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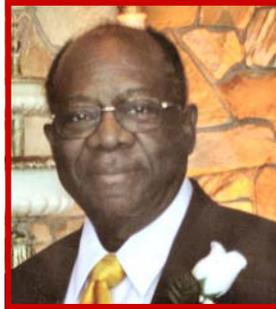
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2013 Ends on Sad Notes

Leroy W. Burns, Sr. Died Unexpectedly on Nov. 24th

Charleston Club member, Leroy Walter Burns, Sr. was born on June 24, 1942 in Charleston. He was the oldest of five children born to the late Janie and Walter Burns. He attended and graduated from Burke High School in the Class of 1960. While a student at Burke he garnered the reputation for his loyalty and integrity! Leroy died unexpectedly on Nov. 24, 2013 in Northeast Washington, DC; he was 71 years old. Funeral Services were held on Friday, December 6th at Maranatha Gospel Hall, 4910 13th Street NW, in Washington. Presiding were, Rev. Ernest Choice, Jr., Pastor and the eulogy delivered by Bro. Reginald Gaither; interment was in Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, VA. Members of the Charleston Club were in attendance for the both the family hour at the wake on Dec. 5th and the funeral services that Friday.



Leroy joined the Charleston Club a few years ago via an accidental meeting with a former Burke H.S. class-mate; Ben Randall at a local "computer show." The two old friends started making "small talk" and ole conversations about their days at Burke. Leroy and Ben were in an auto-mechanics course together at Burke. As with many of us, their careers in life took them in similar, but different directions. Soon Ben extended an invitation was for Leroy to join the Charleston Club. Leroy attended a meeting, and decided he liked it...he became an active supporter of the group and a member in good standing for the past 12 years.

Shortly after graduation he decided to join the U.S. Air Force. While stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL he was a part of The 6th Air Mobility Wing. It was in Tampa that he met the love of his life, Susie Barber. The couple married on April 11, 1962 in Tampa. After his tours in the Air Force ended the couple moved to the Washington area where they raised their four children: Leroy Jr., Frederick, Suzette and Manzell. For the majority of his career, he worked as an engineer for the federal government from which he later retired.

Leroy has been an active member of the Charleston Club for the last five years and the Burke High School Class of 1960 Alumni celebrations. He worked diligently to help raise money for Burke's scholarship efforts during the Class of 1960's Golden 50th Anniversary Reunion in 2010...helping to raise funds for others.

During the funeral services, these are the words used to

describe this quiet, humble man... "Godly, Loyal, Faithful, Humble, Attentive, and Dependable! Leroy was regarded as very spiritual; a man of strong integrity; a quiet man - not of many words. Like E.F. Hutton... when he spoke everyone listened. When you needed spiritual advice, he was the man family and friends would turn to. He was grounded and thought of by his family as the "rock" of the family. Leroy's spirit will forever be imbedded in so many people he touched during his life's journey." "...Leroy accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and was baptized at an early age. He loved the Lord and devoted the rest of his life to serving the Lord, sharing the Word, and touching others. He helped pioneer Immanuel Bible Assembly in 1967 where he served as a dedicated, hard-working leading Elder of the church. Leroy was very active in the Inter-Assembly Fellowship and the Outreach Ministry."

Leroy is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Susie Baker Burns and their four children. There are eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in the family. He was preceded in death by his brother Chris Burns.

Richard Jerome Rambert - Mr. Jerome Rambert, Sir!

Richard Jerome Rambert of North Charleston entered into eternal rest on Thursday, December 12, 2013 in Charleston, he was 61 years old. His funeral was held on Thursday, December 19th at Charity Missionary Baptist Church on E. Montague Avenue in North Charleston. The Rev. Nelson B. Rivers III, Pastor of Charity Missionary Baptist Church officiated at the services.



Richard Jerome Rambert was born on April 27, 1952 in Charleston; he was the son of the late George Rambert and Rachel Rambert-Gant. He was the stepson of the late Mr. Marion Gantt. Jerome as he was called graduated from Bonds-Wilson High School in the class of 1970. While at Bonds-Wilson he was an active member of the Drama Club, he was thrilled with his starring role and performance in their production of the musical "Bye Bye Birdie." He was also a member of the Bonds-Wilson Choir and the Science Club.

Jerome majored in Biology at Claflin University (Orangeburg, SC) in the early 1970s. While a member of the Claflin Panthers he was the president of their Gospel Choir. The choir traveled and performed throughout the state of South Carolina. He also became an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi (KAPΨ) Fraternity and graduated Cum Laude in 1974. He entered Howard University in the mid-

70s to receive his Masters Degree. This stimulated a life-long love of science that he was able to pass on to his students. For the next thirty-one (31) years he taught at several schools in the Washington, DC area. He loved teaching at the prestigious Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School; it was his "beloved" Roosevelt Senior High and the student there "loved" him! "Mr. Rambert" was held in high esteem by his students, which included the sons and daughters of U.S. Senators, Congressmen and Diplomats. (There are over 75 entries of condolences on the internet: **Richard Rambert's obituary - Charleston, SC**)

In 2002 he became a member of the Charleston Club and was very active in attending the meetings and participation in the club as a member. Three years later, in 2005 he became very ill and had to be hospitalized for serious medical condition; he had to drop out of the club for treatments. In 2007, he was blessed to be able to retire from the school system and return home to Charleston... "Live His Purpose... Knowing that reading is essential for a students' success, he was a strong advocate of reading education." Richard Jerome took personal interest and pride in the success of his students in the After School Literacy program at Felix Pinckney Center. He loved them as his own. During his lifetime Richard was the recipient of numerous awards. His most treasured were those related to education: Harnessing the Motivation of Diverse Students, Providing Meaningful Bay Experiences for District of Columbia Youth and reading Across the Curriculum Certificates of Achievement.

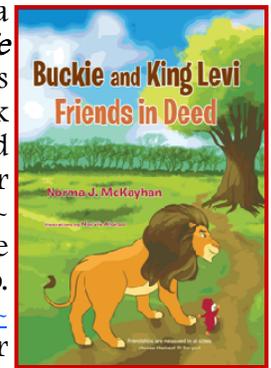
Richard was a Trustee of Charity Missionary Baptist Church. Over the years he held positions as Sunday School Teacher, Male Choir Director, Sanctuary Choir Member, Missionary and Intercessory Prayer Team. Richard Jerome Rambert was a very spiritual and passionate man who embraced life. He embodied the scripture in Ephesians 1:18-19: *"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power."* (New King James Version)

Letters were presented to the family from many dignitaries for his accomplishments during his life time; Congressman James E. Clyburn (D-SC) and Mayor of Charleston, Joseph P. Riley, Jr. for being an outstanding citizen who was born in Charleston SC.

Everyone who knew Richard Jerome knows that he was the Dallas Cowboys #1 Fan. His personal collection of Cowboys Memorabilia was unrivaled in the Low-County. Richard Jerome will long be remembered for his unwavering defense of the Cowboys during a September Charleston Club meeting at his sister-in-law's house (Erie Rambert's deck) in the fall of 2002. The Redskins and the Cowboys were scheduled to play the next day... Sunday. He was ready for a fight, if anyone said too much (bad) about his Cowboys! He was a TRUE BELIEVER!

McKayhan's Second Book is Available Now!

Charleston Club member, Norma J. McKayhan's second book (*Buckie and King Levi-Friends in Deed*) is now available at all on-line book stores; Amazon.com, Barnes and Nobel, Books A Million, Trafford, or through Norma herself. If you enjoyed her first book, you will be pleased with the second book also. Her e-mail address is: njmckayhan@verizon.net. Thank you for your continued support.



Travel Magazine's Readers' Choice Awards #1...

For more than 25 years, *Condé Nast Travels* magazine's Readers Choice Awards have been a coveted seal of approval for hotels, cruise ships, and airlines from the world's most discriminating travelers. For the third year, Charleston has come out on top... with 79,000 voters the magazine says... "With "sand, sun, history, good food, and friendly people," Charleston is a consistent hit with the travelers who venture to this "gracious and beautiful" city (in fact, it's taken first place on our list of Top 10 Cities in the United States for three years now and been rated as the friendliest). Nearby beaches and impressive architecture draw visitors, but it's the "insanely nice" locals who enhance "magnificent" bed and breakfasts and "amazing shopping." "The charm of this city brings me back every year," praised one devoted fan. "The food, history, architecture and people are wonderful," said one reader. "A bucket list city!"

Rufus L. Dilligard, Jr. Dies at age 69 in Charleston

Rufus L. Dilligard, Jr. died on Dec. 23rd in Charleston. He was the son of the late Rufus L., Sr. and Catherine Dilligard. Rufus graduated from Burke H.S. in 1962 and NC A&T State University in class of 1966. He was 69 years old, and a retired Naval Shipyard Quality Assurance Representative. He was a very dedicated



and active member of Morris Brown AME Church. Rufus is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 45 years, Dr. Barbara Dawson Dilligard; daughters, Latonya Dilligard Edwards, Esq. of Irmo, SC and Kara D. Dilligard of Charlotte, NC, and his sister, Claudette Dilligard Hart (Darryl). Funeral services were Saturday Dec. 28th in Charleston.

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- **The Holiday Social** is Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at The Marsh Mansion ~ Heritage Hunt Golf and Country Club, 13451 Fieldstone Way in Gainesville, VA. Make sure you have signed up and arrive early... there will be lots of FUN! Presentation • Food • Music • Gift Exchange **POC:** Norma J. McKayhan - njmckayhan@verizon.net, Rose Randall - rosaran3@yahoo.com.

- The Fly on The Wall !