



The Wallace, Dennis, Davis, and Timbers Family Update

February/March 2007

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Family Members,

A day does not pass that I do not think about my family. I remember with fondness and many wonderful memories of times we have spent together with family. Especially as we move through the first quarter of this New Year, we remember those who have been so important in our lives - many who have passed on but linger in our thoughts and memories.

The most recent time with family was this past summer when we sailed on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines – Enchantment of the Seas for a Family Reunion. For those of us who joined the cruise, it was indeed a special time. The photo on the right captures a glimpse of the cruise as we all posed for a family reunion picture.

We missed all of you who could not join us but hope that you can join us for the next reunion (possibly in August 2008). The young adults have agreed to put it together.

May God Keep Blessing You in 2007,
Arlene



Cousins Arlene Wallace Gordon and Marianne Wood pose for a photo on the cruise.



Representatives from the Wallace, Dennis, Davis, and Timbers families were present on the cruise.

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**SMITH'S CELEBRATE 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

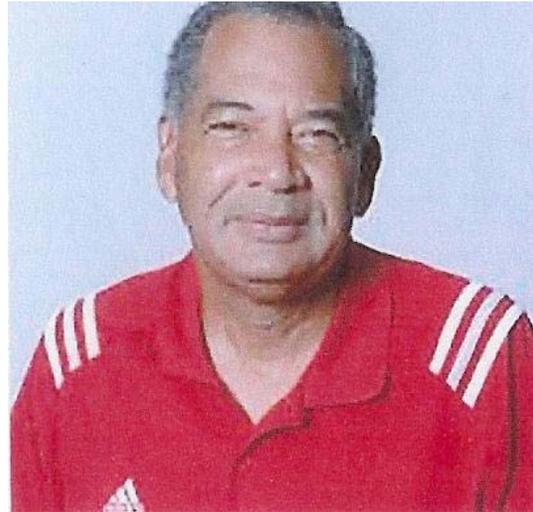
Edward and Doris Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary aboard the cruise ship as family and friends gathered to witness the renewal of their wedding vows. The ceremony was conducted by the **Rev. Dr. Arlene W. Gordon**. Daughters, **Karen and Suzanne** and son, **Stephen** participated in the ceremony honoring their parents. Doris is the daughter of the late **Rebecca Davis Pryor and Alvin Pryor**.



Doris & Eddie Smith enjoy an anniversary serenade.



**RON DAVIS ACCEPTS
POSITION AT OHIO STATE**



Ron Davis, the University of South Alabama assistant cross country/track and field coach since 2003, has accepted a position as assistant women's track and field coach at Ohio State University. Previously, he spent four years as the head cross country/track and field coach at the University of New Orleans. Before that, Ron served as the track and field/cross country coach at the University of Maryland/Eastern Shore. Davis was also the founder of the LaGrange Sports Authority in LaGrange, GA, a program that supports pre-Olympic training for more than 550 athletes from more than 40 countries.

Ron began his track career at San Jose State, where he captained the 1962 team to an NCAA Cross Country Championship. He later became a student-assistant coach and helped the Spartans capture the 1969 NCAA Outdoor Track Championship. He has trained athletes in 11 countries, including the Congo, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria and Tanzania.

Ron is the son of **Rhoda Redman** and the late **William Davis** and the grandson of **Findlay Davis**.

HEALTH RESTORED

- **Doris Smith** is home after surgery on her knee. Doris is the daughter of the late **Rebecca Davis Pryor and Alvin Pryor**.
- **Clarence Wallace** is also home after intestinal surgery in January. Clarence is the son of the late **Clarence and Beulah Wallace**.

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**BERNARDYNE “BERNIE”
WILLIAMS RETIRES
AFTER MORE THAN
40 YEARS OF SERVICE!**



Bernardyne (Bernie) Williams bided farewell to the U. S. Department of Transportation at a special retirement celebration held in her honor at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C. Special guests at the Dec. 1, 2006 celebration included her uncle **Charles Wallace** from Warrenton, N. C. It was a gala event and a two hour video captured the events of the whole evening. Bernardayne was eloquent as she entered escorted by her son, **Damon**.

She began work at the age of 16. She worked as a teacher's aide at Holy Name School, then as an office aide in the Counselor's Office at Western Senior High School (currently the Duke Ellington School of Performing Arts). Her Federal service began with the Bureau of Public Roads and she finished her "tour of duty" in the Office of Pipeline Safety.

Bernardyne is the daughter of the late **Dorothy Snowden** and granddaughter of the late **Silas and Mary Wallace**.

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**JAMES B. WALLACE AND ROSE E.
JOYNER WED IN PITTSBURGH**



James B. Wallace and **Rose E. Joyner** were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006 at the Salvation Army Chapel in Pittsburgh, PA. James is the son of the late **James and Grace Wallace** and the grandson of the late **Henry and Nellie Wallace**.

INTERESTING TIDBITS

- **Ginnamae and Obie Boyd** traveled from Detroit, Michigan to San Bernadino, California to visit sister Rose Henderson. **Ginnamae and Obie** celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on Sept. 28, 2006. **Ginnamae** is the daughter of the late **George and Edith Walker**.
 - **Shenea Booth** appeared on "American Got Talents" in August. She and partner "Realic" won in the semi-finals but missed the million dollars. Regis Philbin was the host and Brandy was one of the judges. **Shenea** is the daughter of **Lynn Booth** and the granddaughter of **Ginnamae Walker Boyd**.
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GLIMPSES OF SUCCESS



Chivon Delaney (l) with her mother Barbara Delaney.

Chivon Delaney received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Wayne State University in May of 2003. Now at age 26, she is the owner and administrator of *Little Rising Stars Child Care Center* serving children ages infant to 7. The center is devoted to helping low income families. Her future plans include continuing her education in Child Development.

She is also a part-time Mortgage Specialist specializing in purchase, refinancing and investment properties. And, Chivon's a faithful member of the *Church of God of Prophecy*. She's the daughter of **Barbara Delaney** and granddaughter of **Sara Wallace Bates**. Sara is the daughter of the late **James and Grace Wallace** and great granddaughter of the late **Henry and Nellie Wallace**.

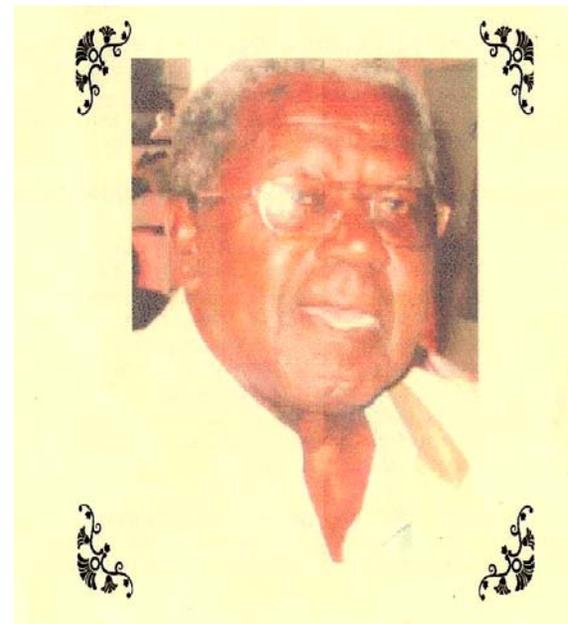


Vironka Davis of Mobile, Alabama, a graduate of Alabama School of Math/Science in Mobile, accepted an Academic Scholarship and enrolled as a member of the class of 2010 at *Agnes Scott College*, an independent national liberal arts and sciences college for women founded in 1889.

She's the daughter of **Viveka and Ron Davis**. The granddaughter of **Rhoda Redman and the late William**

Davis.

LOVING MEMORIES...



“ROBERT NAPOLEON WALLACE (BOBBY)”

Robert Wallace, the youngest child of the late **Ophelia and Raymond Wallace** died on October 22, 2006. He was born July 10, 1931 in Brooklyn, NY. Bobby worked for the New York Police Department and retired in 1980 after 21 years of service. He then worked for the NY City Board of Education as a paraprofessional in the public school system. He was actively involved in the community coaching boys' basketball and officiating women's collegiate sports. He also managed Little League baseball. Robert was the son of the late **Raymond Wallace** and the grandson of the late **Martha Wallace Gibbs**.

Olive Dennis Graves is mourning the recent passing of her sister **Lillian Dennis Timbers** who departed this life at age 88 on Feb. 16 in Suffolk, Virginia. Please keep Olive and other family members in your prayers.

LOVING MEMORIES...*(cont.)*



GRACE LUCINDA WALLACE HURT

Grace Lucinda Wallace Hurt was born on Nov. 27, 1937 in Pittsburgh, PA. She departed this life on Nov. 17, 2006. She and her sisters were known as the Wallace Sister Gospel Keys and Gospel Alms and they sang at churches all over Pittsburgh. She was very active in South Hills Baptist church where she served as a nurse, kitchen committee member and a member of the gospel Choir and Majestic choir. Grace was the daughter of **James and Grace Wallace** and the granddaughter of the late **Henry and Nellie Wallace**.

2008 Family Reunion in Virginia?

It could happen... However, the **family reunion committee** is really needed to make it a reality. If you're interested in helping coordinate it, please let us know.

Tentative dates: **Aug. 1, 2, & 3, 2008**. Contact Jennifer Dill at 858-676-0401 or jendill@san.rr.com

The next edition of the newsletter is anticipated for July 2007. Send your updates to:

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May God Bless you all until we connect again...

LOVING MEMORIES...*(cont.)*



NELLIE J. PAYTON ROBINSON

(shown with her son, Floyd Robinson Jr. in early 2006)

Nellie J. Payton Robinson was born in Cincinnati, New York on Nov. 22, 1922 to the late **Jordan Oscar and Mary Ann Payton**. She departed this life on Sept. 14, 2006 in Houston, Texas, where she had relocated in 2003.

Nellie resided in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for most of her adult life. She was a member of **St. James AME Church** which was named for her great uncle. She was the eldest member of the Mount Vernon Cemetery Club also in Chambersburg.

Nellie was preceded in death by her husband, **Floyd W. Robinson, Sr.**, her daughter **Jeanette Robinson Jones**, and her sisters **Eleanor and Geraldine**. She is survived by her devoted son **Floyd, Jr.** of Houston, Texas, her sister, **Augusta Rivera** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, three grandsons, **Brian Jones** of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, **Richard Jones** of Jacksonville, Florida and **Darryl Jones** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.