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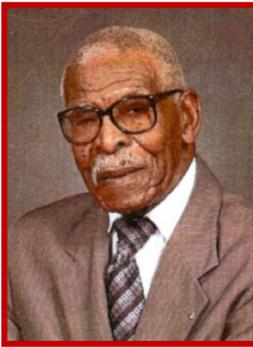
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Fallen Limbs of the Tree

Philip H. Magwood ~ An ICS Sports Legend

Philip Hutchinson Magwood was born on December 12, 1920 in Charleston. His parents were the late William L. (Sr.) and Lucille Hutchinson Magwood; as a child the family lived at 66 Lee Street on the east side of the city. Philip and his 3 siblings all had family related names: older sister Lucille Magwood Pettigrew, after her mother; brother **William L., Jr.** (Charleston Club Charter Member), after his father; Philip after his Uncle Philip Magwood, who was a 25 year veteran of the famed 10th Calvary Regiment of The Buffalo Soldiers; and his younger sister, **Julia Magwood Harris** (Charleston Club Charter Member), after an older sister of her father's (Julia Magwood Starks). Their father, William (Sr.) was a master interior and exterior house painter and taught young Philip the trade before he turned 20 years old. Their mother, Lucille Hutchinson Magwood worked as a seamstress at Kerrison's and Condon's Department stores on King Street.



His early childhood education in The Holy City was at the Wallingford Academy on Meeting Street and Shaw Elementary School on Mary Street. In 1929, he transferred to the "old" Immaculate Conception School at Coming & Sheppard Streets in the 4th grade. The next school-year (1930/31) the entire student-body moved to its current location at 200 Coming Street. Life at the new school was GREAT, the old ICS had become over crowded with the increasing number of students. Three (3) smaller out-buildings had to be built in the rear of the school, adjacent to the then active ICS/St. Peters' grave yard, to accommodate the growing school.

Young Philip almost always had a part-time job while in school; he said he learned at an early age that he needed "money" to afford his interest in the young ladies. He enjoyed buying the girls' lunch at recesses. Lunch would cost 0.20¢ to 0.25¢ for a sandwich, chips and a half-pint of bottled milk. He worked with/for his father painting houses and learning the trade and he enjoyed what he could do with the "extra change" in his pockets. As a youth, he displayed his entrepreneurial talents; he built his own wagon to haul wood for families from Wilson's Wood Yard on Nassau Street. In high school he attended classes, played sports and worked part-time jobs. He worked for Pete Robinson's Shoe Repair Shop on Coming Street and at Purvis Drugs Store (Coming & Morris Streets).

Around 1938/39, ICS had a very successful basketball

season; the team came in the top three (3) at the State Tournament. As a reward, Fr. Ward Cleary made arrangements for the team to travel to Washington, DC and Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA) for a team trip. Fr. Cleary rented a couple of funeral cars (Buicks) from Mickey's Funeral Home (Cannon St) for the team to make the trip. Soon thereafter, Philip and several other boys visited Fr. Cleary to say they wanted to start a football team for ICS. Fr. Cleary liked the idea, but there were hurdles to cross. The first ICS football team was organized in the fall of 1939/40. One of the first games was against a Beaufort's Robert Smalls High School, the team traveled to an old corn field/patch, and lost 81 to nothing. It would be years before the squad would see a WIN! He was one of the first team-members of both ICS' basketball and football teams in high school.

Philip had a passion for singing and playing sports. He joined the school's choir and at age 15, he joined the historic Central Baptist Church (1893) on Radcliffe Street. With his passion to sing and a God-given gifted voice, he joined quartet groups, choirs and sang solo. He loved social dances at the Parish-house (Coming & Sheppard). Philip graduated from ICS on June 15, 1941 and worked at Post Office. Six months later, December 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor Day) and everything changed. Philip enlisted in the Army Air Force (US Air Force est. 1947) in 1942. While in training at MacDill Air Force Base (Sarasota, FL) he met his future wife Eunice Kolb Allen. The couple married on February 6, 1945 in Sarasota.

Years later, Magwood and the family returned to Charleston and he resumed working at the Post Office. Some YMCA volunteers decided to organize a black Semi-Professional Football team (The Charleston Bears~1947) in Charleston, Berlin's For Men's owner helped with the start-up cost. Philip was a running back and the team made week-end trips playing other Service Military Teams. The team dismantled around 1953.

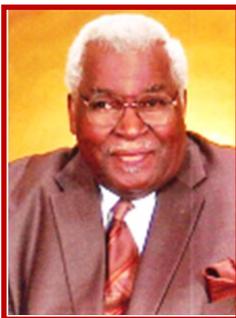
Philip, Eunice and their family (Regina, Eddie and Aaron Philip) lived in the Jenkins Terrace subdivision. Philip retired from the Post Office Dept. in June 1972 and started driving a long-haul 18 wheeler. In November 1990, Eunice Kolb Magwood died, in Charleston, after 48 years of marriage.

In 2004, Philip relocated to the Maryland-DC area and started living in a Seniors' Apartment in the Silver Spring area. His daughter, Regina lived nearby helping him with his shopping, doctors' visits and his computer needs. His apartment is filled with mementos from his Charleston days. He enjoyed his apartment complex and his local

church, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church (Rockville, MD), and outings to and with The Charleston Club events. Deacon Philip H. Magwood died on Tuesday, March 14th in Maryland, he was 96 years old. Celebration of Life services were held on March 29th at his Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Rockville, MD. His daughter, Regina and sister, Julia Magwood Harris were in attendance. Charleston Club members; Lanard M. Geddings and Clarence McNeill made reflections and read a Charleston Club resolution. Other club members in attendance were; Ned E. Felder and Joseph Cohen. There will be another memorial service for Philip in April at Central Baptist Church in Charleston.

Robert "Bobby" Rose - The Good Fighter

Robert "Bobby" Rose was born on Tuesday, November 16, 1937 to the late William Rose, Sr. and Mabell Simmons Rose in Charleston, he was one of eight (8) children. The family lived on Norman Street in the Gadsden Green Apartments (Back the Green); he attended Simonton Elementary School and A.B. Rhett Middle School before entering his beloved Burke High School in 1953-54. The next few years would become the defining years of his adult life. Bobby played varsity basketball and football in high school. He truly had **the tenacity of a bulldog!** In both sports, Bobby played opposite his first cousin Raymond "Goofy" Rose (I.C.S. '57). As his obituary states, *"Bobby was an avid sports enthusiast throughout high school with special interest in football and basketball."*



It may be said that Bobby channeled the same degree of passion into educational, civic and religious pursuits. About 20 years ago, he was a leading sponsor of a group of "ole Avery, Bonds-Wilson, Burke, C.A. Brown, and I.C.S." athletes and cheerleaders, who annually promoted a dance at Christmas time to raise scholarship funds for Burke graduates. Likewise, he was in the forefront of all endeavors to assist Burke by the combine Classes of 1957/58.

"He was a strong supporter of South Carolina State Athletic Programs. He was presented the Johnny Vaught Lifetime Achievement Award." He had been a football season ticket holder. He and Margaret, his wife, enjoyed so much tailgating at the games with their many friends and the pleasure of sharing their favorite dishes with them and strangers. While Bobby never set foot in a classroom at South Carolina State, he was a generous financial contributor. He was affiliated with the Charleston Alumni Chapter and a life member of the National Alumni Association.

Of noteworthy significance is that Bobby devoted a considerable amount of his free time, energy and resources to sustain Coastal Center, a facility for mentally challenged individuals. He was often seen in his truck collecting donated clothes and newspapers from friends to deliver to Coastal Center. These collections were converted to cash for its benefit.

Bobby joined Morris Street Baptist Church as a teenager (1950s), he was a dedicated and faithful member for over 60 years, and he served on the Senior Usher Board. Later in life he became a loyal member of Prince Hall Lodge No. 46 of the Free and Accepted Masons on St. Philip Street for many years.

In November 1960 he married the former Margaret Butler and the family lived on Dewey Street before moving to North Charleston. Bobby always said; *he wanted to protect her!* The couple had two sons; Anthony (Mary) and Stanley and one daughter, Veronica Denise. There are six (6) Rose grandchildren in the family and one great grand. It must be said, *Robert "Bobby" Rose always enjoyed talking with his family. He was so loving and kind. He had a sincere concern for their well-being and he wanted them to (always) know that. There was nothing that he would not do for them.*

Bobby worked in the "paper product industry" and was employed with West Virginia Pulp and Paper, which changed its name to Westvaco Corp. in the 1960s; and Bobby retired from Westvaco in 1996. Afterwards, his major project was "hanging wallpaper," believing that "work patiently and steadily, and you'll get tight seams and a professional look." Mr. Rose became an expert in the field and enjoyed the transformation of what a good, new wallpapering job could do for a room.

In the mid-1990s, Bobby Rose was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He challenged cancer with prescribed treatments and recommended methods. He vigorously battled both cancer and diabetes for nearly twenty-five years. Bobby dutifully attended sessions on prostate cancer and diabetes conducted at local hospitals. He became an advocate for the prevention and treatment of these diseases, sometimes appearing on television. Friends who were shy about discussing these subjects sought his advice. Bobby Rose, "the Charleston home-boy scrappy fighter" met each obstacle with strength and faith in God... *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."* - II Timothy 4:7-8

Bobby Rose died on Wed., March 1st. Home Going Services were held on March 8th, at Morris Street Baptist Church, led by the Rev. Leonard O. Griffin, Pastor. Morris Street Baptist Church was full with admiring friends and old colleagues.

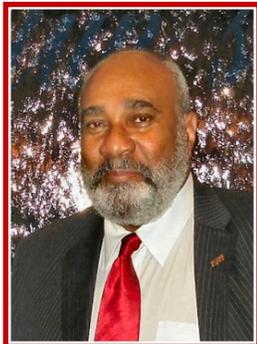


Charleston Club President-Emeritus, Ned Felder gave a moving tribute to his best friend. Bobby's sisters, Catherine R. Rush, Wilhelmina R. Jones and Sarah Mack were in attendance, along with many nieces, nephews and

family members. Several members of The Charleston Club drove to Charleston to attend the services; Clarence Holman and James Gilliard (classmates BHS '57), Bennie Louder (BHS '58) and Ben Randall (BHS '60). Mr. Robert Bobby Rose was laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Gardens, on Ashley Phosphate Road in North Charleston. It has been said... "that he never met a stranger!"

Clarence A. Howard – Burke 1960's "Kappa-Man"

Clarence Arthur Howard was born on Tuesday, October 13, 1942 in McClellanville, SC. McClellanville is a small shrimping fleet town 38 miles northeast of Charleston on Hwy 17N. In 1989 the town was devastated by the full brunt of Hurricane Hugo which destroyed homes, downed century-old oaks, and otherwise altered much of the picturesque character of this historic fishing village. Clarence was the sixth (6th) of the seven children of the late Leon Mott and Martha Perry Howard. Leon M. Howard was an educator (Principal of Lincoln High School) in McClellanville, and his wife, Martha was a home-maker. In the mid-1940s the family moved to Orangeburg, SC and then on to Charleston in the mid-1950s. Clarence completed his freshman year at Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg.



The family lived on Smith Street and then Rutledge Ave. (btw Spring & Cannon Streets) when Clarence started Burke High School in the 10th grade (1957-58). When you live in Charleston, sooner or later, you will get a nickname; Clarence's nickname was "Clak-Clak" – your guess is as good as mine! Clarence used the name in an e-mail address later in life. One of his first encounters in a "Bulldog classroom" was while "horsing around" with some other sophomore class-mates. They were attempting to tie knots with a short rope; the student who was on the short end of the rope would turn out to become one of Clarence's closest friends. As fate would have it, Ernest Bell (BHS '60) and Clarence Howard were both born on the exact same day...October 13, 1942. Their friendship would last "a life-time!"

Upon graduating from Burke in June 1960, he decided to attend N.C. A&T in Greensboro, NC. A&T (Aggie-Land) was the perfect choice for Clarence, it was the "beginning of the sit-ins" in black college life in America. The first "college sit-ins" started on February 1, 1960 in Greensboro, and the next three years was full of civil rights demonstrations on campus and the city of Greensboro. Clarence was an active participant in the Greensboro sit-ins. Like his older brother, James, Clarence decided to pledge Kappa Alpha Psi (KAP) Fraternity; he loved being a *Scroller*, and performing *Kappa Kane/Cane Stepping* "step-shows" on campus. He was in the Army R.O.T.C. and truly enjoyed the Drill Teams' (Pershing Rifles) step-shows! Clarence completed his Bachelor's Degree in French from N.C. A&T in 1964. Toward the end of his collegiate days he married

his Bennett College (Bennett-Belle) girlfriend, Delores Langley of Columbia, SC. The couple lived in Cumberland Courts near neighbors, Jesse L. Jackson (Sr.) and his wife Jackie (Brown) Jackson. The Howards were married for forty-six (46) years and had three beautiful daughters: Winona, Candace, and Nicole.

In 1965/66 the young family moved to the northwest of the state, and he studied education at Appalachian State Teachers College (Appalachian State University) in Boone, NC. Clarence taught French and English in the North Carolina Public School System for a year, before relocating his growing family to the New York City area in 1967. In New York he obtained his Master's Degree from New York University in Hospital Administration in the early 1970s. This was the ticket he wanted and needed for his career in Hospital Management. He worked as a Federal Health Advisor for NYC Department of Health before beginning his 30+ year career in Hospital Administration at Catholic Medical Center of Brooklyn and Queens; at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica, NY and retiring from St. Mary's Hospital (Brooklyn) in the late 1990s. During the 1970s Clarence decided that he wanted to grow a bread...he liked "the look" (long or trimmed), it almost became his trademark! Like his hardy laugh and keen story-telling ability, his black, then gray bread was his trademark!

A successful Hospital Admin career behind him, Clarence became an Adjunct Professor at Queens College (Flushing) and at York College (Jamaica) for many years. He began taking "retirement" a little more seriously; he spent time traveling (i.e. 2012 Charleston Club Reunion in DC and A&T [Aggie Pride] Homecomings), writing music (Jazz), creating graphic arts, and photography. Most of all, he especially enjoyed (LOVED) spending time with his eight (8) adorable grand-children and their dog, Nova.

Retirement meant more time for his beloved, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity functions; Burke Alumni Association updates; A&T Aggie Pride Alumni dues; and Charleston Club activities. There was also the Schomburg Center (for Research in Black Culture) and more visits to the National Museum of African-American History & Culture in DC. Clarence was on his way, doing just what he wanted to do...he came home on Wednesday afternoon March 1st, later that evening he had a heart attack, and peacefully died; he was 74 years old. Celebration of Life services were held on Saturday March 11th at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church on Long Island in Lynbrook, NY with the Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn A. Collins, Rector officiating. His sisters, Martha Snelling (Decatur, GA) and Peggye Wilson (Atsugi, Japan) were in attendance. Three Burke High Bulldogs (1960 class-mates) also attended the services; Martha Ann Lucas, Jacquetta Miller Whaley and Doris Poole; and a BHS 60 Resolution was read by Martha Lucas. Martha's daughter, Aretha Gomes read the Charleston Club of Washington, DC's Resolution as well.

Obama Is JFK's "Profile in Courage" Winner

Former President Barack H. Obama has been named the 2017 recipient of the Centennial John F. Kennedy Profile in

Courage Award. Daughter Caroline Kennedy, the former ambassador to Japan, and her son, Jack Schlossberg, will present the award to Mr. Obama on May 7th at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston; just a few weeks before the 100th anniversary of JFK's birth on May 29, 1917.

According to a statement from The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, the 44th president was chosen "for his enduring commitment to democratic ideals and elevating the standard of political courage in a new century." "President Kennedy called on a new generation of Americans to give their talents to the service of the country," Caroline Kennedy said in a statement, according to *Boston* magazine. "With exceptional dignity and courage, President Obama has carried that torch into our own time, providing young people of all backgrounds with an example they can emulate in their own lives."

Charleston Police Hold Its First Session of Policing 101

Chief Greg Mullen said, "This is just one of the things we're doing to help citizens gain greater insight about the job of police officers." "It is our hope that each participant took away a much broader scope and understanding of police work and that they will share this information with their families and friends," he added. All officers were receptive and willing to answer questions. The hands-on portion was a perfect way to walk through what was discussed during officer presentations.

This was the ideal way to build police-community relationships and rapport. Great selection of presenting officers as well! "Instructors were very well spoken and well informed. You could tell these men and women have a true passion to serve and inform the community..." "The training put me in a new place so far as policing and what they do...I have a new respect for the office." "This was very well put to scenarios frequently encountered by police officers); • Forensic Services and Central Investigations (discovering, collecting, and analyzing evidence); • Fair and Impartial Policing (a discussion surrounding implicit bias and perception); • Traffic Stop Scenarios (which placed participants in the role of police officers facing unknown situations.

Indiana University School of Law Honors Julian Bond

The Mauer School of Law at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN has entered into a partnership with the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, AL, to create the **Julian Bond Law Scholars program**. Bond, the noted civil rights leader, legislator, NAACP chair, and long-time faculty member at the University of Virginia who died in 2015, was the co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center.



Joe Biden to Dedicate Statue of Fritz Hollings April 17th

Former Vice President Joe Biden will be in Charleston on April 17th to dedicate a statue of Fritz Hollings, his long-

time friend and Senate colleague for more than 30 years. That connection alone would probably be enough to lure one of the country's most popular politicians to town, but Biden's appearance is also a nod to something truly rare: 1) A selfless act in politics. 2) Two years ago, Hollings asked that the federal courthouse – named for him in 1988 – be rechristened the J. Waties Waring Judicial Center to honor the Charleston judge who orchestrated the desegregation of public schools in America. 3) No one in this country's history has ever asked to have their name replaced on a federal building. But Hollings believed that Waring, a largely forgotten hero of the civil rights movement, deserved the honor more. 4) The people who know Hollings best were so touched by his gesture that they commissioned a statue of him to stand in the federal courthouse garden, right next to Waring's.

Charleston Club One-liners:

- The accolades keep rolling in for former Burke High Track & Field star Raven Saunders. After breaking her own collegiate indoor shot put record and winning the 2017 national title on March 13th, Saunders was named a First Team All-American for her performance in College Station, Texas at the NCAA Championships. Known as "Hulk" by her peers, the Ole Miss Rebel saved her best throw for her final attempt as she hurled a toss of 19.56m shattering the record she set last year of 19.23m. It was the best throw in the world this year as she became the first Rebel to win a national shot put title.
- How 'bout them Bulldogs! The Burke High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team came through again as they captured their second state title in three years at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia. They knocked off the Keenan Raiders 56-53 to claim its fourth title in school history. Head Coach Deon Richardson was proud of his team and happy to get the victory. "It's all about that Burke Bulldog tenacity that we played with this year. Early in the season, we went through some adversity and figured out how to play together as a team. We kept working at it and came together at the right time."
- This year marks the 40th Annual Cooper River Bridge Run. The 10-K world-class foot race is Saturday April 1st, it begins in Mt. Pleasant on Coleman Boulevard, crosses the beautiful Cooper River Bridge and finishes in downtown Charleston.

Happy Birthdays!

April Birthdays:

Michelle E. Gaston ~ April 3rd, ~ Vanessa Tabern ~ April 4th, ~ Emmett Russell ~ April 8th, ~ Mark Evans ~ April 12th, ~ Jack Rogers ~ April 14th, ~ Clarence McNeill ~ April 23rd, ~ Alethia Starke ~ April 27th.
~ The Fly on The Wall!