moody. Jade' currently serves as an Administrative Officer in the U.S. Navy. In June 2024, she was selected for promotion to the rank of Commander/0-5.

Congratulations on your selection Jade', sky's the limit!! Thank for your service!!!

Davette M. Smith

God-Daughter of Eddie B. Brinson, Jr. and Vivian Jones-Brinson was selected to serve as a Kindergarten Teacher for Spotsylvania County Schools at Brock Elementary in Fredericksburg, VA

Congratulations on your selection and have a great school year!

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WE PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THE GRADUATION OF
Camryn Cohens
Class of 2023
FROM GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Ceremony
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023 AT 10:00 AM
STEPHEN C. O'CONNELL CENTER,
250 GALE LEMERAND DR., GAINESVILLE, FL 32611

Graduation Celebration
AT 1:00 PM
CLF CHURCH, LIFE BUILDING
19817 W NEWBERRY RD., NEWBERRY, FL 32669
PLEASE RSVP TO JERONA 352.363.7731 BY 5/21



In May 2023, **Camryn Cohens**, daughter of Terrenzi & Jerona Cohens, great-granddaughter of Ms. Mary Brinson James graduated from Gainesville High School. She currently attends North Florida University in Jacksonville, FL



2024 Men's New Life Graduates



Gregory "Richard" James son of Gregory James & grandson of Mary Brinson James graduated from the Men's New Life Rehabilitation Program of Springfield, MA on May 3rd, 2024. Richard is currently in the Transitional Living Program & looks forward to returning to the community and helping others sustain a successful life. Congratulations on a job well done!

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Salahuddin Mohamed Bouna

son of Sofia Hunter Bouna,
grandson of Bernard & Margie
Hunter, and Great Grandson of
Martha Brinson Hunter graduated
from Davis Aerospace and
Maritime High School in the Class
of 2024.

Congrats Salahuddin!



Aminah Mohamed Bouna

daughter of Sofia Hunter Bouna,
granddaughter of Bernard &
Margie Hunter, and Great
granddaughter of Martha Brinson
Hunter graduated from Macalester
College in the Class of 2024 with a
Bachelor of Science degree in
Chemistry with concentration in
biochemistry. **Congrats Aminah!**

**CONGRATULATIONS
FAMILY!**

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Head's Plumbing Sales and Service, Inc

is celebrating 43 years in business. We were founded in 1981 by Phenus Head, Jr. and Shelia Beckum Head. The company is currently ran by Odari M. Head and assisting in the daily operations, Khadija J Head. Cameron Head is entering the 4 summer of his plumbing apprenticeship and Jayden Head is entering his second summer.

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