



In loving memory of
Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony
August 3, 1952 – March 5, 2026



“As we mourn the passing of Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony, we remember her career as she remained deeply committed to the success of our students and to the advancement of journalism and media education at Jackson State.”
- Interim President Denise Jones-Gregory, Ph.D.

61st Anniversary of Selma’s Bloody Sunday comes in more dark times

Thousands gather on the Edmund Pettus Bridge with Voting Rights again hanging in the balance



Original Foot Soldier Frances Johnson.



Gwen Baxter and Doris Johnson from Philly, PA. Nashville, TN PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.



Jennifer Edwards with son Eli Edwards and his best friend Cason Stirbens.

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Leading up to the capstone event of the 61st Bridge Crossing Jubilee weekend, there had been four days packed with solemn remembrances, prayer, education, training, singing, mock-trials, roundtables, and various-themed summits. The full schedule can be viewed at <https://www.selmajubilee.com>. There had also been two incidents of shootings downtown, on Friday and Saturday evenings, that left six people injured. No suspects have been identified and no motive determined, as Selma Police continue to investigate, according to WSFA Channel 12.

Severe storms had threatened Selma at the start of the long weekend, but sunshine broke through the overcast skies as the customary speeches began at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge shortly after Noon

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on Sunday. Lifelong activist and Global Digital Transformation Director for the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), commonly known as The Black Press, Reverend Mark A. Thompson served as emcee this year. With each year there are losses, and this anniversary did not include lifelong Civil Rights activist and Selma native Joanne Blackmon Bland, Civil Rights Movement leader Bernard Lafayette who passed just three days earlier, Civil Rights pioneer Claudette Colvin – who nine months prior to the more publicized Rosa Parks incident - refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus, and the world-renown Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.

The unmistakable theme created by this year’s speakers was courage rising above fear.

The list includes Reverend Al Sharpton; Martin Luther King III; Yusef D. Jackson, who now leads the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and had buried his father the day before; DeMark Liggins, President/CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); South Carolina’s 6th District Congressman James Clyburn; Alabama’s 7th District Congresswoman Terri Sewell; New York’s 9th District Congresswoman Yvette Clarke; Melanie Campbell, President/CEO and Convener of Black Women’s Roundtable; Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker; Executive Director of the Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth, and Reconciliation Anika Jackson; Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison; Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul; New York Attorney General Letitia James; Washington State Attorney General Nick Brown; Black Voters Matter

founder LaTosha Brown; National Farm Workers Association founder Delores Huerta; Former Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Kristen Clarke; and Former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

Selma Mayor Johnny “Skip” Moss, III, welcomed the masses to Selma, shared a message of truly changing the culture in Selma, and read parts of a Proclamation to Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr. and designating March 8, 2026, as “Jesse Jackson Day in Selma.”

Various sources claim no one was beaten to death by Alabama State Troopers on the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965. Who says that? Jimmie Lee Jackson was shot twice by an Alabama State Trooper on February 18, 1965, and died as a result eight days later. His death

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A Celebration of Life The Life and Enduring Legacy of Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony



Sunrise, August 3, 1952 – Sunset, March 5, 2026

Dr. Elayne Hayes Anthony was born on August 3, 1952, in Jackson, Mississippi, the youngest child of Johnny and Texanne Hayes who preceded her in death. In raising their children, the Hayes family instilled the importance of education, hard work, discipline, and commitment. Equally important to the family was a strong spiritual foundation. Dr. Anthony and her sibling were raised in Faith Presbyterian Church in Jackson, where faith and service were central values that helped shape her life. She is a graduate of Jim Hill High School Class of 1969. In 1983 she married Eddie Anthony (Tony), and their union was blessed with one child.

Dr. Hayes Anthony attended Jackson State University

and graduated with a major in Speech Communications with emphasis on Broadcasting. Dr. Hayes Anthony did her practice teaching at Murrah High School. Hayes-Anthony’s career in media began with a historic milestone. She holds the distinction of being the first African American intern at WJTV-12, the CBS affiliate in Jackson. Recognizing her knowledge, professionalism, and on-air presence, the station soon offered her a full-time position. She went on to serve as an anchor, producer, and reporter, gaining valuable experience both behind the scenes and in front of the camera.

Her collegiate experience was marked by academic

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Election Results: Mississippi voters show confidence in experience and new leadership

By Othor Cain
Contributing Writer

Mississippi voters delivered decisive results in the Democratic primaries, Tuesday, March 10, signaling both strong support for experienced leadership and enthusiasm for new voices heading into the November general election.

In Mississippi’s 2nd Congressional District, longtime Congressman Bennie Thompson won renomination overwhelmingly, earning another opportunity to represent the district in Washington. Thompson, who has served in Congress since 1993, has long been regarded as one of the state’s most stable and consistent voices for working families, rural communities, and African Americans.

Voters made it clear that experience matters. Thompson’s steady leadership, deep



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knowledge of federal policy, and ability to deliver for Mississippi communities helped him secure a commanding victory in the primary. As the general election approaches, he will face a Republican

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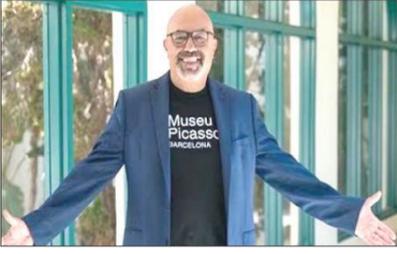
What makes us laugh in dark times—humor as an antidote to fear

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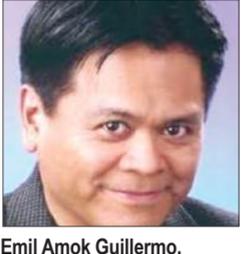
By Christopher Young
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In moments of uncertainty, comedy and satire help communities process fear, challenge power, and find connection. Humor is deeply empowering. It gives us agency in the face of anxiety and lets us confront and even laugh at our worst fears.

That power is precisely why comedians so often become targets of political backlash, and why restrictions on satire are common in authoritarian so-



Herbert Siguenza. PHOTO: WWW.SDSU.EDU



Emil Amok Guillermo. PHOTO: WWW.LINKEDIN.COM



Samson Koletkar. PHOTO: WWW.CANVASREBEL.COM.

cieties. But how and why does humor shape the way we understand politics, culture, and ourselves when the news feels overwhelming?

On Friday, March 6, 2026, American Community Media’s Pilar Marrero moderated a lively conversation with three prominent comedians, actors and cultural voices who use humor to interpret and respond to turbulent times. Over sixty media outlets from around the

world joined the Zoom call.

Herbert C. Siguenza, artist-in-residence at San Diego State University Arts Alive, and a founding member of the legendary Latino performance troupe, Culture Clash, was first to respond to the question - What role does humor play in helping people process uncertainty or fear? “This is what we do every day, use comedy as a salve, as an antibiotic against the sadness in the world. Humor is

always a part of our culture. In fact, I’m going to a funeral right now, and there will always be although it’s sad, there will always be somebody who comes up to the altar and says something funny...there’s two types of people. Either they come up sad or they come up with a joke to break the ice. And everyone needs that, right, as a release. You’re sad, but you need to

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A Celebration of Life **Dr. Lou Alice Smith**

June 15, 1944 – March 5, 2026



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“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.” Psalm 55:22

Dr. Lou Alice Smith, a devoted educator, woman of faith, and beloved matriarch, peacefully transitioned to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, March 5, 2026. Her life was a beautiful testament to faith, scholarship,

grace, and service.

Dr. Smith was born June 15, 1944, in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, to the late Rev. D.D. Smith and late Pinkie Powell Smith Amos. She grew up as the oldest daughter in a family where faith, discipline, and love formed the foundation of her upbringing. From an early age, Lou Alice demonstrated both a deep

spiritual grounding and a natural love for music and learning. She faithfully served in the church, where she played the piano and sang, sharing her gifts in various congregations throughout her life. Even in her later years, she continued to serve when called upon. At her death, she was pianist at Koinoina Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

Education was both her passion and her calling. Dr. Smith graduated from Holtzclaw High School in Crystal Springs before continuing her academic journey at Jackson State College (now Jackson State University), where she earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English. Gifted with a remarkable command of language and literature, she dedicated her professional life to shaping young minds through education.

Dr. Smith began her teaching career at Reuben Junior High School in Bolton, Mississippi. She later taught at Enochs Junior High School in Jackson Public Schools where she taught English with dedication and excellence. She continued her career at Wingfield High School in

Jackson, Mississippi, where she taught both English and French, inspiring generations of students to appreciate language, literature, and the power of expression. Her classroom was known not only as a place of learning but also as a place where students were encouraged to believe in their potential.

On a beautiful day in 1965 in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, Lou Alice married the love of her life, Royce Mervin Smith. Their union was one of devotion, partnership, and faith, and together they built a loving family centered on God and education. From this union came two sons: Royce Smith, Jr., a celebrated educator in Jackson Public Schools, and Robert Shuler Smith, an accomplished attorney who preceded his mother in death in 2021.

Lou Alice and Royce followed their deep calling in ministry and scholarship and their commitment to lifelong learning and spiritual growth. As they shared their joint dedication to faith and study, they devoted their lives to Christian service. She earned her doctorate in Religious Educa-

tion, and he earned his doctorate in theology.

Those who knew Lou Alice knew she possessed a radiant sense of style and grace. She took pride in presenting herself with elegance and confidence, always beautifully dressed from head to toe. Perfectly applied makeup, beautifully manicured nails, stylish clothing, sparkling jewelry, and a flawless hairstyle were all part of her signature presence. Family and friends lovingly referred to her as “Pretty Alice,” a nickname that captured both her outward beauty and the dignified spirit she carried.

Yet beyond her elegance, it was her faith, intellect, and love for people that truly defined her. As an educator, she touched countless lives. As a woman of God, she served faithfully. As a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, she loved deeply and wholeheartedly.

Dr. Lou Alice Smith now joins the heavenly chorus, reunited with those who preceded her in death: her father, Rev. D.D. Smith; her mother, Pinkie Smith Amos; and her beloved son, Robert Shuler Smith.

She leaves to cherish her devoted husband, Dr. Royce Mervin Smith, Jackson, MS; her loving son, Royce (Lynda) Smith, Pearl, MS; her cherished grandchildren, Royce L.T. Smith, Pearl, MS, Raphael Shuler Smith, Hawthorne, NJ, Jada Smith, Temple Hills, MD, Chanita Hicks, Jackson, MS; siblings, Dr. Ruthie Stevenson, Clinton, MS, Ida Holloway, Jackson, MS, Napoleon (Linda) Smith, Brandon, MS, Francine (Matthew) Thomas, Jackson, MS, Annie Marie Smith, Jackson, MS, Lynn Patrice (Leon) Seals, Clinton, MS; her aunts and uncles; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives, former students, church members, and dear friends whose lives were enriched by her wisdom, beauty, and grace.

Her legacy lives on in the lives she taught, the faith she lived, and the elegance with which she carried herself.

Public visitation will be held Thursday, March 12 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 3580 Robinson Rd., Jackson, MS. A private family graveside service will be held on Friday.

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excellence and active campus engagement. While at Jackson State University, Dr. Hayes Anthony was a Dean's List Scholar and participated in numerous organizations, including the Jackson State Symphony Orchestra and the Dunbar Dramatics Guild. During her time at the university, she was also initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, becoming a member of the Delta Pi Chapter in 1970.

While working in television journalism, Dr. Hayes Anthony simultaneously pursued graduate studies and earned her Master of Science degree in Educational Technology from Jackson State University. Her dedication to scholarship and her desire to expand opportunities for African Americans in the media industry led her to pursue doctoral studies.

Determined to help prepare future generations for careers in communications and media, Dr. Hayes Anthony enrolled at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where she became the first African American female to earn a doctorate in Communication at the university.

Following the completion of her doctoral degree, Dr. Hayes Anthony returned home to Jackson State University, where she served as Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Mass Communication. Her attention to detail, academic leadership, and dedication to excellence led to her appointment as Head of the Department.

Under her leadership, the department achieved a significant milestone when it received national accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC). At the time, Jackson State University became only the second historically Black college or university in the nation to receive

this prestigious accreditation.

After serving the department and the university for a decade, Dr. Hayes-Anthony chose to extend her impact beyond the classroom. She accepted the role of Assistant Superintendent of Public Information for the Jackson Public School District, where she also served as the spokesperson for the Board of Trustees. In this role, she provided leadership and communication for the district and served the community for seven years.

Her passion for education eventually drew her back to the academic environment. Recognizing the need to prepare future communication professionals, Dr. Hayes-Anthony presented Belhaven College with a proposal to establish a Department of Communications. The institution embraced her vision, and in 1998 she began building the department, serving as its founding chair. Under her leadership, the communications program at Belhaven grew significantly. Students from the program secured internships and employment opportunities with media organizations throughout the Jackson metropolitan area and beyond. In recognition of her dedication to teaching and academic leadership, Belhaven University awarded Dr. Hayes Anthony the rank of Full Professor in 2006.

Dr. Hayes-Anthony's influence extended beyond the university and into the broader community. Former Jackson Mayor Frank Melton appointed her as Chair of the Education Task Force for the City of Jackson, recognizing her leadership and commitment to educational progress. Governor Haley Barbour also acknowledged her contributions to education and invited her to serve on the Education Task Force for the State of Mississippi.

In 2007, Governor Barbour appointed Dr. Hayes-Anthony to the

Mississippi State Board of Health. Her service and leadership were again recognized when Governor Phil Bryant reappointed her in 2013 to a six-year term and a recent appointment from Governor Tate Reeves.

Beyond her many professional accomplishments, Dr. Hayes-Anthony found her greatest joy in her family. She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband, Eddie Anthony; her son, Willard Anthony; her sister, Gloria Shields; her beloved grandson, Aiden Anthony; her cousin, Lawrence Rhodes and family of Detroit, Michigan; and a host of in laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Throughout her life, Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony remained guided by the principles instilled in her early years, faith, education, service, and perseverance. Her legacy is reflected in the countless students she mentored, the institutions she strengthened, and the communities she served. Her life stands as a lasting testament to the power of education, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the advancement of others.

“LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.”

The Celebration of Life Service for Dr. Anthony will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, 11:00 AM

at the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium, Jackson State University, 1400 J.R. Lynch Street Jackson, MS.

Interment: Natchez Trace Memorial Park Cemetery .759 US-51, Madison, MS 39110

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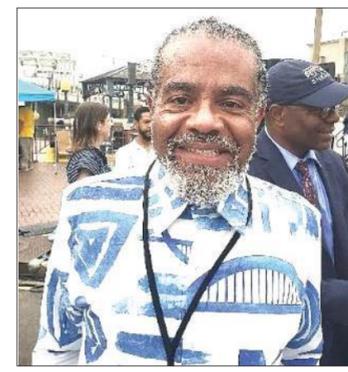
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Marchers on Edmund Pettus Bridge.



Reverend Mark A. Thompson – The Black Press, USA. PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.

further fueled the Selma to Montgomery March – a march by hundreds of African Americans peacefully protesting their lack of voting rights. Reverend James Reeb, white as snow, was badly beaten on March 9th and died as a result on March 11th. At least 17 marchers were hospitalized due to beatings and teargassing on the bridge. Viola Luizzo was shot dead by Klansmen while ferrying other activists between Selma and Montgomery. Five months later, a white Episcopal seminarian Jonathan Daniels was shot to death by a highway worker and part-time deputy sheriff while shielding seventeen-year-old Ruby Sales from a racist attack. Saying that no one was beaten to death on the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965, doesn't remotely capture that truth of that day, but fortunately ABC, CBS, and WVTM 13 television

cameras did capture the truth, and it was broadcast around the world, leading to the Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965.

The VRA is considered the most successful Civil Rights legislation in our history, yet in 2013's Shelby v. Holder case before the Supreme Court, Section 5 – requiring preclearance by bad-actor states - was revoked. Lawsuits have been flying ever since. Then in 2021, the High Court ruled on Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee, making it harder to bring related lawsuits. A Freedom to Vote Act, paired with making the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act law, would restore what the Court has gutted, but it has not happened. Currently, the Supreme Court is considering a case – Louisiana v. Callais, which could further weaken voting rights by limiting the use

of race in redistricting. A decision is expected in June of this year.

At the risk of grossly stating the obvious, these ongoing affronts are always planned, engineered, and codified by white people. They are always at the expense of African Americans. Even today, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, which was narrowly passed in the House last month, is awaiting a vote in the Senate. The Brennan Center for Justice says the Act will prevent millions of Americans from voting. On March 9, 2026, Trump told a GOP audience in Doral, Florida, that “it will guarantee the midterms.” He further stated, “I won't sign any other legislation until the SAVE Act passes,” per www.thehill.com. Fairness and equity are not in his playbook. That's why Selma Alabama is so important. That's

why people come back year after year. That's why righteous Americans travel from every state in the nation to Selma every year. That's why everyone needs to vote.

On a hopeful note, at the top of the bridge, I had the pleasure of meeting Reverend and Mrs. William Barlow from Reidsville, North Carolina's Building Lives Christian Church. They were dressed like it was Sunday service. They are African American. Their 70's are behind them. They have seen and lived the discrimination. After introductions the Reverend said, “I come every year.” So, I said, have you noticed a significantly higher percentage of white people here this year? He smiled brightly, saying, “That's a good thing.” When I elicited more, he simply said, “God is moving.”

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laugh. You need to laugh about and celebrate that person's life. And so, I think humor is just part of our culture. It really is our source to what's going on in the world.”

Emil Amok Guillermo, journalist, humorist, and poet laureate, whose work blends political commentary, journalism, and satire across multiple media platforms, shared next. “Well, here's the thing - humor comes out of pain. Humor comes out of tension. And when it's so tense and the pain is so real and it's just too much, that's the perfect moment for humor. And that's why, when the tension goes up, someone, you know, solicits or elicits a joke, and then you get the biggest laugh. It's the antidote to all of that. And that's why as a journalist for fifty years, humor has always been in the toolkit. But I was never a professional jokester or a comedian. I was a journalist. I was trying to get at the truth. I always use the Mary Poppins theory, you know, sugar, a spoonful of sugar helps medicine go down. I've always tried to use humor to engage in my columns a little bit, not too much, because I'm still ultimately telling a truth, a serious truth.”

Samson Koletkar, co-founder of the Desi Comedy Fest, the largest South Asian comedy festival in the United States, and founder

of Comedy Oakland, may have surprised the audience of journalists with his comments. “Everybody's talking about jokes and humor and comedians. I'll start with the news media, because one of my favorite quotes is - if you don't follow the news, you are uninformed. If you do follow the news... you're misinformed! I find that very interestingly honest to say in front of an entire Zoom room of news people.”

He continued once the laughter subsided. “This is what we are talking about, right? Like for comedians, we see things and we say things. Somehow that filter is not in our brains. So that is the big distinction - humor is agreement. If I tell a joke and you laugh, it's because you agree with me. And if you don't agree, you don't laugh. And that agreement is a very instant thing. You can't plan for it. People are thinking things and then we come along and we say it out loud. We just structure the idea into words and we portray it. And if you guys agree and connect, then you laugh. And if you disagree and don't connect, then the comedian goes back and figures a way to make it more connectable, improve the way they say things. I also have a secondary take on comedians. Sometimes they try to put themselves too high up on the horse, like we are the

truth speakers. Like only as long as people are laughing. When they don't, you change your truth a little bit as well.”

A question from La Opinion's Araceli Martinez Ortega elicited an understanding of what is fair game for humor and jokes and what is not. The question, “Under the current circumstances, when we are seeing a lot of immigrant families suffering, when we are seeing immigrants dying in ICE custody, how can you make use of immigration without being insensitive?” Mr. Siguenza responded, “I'd like to answer because I'm Latino. I qualify. Personally, I don't deal with it. You're right. It's so painful. It's so real. It's so personal. I can't make fun of it. I can't. I can't think of jokes that will alleviate or make fun of or get laughter out of that. That whole theme is so dark. It's like making death camp jokes, they're just not going to go over...this administration has been so outrageous. So unreal that I can't, I can't put my finger on it as a comic. There are just some subjects that I just won't go there.”

To view this entire national briefing, go to <https://americancommunitymedia.org/media-briefings/what-makes-us-laugh-in-dark-times-humor-as-an-antidote-to-fear>.

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challenger in November. For many voters across the Delta and central Mississippi, returning Thompson to Washington means maintaining strong, proven leadership at a time when stability and experience are critically important. “Given what's happening in our nation's capital, now is not the time for change,” said Pamela Sims, retired educator from Jackson. “Given what's happening in our nation's capital, now is not the time for change,” said Pamela Sims, retired educator from Jackson.

Meanwhile, in the race for the U.S. Senate, Democratic voters selected District Attorney Scott Colom as their nominee after he defeated two other candidates in the primary. Colom delivered an impressive performance, winning strong support across the state and positioning himself for a competitive November matchup against

Republican Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith.

Colom currently serves as the District Attorney for Mississippi's 16th Judicial District, representing Lowndes, Clay, Oktibbeha, and Noxubee counties in northeast Mississippi. Since first being elected in 2015, he has made history as the first Black district attorney to represent a majority-white district in the state. His work has focused on addressing violent crime while also supporting fair and balanced approaches to justice.

Before his Senate run, Colom had been nominated by President Joe Biden in October 2022 to serve as a federal judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi. His nomination was recommended to the White House by Congressman Bennie Thompson. However, the process stalled in the U.S. Sen-

ate when Senator Hyde-Smith refused to return the required “blue slip,” preventing the nomination from moving forward.

For many African Americans across Mississippi, Hyde-Smith's record has been deeply troubling. Her decision to block Colom's judicial nomination added to longstanding concerns about her leadership and responsiveness to Black communities.

Now, voters will have the chance to weigh those issues directly at the ballot box.

As the November election approaches, Mississippi Democrats are heading into the general election with a combination of trusted leadership and emerging talent—returning Bennie Thompson to Washington and giving Scott Colom the opportunity to challenge for a seat in the United States Senate.

Jim Hill Class of 69 Tributes to Dr. Elayne Anthony

“The Jim Hill Class of ‘69 will forever hold a special place in my heart and it is because of students like Elayne who was a part of it. Elayne was not just a classmate. She was a friend to all of us. She was always focused and on a mission. Although our physical path had not crossed recently, I thank God for this kind of friendship that never ends.

“Well done good and faithful servant”.

Barnessa Bingham Cook
Jackson, Mississippi



Elayne and I first met in the first grade at Isable Elementary School. I noticed she had long braids, and big, beautiful eyes. Little did I know 12 years later, we would be Mr. and Miss Jim Hill.

She was strong-willed and determined to follow her dreams. About 15 years ago, I was on the campus of Belhaven College and went to her office to ask her about her method of teaching.

After a few minutes she made this statement in regard to our conversation. “How you present ideas can be more important than the idea itself.” Today, I reflect on that conversation. Given the state of mass media in the USA, with lies, half truths and ignoring facts, her comments to me that day proved to be true.

Hugh P. Latham
Greensboro, NC



A true friend is like a star: even when out of sight, their light never fades. Elayne was that kind of friend. No matter the hour, she always made time to listen whenever I needed to share a thought or concern. Her warmth and caring made everyone around her feel seen and valued. There are very few people you can tell a secret and never hear it again. Elayne was that person I could always talk freely, knowing that what we talked about was between the two of us.

Elayne was a woman of passion, purpose, and determination. She pursued her goals and dreams with unwavering resolve, never allowing obstacles to stand in her way. I can still hear her saying, “Evelyn, there is no time to retire. I’m going to work until I can’t work anymore.” True to her word, she devoted herself entirely to the work she loved.

Though she is no longer with us, her kindness, generosity, strength, and pursuit of excellence will never be forgotten. Like the stars that shine long after we look up to find them, Elayne’s light will continue to guide and inspire all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Evelyn Calhoun Lockhart
Jackson, Mississippi



Elayne, it has been quite a while since we were at Jill Hill High School up to now. I am saddened to know that you have passed away but I am proud of your many accomplishments just to name a few:

You were the First African American female anchor at WJTV-TV12, in Jackson Mississippi and you served as Assistant Superintendent of Public Information and staff Development for the Jackson Public School District, and you also became Interim President of Jackson State University.

I remember the time we spent playing tennis together at Jim Hill. We had lots of fun while trying to play and to do our best.

Your outstanding achievements, hard work, dedication, and perseverance, never went unnoticed. To you I say: “Elayne will be in my heart to stay, and love and remembered every day.”

Cheryl Lattimore
Rochester, New York



We shared the joy of graduating from Jim Hill High School in 1969, Jackson State University in 1973 and 50 years later we were blessed to receive our Golden Diploma from “Thee I Love” in 2023. We were honored to receive our Golden Diploma from our friend, Dr. Elayne Hayes Anthony, Interim President of Jackson State University, and received an even greater honor when she selected my husband Jesse and I to present her Golden Diploma. Elayne was more than a classmate; she was our friend and touched all of us in ways we will never forget.

Judy Griffith Thompson
Jackson, Mississippi



Elayne and I began our educational journey together in elementary school. Throughout those many years she displayed the kind of temperament, charisma and professionalism, which helped me understand my own mission in life. She was well rounded and persistent in going after what she wanted.

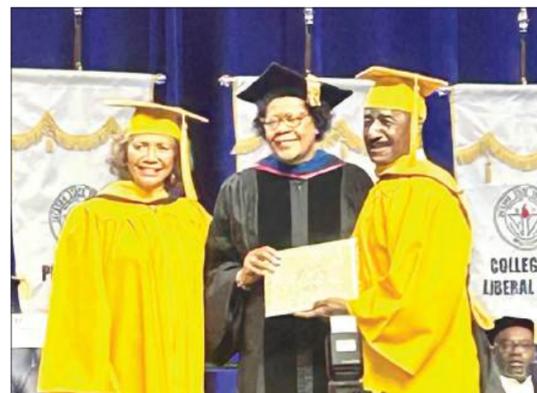
While in high school she was a member of the National Honor Society and proceeded to becoming our Miss Jim Hill. In that role she displayed leadership skills which led her down the path of continuous success. She believed in the power of education having received a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, and a doctorate’s degree.

“They taught it, Elayne got it, and she ran with it!” She ran all the way to serving in the role of president of Jackson State University and I will forever be proud of our long-lasting friendship.

Judge Clyde Chapman
Jackson, Mississippi



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Life insurance is for more than just burial, cremation, and funeral services

By **Tim C. Lee**
CEO & Founder of *TCL Financial & Tax Services*



As a licensed life insurance agent for almost 20 years, I can count on one hand the number of times an applicant has requested a quote for life insurance that exceeded the average cost of burial, cremation, and funeral services.

Once I ask a few questions, I quickly determine that the amount of coverage the applicant is requesting is simply not enough for their current lifestyle.

In my opinion, life insurance has four purposes:

1) To cover the cost of your burial, cremation, and/or funeral services: As of today, the national average for these services range between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

2) To pay off your debt: You should only focus on your secured debt (home, vehicles, etc.) that you want to leave to your loved ones upon your death. Never focus on your unsecured debt (credit cards, medical bills, personal loans, student loans, etc.). The only exception to this rule is, if the unsecured debt is in you and a joint applicant's name, treat it as a secured debt. I say that because, due to the unsecured debt being a joint responsibility, the institution or lender will still pursue collection procedures from the living party upon your death. Other than that reason, unsecured debts typically die with you.

3) To provide financial support for those who rely on your income: If you have a spouse, dependent children, etc. that requires your source of income to cover daily and living expenses, their needs do not change upon your death. In most cases, their financial needs increase following the death.

4) To leave an inheritance to your loved ones: Regardless of how much income you make, how much money you have saved, or the size of your investment portfolio, life insurance is a great tool to use in order to pass down wealth to your loved ones and the next generation for many years to come. Out of all four purposes, this is my absolute favorite one!

Outside of yourself and your spouse, you should also have life insurance coverage on your dependent children. Keep in mind, due to them being in a position where they rely on your income and not the opposite, you should only purchase enough coverage on them to cover their burial, cremation, and/or funeral services.

When purchasing life insurance coverage, you want to always take advantage of the group life insurance on your job. These policies are very inexpensive. Due to the low cost, I recommend you maximize the amount you purchase for yourself, your spouse, and your dependent children.

Be mindful, since the life insurance premiums are

being paid out of your paycheck, you will not have coverage in the event of a involuntarily or voluntarily job loss, if you have to take time off from work due to an illness of yourself or a loved one, or any other reason that would require you not to receive a paycheck for an extended period of time. For those reasons, I highly recommend that in addition to your group life insurance on your job, you should also have a policy through a private life insurance company. Doing so, guarantees that you are never in a position of not having life insurance coverage in place.

When choosing life insurance coverage through a private company, I only recommend you get term life insurance. Never purchase cash value life insurance policies (universal life, variable life, variable universal life, whole life, etc.). These cash value policies are outrageously expensive and horrible products. In addition, the advertising, benefits, and payout amounts associated with these policies are very misleading.

In addition to cash value life insurance policies, never purchase credit life insurance policies on your debt (credit cards, mortgages, personal loans, etc.). These policies are also outrageously expensive and horrible products. Remember, your debt will already be covered in your "regular" life insurance policy, so there is no need to duplicate coverage. The only exception to this rule is, if you do not currently have life insurance coverage due to being classified as uninsurable because of age, illness, and/or physical condition. In this case, some coverage is better than none, even if it is more expensive.

Some more options for getting life insurance if you are classified as uninsurable is to take advantage of the group life insurance on you or your spouse's job, at your credit union or bank, or with civic or professional organizations you may be a part of. These group life insurance options typically do not require you to answer any medical questions or obtain a medical examination.

Having the proper amount of life insurance in place that your loved ones deserve and need is just one way to show them how "unselfish" you really are. Remember, the opposite of "unselfish" is "selfish."

For a quote on some affordable life insurance for you and your loved ones, call me, Tim C. Lee, at (601) 842-3226. I am a licensed life insurance agent in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

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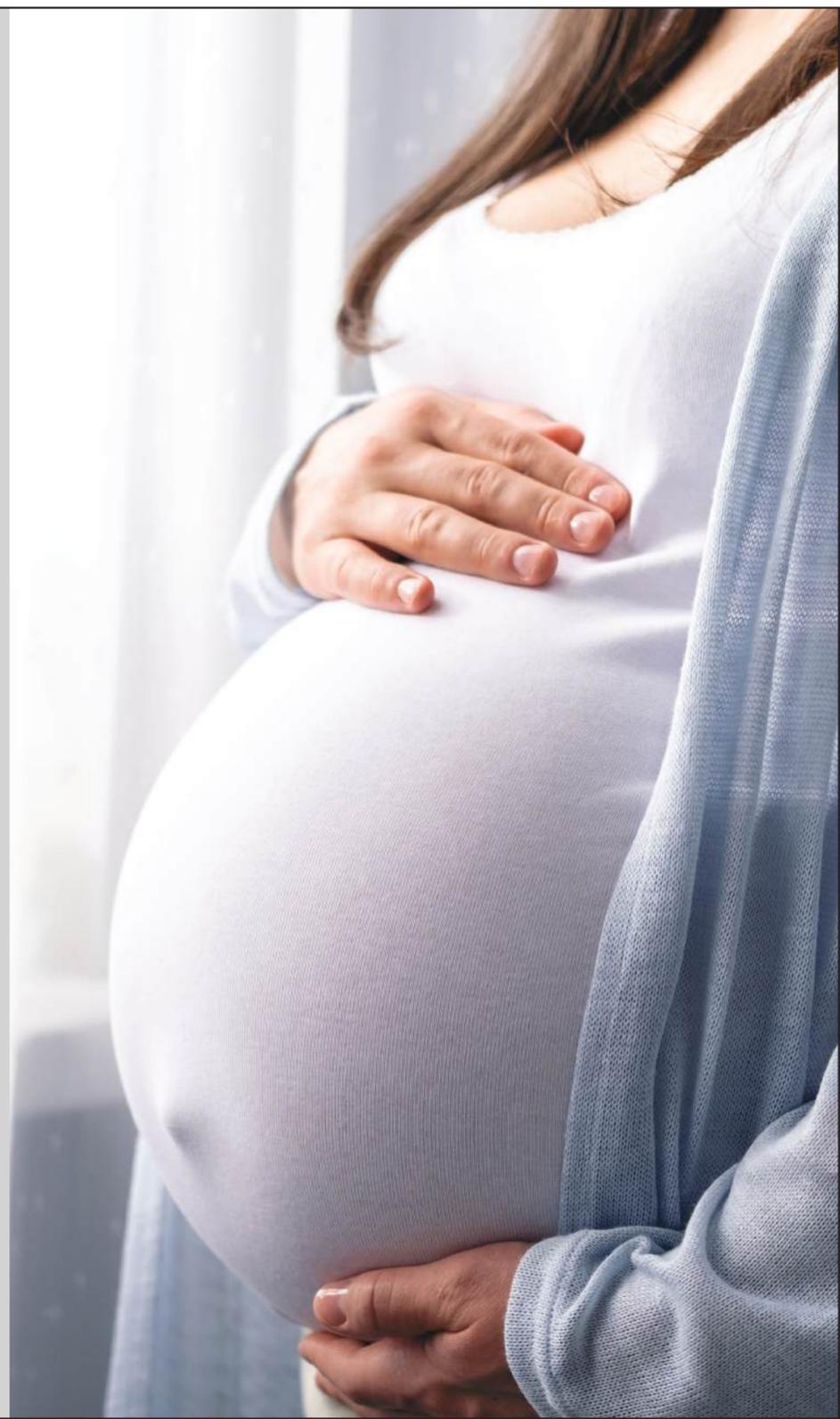
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The Rev. Jesse Jackson Given Royal Homegoing Celebration

By Hamil R. Harris
Freelance Journalist

The 10,000-seat House of Hope was filled with lawmakers as people from all walks of life came to pay their final respects to the Rev. Jesse Lewis Jackson.

Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and Joe Biden offered tributes to Jackson, along with Vice-President Kamala Harris, Basketball great Isaiah Thomas, the Rev. Al Sharpton and TV Judge Greg Mathis. And that power-packed lineup was on the day before the final and private funeral at the Rainbow/PUSH headquarters where each of his children spoke as well as the President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo President Felix Tshisekedi, among civil rights leaders and ministers.

"My mother talks about how he has such remarkable range as a person. He would kneel and touch the poorest children, and then he stood to challenge the most powerful presidents and dictators," said his son, Yusef Jackson. "And from the library that he opened and set free in Greenville, South Carolina, to the boardrooms of Wall Street, where he encouraged inclusion in the Oval Office and the White House, he opened doors. He kicked them down

when necessary, so that others were no longer locked out."

Tears and laughter filled the sanctuary of the Brookland Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C., the House of Hope in Chicago and the Rainbow/Push headquarters. His widow, Mrs. Jacqueline Jackson had told family members that she didn't want a sad funeral, but rather a celebration of her husband's life. A celebration it was as Stevie Wonder rocked the house Saturday morning with "I'll Be Loving You Always." His daughter, Santita Jackson, also sang a soulful rendition of "Troubles of This World" during the private service.

Rev. Jackson's body had laid in state in the South Carolina Capitol, his home state, after which the first funeral was there on Thursday; followed by the public funeral on Friday and the private funeral on Saturday.

All of the services went for hours. Rev. James Meeks, the former pastor of the House of Hope, tried to keep the public service to three hours, but it went so long that the last speaker Rev. Jamal Bryant, concluded around 5:30 pm, more than five hours after the Noon time start. Thanks to performers like Jennifer Hudson, who sang Sam Cooke's, "A Change is Going to Come," Opel Sta-

ples, and Hezekiah Walker who played "Oh Happy Day", it was truly festive.

Among other highlights of the public service came when Presidents Obama, Biden and Clinton spoke.

President Obama said that he was inspired by Jackson because, "he invited us to believe in our own power. He changed America for the better."

He also credited Jackson's 1984 and '88 presidential races for giving people the hope that ultimately got him elected.

"He paved the road for so many others to follow. Doug Wilder became the first elected black governor, Carol Moseley Braun went to the U.S. Senate," Obama said. "Because of his courage. His audacity. Yes! That two decades later, a young black senator from Chicago's South Side, would even be taken seriously, as a candidate for the presidential nomination."

President Biden agreed. "How fortunate we were. Jesse Jackson answered that call. What a great debt we owe to him. May God bless Reverend Jackson. May he rest in eternal peace. God bless him."

President Bill Clinton told a humorous but deeply touching story. "When the Congress was trying to run me out, and I was in that big impeachment fight,

Jesse called me one night in the White House. I thought he was calling me. He said, I don't want to talk to you. I want you to go get Chelsea. He called me to talk to my daughter, to make sure she had her head in the game."

He added, "And he prayed with her on the phone. And... You know, a lot of people, it would never even have occurred to them to do that... This guy lived a big life. He lived with his head and with his heart."

Vice President Kamala Harris said, "Reverend Jackson was impatient. He did not waste his time waiting. Even when the doors in front of him were barred and bolted, even if those on the other side hesitated or even ignored him, he always devised a way through."

Jesse Jackson was indeed one of the most effective community and political organizers in modern history. A large part of that was his love for people from every walk of life, which ultimately became the Rainbow Coalition.

Yusef Jackson told the audience that he was torn between his grief and his faith. "The scripture that says, weeping may endure for night, but joy comes in the morning, sits heavily in my belly," he said "I find myself balancing the

sorrow of the dark night, comforting my kids and answering their questions about the loss of life, and the cycle of life, and managing my own personal grief against God's promise."

Jesse Jackson Jr., deeply emotional, poured out. "Who was Jesse Jackson? To the political class that took up most of the time, Dad was a stranger awaiting a return phone call. Reminding the political class of the urgency of the hour. That's who my daddy was."

Bishop Jamal Bryant was the last speaker of the public funeral day. He gave thanks for the strong women who were Rev. Jackson's foot soldiers along the way. "I want to pause and thank God for his sister disciples in Donna Brazile, and for a sister, Minyon Moore, and Leah Daughtry, because he understood you ain't gonna go far unless you take strong Black women with you."

On Saturday, Marc Morial, President and CEO of the National Urban League continued the honors. "Reverend Jesse Jackson took a moment of disrespect, and shaped it into a movement for respect. From that moment of disrespect, the Jackson candidacy for president in 1984 was born. And let the record show that that campaign, and that candidacy, played a significant role in be-

ginning to reshape America politics."

NAACP President Derrick Johnson, said, "This year, we must send a different message in November, the power comes through the black community, the power was built by Reverend Jackson. The strength is in this room, that stick together, stay together, fight together, peace and power."

His son, Rep. Jonathan Jackson was at his best, "My father tried to let every child know that he is somebody. My father wanted to make sure that the world he was born into would be better than the world he was leaving."

He brought the audience to their feet.

"He tried to make through crooked ways straight! And I want the world to know that my father believed in love! He believed in the dignity of all human beings! And he believed that just because You were born in the slum: the slum was not born in you! So, for the children on the reservations, in the boroughs, in the ghettos, he was speaking to you. In fact, my father believed in America more than America believed in itself!"

Rep. Jackson ended his speech, recalling the motto, "Run Jesse Run!" but now, according to Christian faith, it will be "Rise, Jesse, Rise!"

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Caring, helping and leading, characterized the life of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson

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Our country has been known to have great leaders. It has been one of our strengths and the foundation for our democracy. Everyday life is better as it always gets us to a brighter day. Our leaders have paved the way. We lost a great leader recently as Reverend Jesse Jackson went on home to be with the Lord. His legacy is intact and his contributions to the world will be emblazoned in its landscape forever. The scripture does say, "well done my good and faithful servant". That Biblical verse encapsulates the work he did over

his lifetime. He was a servant leader long before the term was coined. He was selfless, always looking to empower others. Reverend Jackson had the unique ability to give you comfort and encouragement. One of his signature expressions was, "keep hope alive". Those three words impacted millions of people including me. It is the eternal optimism that is embodied in that phrase. No matter how dark and dismal the way looks, if you keep hope alive, it will give you a chance to get up and start anew.

Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) was founded by Reverend Jesse Jackson in 1971. Its overall goal was to provide economic,

educational and business opportunities to marginalized communities. Proudly, some many years ago now, I became a member of PUSH, and I wear my lapel pin with pride. His charisma brightened the room, and you always left better than you came. He simply had a way of making you feel good about yourself. While important, he was approachable. While highly educated, he related to everyone. With a job or without a job, he cared about you.

Whenever he spoke, America listened. He spoke about the inequalities that many Americans were experiencing in their lives. He talked about the importance of voting and that every vote mattered. Reverend Jackson ran

for the presidency on two separate occasions.

He spoke poignantly about the fact that everybody is somebody. He said, "I may have made some mistakes, but I am somebody. My clothes are different, my face is different, my hair is different, but I am somebody".

Reverend Jesse Jackson was one of the greatest American leaders of all time. Simply put, he is a legend and that sentiment is shared by many people across this land.

Reverend Bernice King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "He was a gifted negotiator and a courageous bridge-builder, serving humanity by bringing calm into tense rooms and creating pathways

where none existed."

Reverend Al Sharpton, founder and president of the National Action Network said, "The Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson was not simply a Civil Rights leader, he was a movement unto himself. He carried history in his footsteps and hope in his voice. He reminded me that faith without action is just noise."

The profound yet simple message in his life was to do something that will make life better for someone else. The change for better only comes when we do something to make the change.

Change sometimes cannot be a team endeavor. You can't always get people to join you in doing what is right. It is better to stand alone and fight than to

stand with others and be still.

Humbly, I have been in Reverend Jackson's presence and have taken some pictures with him. Meeting him and talking with him were defining moments in my life. His beacon of hope became a mantra for me and for countless others.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities will always stand tall because of men like Reverend Jesse Jackson. He is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro NC.

The homegoing service for Reverend Jesse Jackson was held Friday, March 6th at the House of Hope in Chicago Illinois. He is gone from our everyday lives but never from our everlasting hearts.

The white privilege predicament

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



Last week I wrote about something my father, who is white, has said for years: when many white Americans hear the phrase "white privilege," they respond by listing all the ways their lives have been hard. But if you talk about "white advantage," the conversation changes. Advantage is measurable. It doesn't erase suffering. It simply acknowledges that race still tilts the system.

After that column ran, readers reached out asking me to elaborate.

To understand why, we have to go back to the beginning of the American story.

Early in colonial America, poor Europeans and enslaved Africans sometimes recognized that they shared a common predicament. They ran away together. They rebelled together. For a brief moment in our history, working people across color lines sometimes saw each other as allies rather than enemies.

That possibility deeply unsettled the people who held power. So over time, colonial elites built a system designed to prevent that unity. Europeans were given small advantages—permission to carry weapons, positions in militias, small measures of authority over enslaved Africans. At the same time, racial contempt was deliberately cultivated between the groups.

Racism itself became a tool of political control. The wedge worked. In many ways, it still does.

White communities across America are hurting. Factories have closed. Life expectancy for many working-class Americans has fallen. Addiction and suicide have devastated entire towns.

Acknowledging white advantage doesn't deny any of that.

It simply says this: if two people walk into the same job interview with the same résumé, race still affects the outcome. If two families try to build wealth across generations, race still shapes the odds. Social scientists have measured this for years. In a well-known study, Princeton sociologist Devah Pager sent out identical résumés to employers.

Applicants with traditionally white-sounding names received far more callbacks than those with Black-sounding names, even when their qualifications were the same.

Suffering and advantage can exist at the same time.

My father understood something many activists forget: language can open conversations, or it can shut them down.

For decades he worked with thousands of men—mostly white—helping them confront trauma and take responsibility for their actions. He saw how quickly people shut down when they feel their suffering is being dismissed.

That's the predicament. The reality of racial advantage is undeniable. But the language

we use to describe it sometimes pushes away the very people who need to be part of the solution.

Rev. Jesse Jackson understood this better than anyone. His Rainbow Coalition was built on a simple insight: racism has long been the oldest political wedge in America. Divide working people by race and those in power stay secure. But if working people across racial lines ever truly unite, the coalition would be powerful enough to transform the country.

The opposite of racism isn't just tolerance. It's solidarity. Our history shows both possibilities. At times we have been divided by race so completely that we could barely see our shared interests. At other moments—Reconstruction, the labor movement, the civil rights era—we have glimpsed what multiracial democracy can look like.

That history should give us hope. Because if racism was built to divide us, it can also be dismantled.

Rev. Jesse Jackson spent a lifetime trying to show us what comes next. When working people finally refuse the wedge—when we stand together from union halls to houses of worship, from big cities to small towns—the coalition that emerges will be stronger than the politics that have kept us apart for generations.

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You must learn to fight the right way

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Tips for a Good Marriage



I know I have informed you that you are fighting the wrong person many times. However, I feel compelled to tell you again – you are fighting the wrong person. Many spouses are utilizing so much effort fighting each other, which is ultimately leading to a losing battle resulting in separation and divorce. Why is this happening?

One of the main reasons that married couples are constantly defeated even by small stuff in marriage is because they are fighting the wrong person. Your spouse is not your enemy, and you are not your spouse's enemy. In fact, you both share the same enemy.

Ephesians 6:12 states: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Let's break the word wrestle down based on the Greek meaning from this New Testament Scripture:

- Wrestle – a struggle, fight, conflict, contest

Unfortunately, many couples have no clue that they are in a struggle, conflict and contest with the wrong person. Ephesians 6:12 makes it clear – we do not wrestle against flesh and blood (human beings: husbands/wives). In other words, something (principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places) is behind the bickering, gaslighting, arguing, starting fights, physical altercations, accusations, verbal attacks, nagging, spouse neglect, prodigal spouse abandonment, the sneaking, lying, secrets, cheating, and so much more. Your spouse may act and sound like your enemy, but they are not your enemy. They are being used by the enemy to bring destruction, division, corruption, conflict, turmoil, and ultimately death to your union. If the enemy destroys your marriage, then he has your home and children too. Therefore, spouses stop letting the enemy use you! And spouses stop letting the enemy win!

How do spouses fight each other?

- verbal attacks
- arguing
- pick and nag
- gaslighting
- silent treatment
- stop listening
- Sabotage your marriage
- live in isolation from each other
- withhold affection/intimacy
- imagine being thirsty and someone intentionally withhold your quench
- use your children to fight each other
- physical/mental/emotional/spiritual abuse
- refuse to apologize and admit your mistakes

What are the underlying root causes of couple's fights?

- lack self-healing/love
- stress
- exhaustion
- work stresses
- unresolved hurts/healings
- disappointments
- unforgiveness
- Miscommunication
- Misunderstanding
- Misinterpretations
- fear
- lack of quality time
- mistrust
- little to no communication
- lack of empathy
- lack of understanding

What do spouses typically fight about?

- Money
- children – do not allow your children to divide you especially adult children – Ask God for guidance and for Godly parental unity
- family (in-laws, etc.)
- work/job obligations
- Business matters
- politics
- technology usage – cell phones, video games have replaced spouses
- lack of quality time
- lack of affection/intimacy
- disappointments
- How To Fight the Right Way?
- Reflect on marriage vows
- Developing a personal prayer life
- Pray together daily
- Consistently pray for each other
- Consistently read First Corinthians 13
- Communicate about everything!
- Forgive
- Let yesterday go!

• Hold each other accountable – should not repeat the same offense, hurt – both should see change and improvement for the better

• Exchange hearts – do unto your spouse what you want done unto you

• Support each other

• husbands live with your wives in an understanding way so that your prayers won't be hindered

• Wives don't nag and push your husbands to the rooftop

• Spend quality time with each other – make time to create good memories together now – Don't wait until retirement to do so

• Date each other

• Learning and practicing each other's love language

• Learn from past errors and bad decisions

• Make up your mind to STOP hurting or offending your spouse

• Don't withhold affection and intimacy

• Become intentional about having a loving and happy marriage

• Seek professional marital counseling

To conclude, spouses, it can't be emphasized enough – your spouse is not your enemy. Please stop wasting your time fighting each other and fight your shared enemy together. Think like a boxer – think like a victor and not a victim – think like a champion. You already know your enemy's goals: steal, kill, and destroy! So, what tactics will you both use to defeat your enemy? Will you continue wasting time fighting each other? Do you want to continue being defeated? If you have no fight and you feel that God is leading, you to stop fighting for your marriage – then adhere to God's leading. However, if you both have decided that you want your marriage then stop wasting your time fighting the wrong person because you will lose every time! You must learn to fight the right way!

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FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION

LOREE ANN WILLIAMS-MCCLURE PLAINTIFF
VS. **CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:25-cv-00891-DPJ-ASH**
ROSES d/b/a VARIETY WHOLESALEERS, INC. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PLAINTIFF'S DISCOVERY RESPONSES

Notice is hereby given that Plaintiff, Loree Ann Williams-McClure, has this date served the following:

1. Plaintiff's Responses to First Set of Interrogatories.
2. Plaintiff's Responses to First Set of Request for Production of Documents.

The undersigned retains the original (s) of the above paper (s) as custodian thereof.

Respectfully submitted this the 27th day of February, 2026.

LOREE ANN WILLIAMS-MCCLURE
PLAINTIFF

BY: */s/ Frank C. Jones, III*

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned counsel does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been forwarded to opposing counsel via hand-delivery, electronic means, U.S. Mail and/or facsimile to their usual place of business, to-wit:

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This the 27th day of February, 2026.

BY: */s/ Frank C. Jones, III*

3/5/2026, 3/12/2026, 3/19/2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 219 S. PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201. IT IS HEREBY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THE RENAMING OF LILLY STREET (FROM WOODROW WILSON BLVD. TO CLOVER HILL DRIVE) TO DAMIAN MURRIEL DRIVE.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ESTABLISHING THE RENAMING OF LILLY STREET (FROM WOODROW WILSON BLVD. TO CLOVER HILL DRIVE) TO DAMIAN MURRIEL DRIVE.

3/12/2026

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4324

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Angela Stamps has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for an accessory structure for living quarters within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 808 Colonial Cir. (Parcel 552-196), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 14, Block "G", Club Park Subdivision, Part 2, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at Page 17, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

AND ALSO a part of Lot 15, Block "G", Club Park Subdivision, Part 2, as recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 17 of Chancery Records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron bar marking the Northeast corner of aforesaid Lot 15, 33.0 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 128 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds and run Southwesterly, 345.71 feet to an iron bar on Northern right of way line of Colonial Circle; run thence Southeasterly, clockwise, along the arc of a curve in the Northern right of way line of Colonial Circle, 19.02 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 15; said curve having radius of 302.62 feet and a central angle of 03 degrees 36 minutes; run thence Northeasterly along the Eastern boundary of Lot 15, 366.51 feet to the point of beginning

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time of hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO MARCH 18, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 27th day of February 2026.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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3/12/2026

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF GLADYS M. WELLS
LINDA ANN JONES, EXECUTRIX CAUSE NO. 25-473 M/4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 21st day of January, 2026, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, to Linda Ann Jones, the Executrix of the Estate of Gladys M. Wells, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 25th day of January, 2026.

Betty A. Mallett
BETTY A. MALLETT (MSB No. 8867), Attorney
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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
OTELIAN WOODSON-BASS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P2024-289 M/4

PETITIONER: WALTERINE UNDERWOOD

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OTELIAN WOODSON-BASS WILLIAMS, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Walterine Underwood Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Otelian Woodson-Bass Williams, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. o'clock a.m., on the 18th day of May 2026, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Crystal Wise Martin, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the ____ day of February, 2026.

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Handwriting on the Wall

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



I consider myself an experienced warrior in the fight against allergies. Having suffered from allergic reactions to pollen, dog and cat hair, ragweed, etc since I was in elementary school, I've gotten accustomed to sneezing, coughing, and blowing my nose throughout the spring and summer months. However, in 2017 I switched to a plant-based diet and the most amazing thing happened: I had years where I went through the shifts from fall, winter, and spring seasons without one sinus infection, upper respiratory challenge, or case of the sniffles. Having experienced at least one and, in some cases, all of these yearly for the last 30 years, I was ecstatic! Because of my body responding so positive-

ly to the "clean" diet, I was even able to stop taking my daily allergy medicine altogether.

However, even though I'm currently not dealing with any allergy symptoms, I can still feel the changes in the season. Previously, I was able to sense the change in seasons based on how my body responded to things that were in the air. Even though allergy symptoms frustrated me, I actually came to see them as a good sign.

For example, allergy symptoms like sneezing, runny nose and watery eyes are our bodies' ways of protecting us from the "invaders" as some like to call allergy triggers like dust, pollen, or pet hair. Even though we don't see them our bodies' responses let us know that the allergy triggers are there. Allergies also are an unhealthy overreaction to things that are a part of our normal lives. Allergies warn us about unhealthy par-

ticles in the air much like the Spirit of God will warn us of things/people who may harm us.

My past allergy fights remind me of how we sometimes miss it when God is trying to warn us and we fight against the Spirit of God. Many of us have the experience of walking into a place where we instantly didn't feel comfortable. That funny feeling, regardless of what we saw with our own eyes, was God communicating to us. These awkward moments are often God's way of protecting us from things, people and places that mean us no good.

I Corinthians 2:9-11 says, "However, as it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him' but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For

who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."

Spiritual discernment will often let us know the heart of God concerning changes in our lives. Some of these changes are ones that we spent many nights praying for. However, some of us overreact to the Spirit of God (and fight the change) or, worse, ignore what we sense but don't know how to respond to. One of the best lessons we can learn is to trust and willingly submit to the Spirit of God.

Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth-based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email her at preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda

'Keep Hope Alive': Thousands gather in Chicago to celebrate the life of Rev. Jesse Jackson

By Jasmine Browley
BET



Jackson TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Chicago's South Side became a gathering place for faith and remembrance on March 6 as thousands packed into the House of Hope church for the homegoing service of civil rights icon Rev. Jesse Jackson.

The nearly 10,000-seat sanctuary in the Pullman neighborhood overflowed with clergy, activists, political leaders, and everyday Chicagoans who had marched, prayed, and organized alongside Jackson over the decades. The service — called "The People's Celebration" — felt unmistakably rooted in the traditions Jackson himself championed: the Black church, the Civil Rights Movement, and the enduring belief that faith and activism go hand in hand.

From the moment the service began, gospel music set the tone, filling the sanctuary with soaring harmonies. Ministers and congregants joined in a powerful call-and-response of Jackson's famous affirmation — "I Am—Somebody" — that electrified the room and served as a reminder of how Jackson fused spirituality and protest into a singular cultural force.

The gathering drew some of the most powerful political figures in the country, a reflection of the breadth of Jackson's legacy. Former Presidents Barack Obama, Joe Biden, and Bill Clinton traveled to Chicago to honor him, along with former Vice President Kamala Harris, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and former First Lady Dr. Jill Biden.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Civil Rights Giant and Global Activist, Dies at 84

Civil rights leaders including Rev. Al Sharpton and attorney Ben Crump joined a long list of elected officials, among them Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, Chicago Mayor Brandon

Johnson, former Mayor Lori Lightfoot, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

Yet despite the presence of so many national figures, the service never strayed from the spirit of a traditional Black church homegoing. Laughter, tears, gospel music, and fiery sermons filled the sanctuary as speakers remembered Jackson not only as a global civil rights leader, but as a pastor, mentor, and neighbor.

Members of Jackson's family offered deeply personal reflections throughout the service. His sons Jesse Jackson Jr. and Jonathan Jackson spoke about their father's lifelong commitment to justice and faith, while daughter Santita Jackson brought many in the room to tears with a powerful rendition of "To God Be the Glory."

The emotional centerpiece of the service came when former President Barack Obama took the podium. Obama reflected on how Jackson's historic presidential campaigns in 1984 and 1988 reshaped American politics and helped pave the way for a generation of Black leaders — including his own presidency.

"We are living in a time when it can be hard to hope," Obama said. "But Rev. Jackson believed hope was not passive. Hope was something you worked for. Something you marched for."

He added: "It is an honor to join you today to celebrate the Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson, a man who, when the poor and the dispossessed needed a champion and a country needed healing, stepped forward again and again and said, 'Send me.'"

Former President Joe Biden praised Jackson's willingness to

fight for marginalized communities regardless of political pressure, saying he never stopped pushing the country to confront inequality and expand opportunity for working-class Americans. Former President Bill Clinton credited Jackson with reshaping the nation's moral and political conversations about race and economic justice — calling him someone with an unmatched ability to demand more from America while still believing deeply in its potential.

Former Vice President Kamala Harris described Jackson as both a visionary organizer and a strategic political thinker who understood how grassroots activism could translate into real political power — and got candid about the moment we're in.

"What I did not predict is that we would not have Jesse Jackson with us right now to help us get through this," Harris said.

She credited Jackson with pioneering the coalition-building strategy that reshaped progressive politics in the United States. "Jesse Jackson was a strategist," she said. "He was one of the most effective community and political organizers of our time."

Harris also reflected on his lifelong fight to dismantle barriers for marginalized communities. "From a young age, Rev. Jackson saw that the doors had been closed to millions of people across our nation and throughout the world who were otherwise so deserving," she said. "They were doors to opportunity, to equity, to justice, to freedom." Drawing on a lesson from her own upbringing, she added: "If that door remains shut — even after repeated attempts to knock — sometimes you have no choice but to kick that door open."

Throughout the service, speakers returned again and again to the idea that Jackson's influence extended far beyond the pulpit or the ballot box. He was remembered as a movement builder who expanded Black political participation and gave voice to communities that too often went unheard.

Outside the church, supporters lined the streets of Pullman for hours before the service began, many braving cold March weather for the chance to witness the moment. For Chicago — where Jackson built much of his activism through Operation PUSH and decades of community organizing — the farewell felt deeply personal.

Rev. Al Sharpton, who first encountered Jackson as a 12-year-old activist, reflected on his passing with visible emotion. "Even though we knew he was very ill, when the moment comes, you're not prepared for it," Sharpton said, remembering Jackson as a mentor who shaped an entire generation of activists and ministers.

As the service drew to a close, the atmosphere inside the House of Hope shifted from mourning to celebration — exactly the kind of homegoing Jackson himself would have appreciated. Gospel music rose once more through the sanctuary as attendees stood, clapped, and embraced.

The phrase Jackson spent decades urging the nation to hold onto echoed through the room one final time.

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Home alone: Difficulty breathing

By Vince Faust MA
Health Educator and Motivational Writer

Breathing is something most of us never think about, until suddenly, you can't do it the way you normally do. Difficulty breathing can come on gradually, like during a cold or asthma flareup or it can strike without warning. When you're home alone, that frightening moment can feel even more overwhelming. But knowing what to do in those first critical minutes can protect your safety and in some cases, save your life.

Medical experts emphasize that trouble breathing is often a medical emergency. According to MedlinePlus, breathing difficulty can range from shortness of breath to gasping for air or feeling like you cannot get enough oxygen. The American Red Cross adds that respiratory distress can include wheezing, gurgling, rapid breathing or an inability to speak in full sentences. These symptoms should never be ignored.

Breathing problems can look and feel different depending on the cause. People experiencing breathing difficulty may appear anxious, breathe rapidly or struggle to lie flat. You may notice:

- Shortness of breath
- Gasping or feeling unable to take a full breath
- Wheezing or whistling sounds
- Chest tightness
- Bluish lips or fingernails
- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Trouble speaking in full sentences

The American Red Cross emphasizes that symptoms such as gasping, inability to speak or extremely fast or slow breathing require immediate emergency treatment.

If you're alone and notice these signs, act quickly.

Step One: Stay Calm and Sit



Upright

Panic makes breathing worse. The first thing you should do is stop, focus and try to stay calm. Slow, steady breaths, even if shallow, can help reduce anxiety.

Next, sit upright. Leaning slightly forward can make breathing easier. People with breathing difficulty often cannot breathe lying down and need to sit up to breathe comfortably.

Avoid lying flat, which can worsen symptoms.

Step Two: Call 911 if Symptoms Are Severe

Breathing difficulty is often a medical emergency. MedlinePlus clearly states that you should call

911 immediately if you experience symptoms such as rapid breathing, confusion, bluish skin or inability to speak normally.

Call 911 right away if:

- You cannot catch your breath
- You are gasping or choking
- You cannot speak more than a few words
- Your lips or fingers turn blue
- You feel faint or confused
- Your breathing becomes extremely fast or extremely slow
- You have chest pain

If you can, unlock your door after calling so emergency responders can reach you quickly.

Step Three: Use Prescribed Medications if You Have Them

If you have a known breathing condition such as asthma, COPD or allergies, use your prescribed medication immediately.

For asthma:

- Use your rescue inhaler (usually albuterol).
- Take slow breaths as you inhale the medication.
- Wait a few minutes and repeat if your doctor has instructed you to do so.

For severe allergies:

- Use your epinephrine autoinjector immediately.
- Call 911 even if symptoms improve. Anaphylaxis can return.

For COPD:

- Use your quickrelief inhaler or oxygen as prescribed.

If you do not have prescribed medication or symptoms do not improve, call 911.

Step Four: Loosen Tight Clothing and Remove Triggers

It's recommended that you loosen tight clothing during breathing difficulty to reduce pressure on the chest and airway.

Do the following:

- Loosen collars, ties or restrictive shirts
- Remove scarves or anything tight around your neck
- Move away from smoke, strong odors or fumes
- Open a window for fresh air

If you suspect an environmental trigger like dust, cleaning chemicals, perfume leave the area if you can do so safely.

Step Five: Focus on Controlled Breathing

While waiting for symptoms to improve or for help to arrive, controlled breathing can help reduce panic and ease airflow.

Try this simple technique:

1. Inhale slowly through your nose for two seconds.
2. Purse your lips as if blowing out a candle.
3. Exhale slowly for four seconds.

This "pursedlip breathing" helps keep airways open longer and reduces shortness of breath.

Step Six: Avoid Eating or Drinking

When you're alone, this means avoiding food or a beverage until your breathing is stable.

Step Seven: Monitor Your Symptoms Closely

Breathing problems can worsen quickly. The American Red Cross notes that respiratory distress can progress to respiratory arrest, the complete absence of breathing if untreated.

Watch for:

- Increasing difficulty speaking
- Worsening wheezing or gurgling
- Chest pain
- Confusion or drowsiness
- Rapid heartbeat
- Sweating

If symptoms worsen at any point, call 911 immediately.

Step Eight: If You Become Dizzy or Feel Faint, Stay Low and Safe

If you feel faint, sit on the floor to prevent falling. Lean forward slightly to ease breathing. If you lose consciousness, you want to be in a safe position that reduces injury risk.

Step Nine: If You Suspect Choking, Act Immediately

If your breathing difficulty is caused by choking and you are alone, you must act fast.

The self-Heimlich technique (described in firstaid guidance) involves:

- Making a fist and placing it above your navel
- Grabbing your fist with your other hand
- Thrusting inward and upward sharply

You can also use the back of a chair or countertop edge to apply forceful upward pressure.

If choking does not resolve quickly, call 911 immediately.

Step Ten: Prepare for Future Episodes

If you have ever experienced breathing difficulty, preparation is essential.

- Keep these items accessible:
- Rescue inhaler
 - Epinephrine autoinjector
 - Home oxygen (if prescribed)
 - A charged phone
 - A list of emergency contacts
 - A medical ID bracelet

Reduce triggers in your home: Eliminating dust mites, mold and smoke exposure for people with asthma or allergies.

Stay up to date on vaccinations:

Vaccines for influenza, pneumonia, COVID19 and RSV can reduce respiratory infections that cause breathing problems.

Even if symptoms improve, contact your healthcare provider if:

- You had a respiratory infection and struggled to breathe
- You have a cough lasting more than 2–3 weeks
- You cough up blood
- You lose weight unintentionally
- You wake up at night unable to breathe
- You feel short of breath doing normal activities

These may be signs of underlying conditions that require treatment.

Difficulty breathing is one of the most frightening medical symptoms a person can experience, especially when you're alone. But with calm thinking, quick action and awareness of warning signs, you can protect yourself until help arrives.

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Have a lung disease? Free support is available

StatePoint

There is a lot to manage after a life-changing diagnosis. Navigating your treatment plan, appointments and care can be overwhelming and complicated.

The good news is that if you are living with a chronic lung disease, such as asthma, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including emphysema and chronic bronchitis, support is available.

To help you lead a healthier, more active and fulfilling life, the American Lung Association has partnered with Alteas Health to raise awareness about steps you can take to better manage your chronic lung disease, and where you can turn to for trusted education and support.

Find a lung specialist you trust. Working with a lung specialist, also called a pulmonologist, and healthcare team who know your health history and provide continuity of care can help improve your health outcomes.

Your specialist can help tailor a treatment plan that works best for you. It is important to follow your treatment plan, go to regularly scheduled appointments and take steps to reduce your risk of flare-ups. Talk to your



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primary care provider about a referral to a specialist.

Build community. A strong support network is associated with better emotional health, a higher quality of life and more effective self-management of your disease. American Lung Association Better Breathers Clubs have connected people living with chronic lung disease, along with their family members and caregivers, to information and support for more than 50 years.

Expertly guided by trained facilitators, meetings offer an engaging blend of guest speakers, interactive problem-solving sessions and social activities, and no two sessions are alike. Joe, a club member, says "I learn something at every Better Breathers Club meeting."

Regularly scheduled

meetings are available in-person at locations throughout the United States and online, and are valued not only by patients, but among caregivers as well.

"The Better Breathers Club offers our pulmonary patients a sense of community and understanding while empowering them with education and practical tools to better manage their lung disease. It transforms learning into connection, helping residents breathe easier and thrive within the comfort of their skilled nursing setting," says Kim Brown, an Alteas Health team member.

Ask if pulmonary rehabilitation is right for you. Pulmonary rehabilitation is a structured program of education and exercise designed to help you better understand your lungs and your condition.

Through the program, you'll build skills to exercise with less shortness of breath and gain practical tips to improve your quality of life. In fact, pulmonary rehabilitation is where many patients learn about other avenues of support. "I was in pulmonary rehab and heard about Better Breathers Club and I started coming, and haven't stopped!" says Joyce, who is living with COPD.

Connect with customized support. American Lung Association Lung Health Navigators are registered nurses, respiratory therapists, and certified tobacco treatment specialists who provide free, customized one-on-one education and support for individuals and their loved ones facing lung diseases. They are committed to helping you understand your diagnosis, explore treatment options and connect with resources. To reach a Lung Health Navigator, call 1-866-252-2959 or submit a request at Lung.org/navigator.

You don't have to face a chronic lung disease alone. Ongoing support and education available in the form of pulmonary rehabilitation, support groups and more, can help you better manage your disease.

Sugar intake tips to prevent cavities

StatePoint

If your diet includes indulgent treats and sweet beverages, take note – too much sugar in your diet can weaken your teeth, leaving your smile vulnerable to cavities. Follow these five sugar intake tips so you can prevent cavities and improve your oral and overall health.

Restore the balance. Cultivate a balanced diet with a variety of healthy foods from each of the five major food groups. Fill your plate with whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean proteins and low-fat dairy foods.

Sugary beverages like soda and juice should be served sparingly, as healthier options like water and plain milk have far more nutritional value. "Water is the best beverage for your teeth," said American Dental Association (ADA) dentist, Mirissa Price, D.M.D. "Not only does water help wash away cavity-causing bacteria and weaken the acids in your mouth, but water with optimal levels of fluoride strengthens your teeth against cavities."

Be picky if it's sticky and watch out for starch. You might think dried fruit is a healthy choice, but raisins and dried cranberries often stick to your teeth, giving the bacteria in your mouth more time to feast on the natural sugars. Meanwhile, starchy foods like chips and cakes often get trapped between your teeth where cavities also form. "If you choose these foods, pair them with water, and make



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sure to brush and floss thoroughly," said Dr. Price.

Maintain your dental routine. Speaking of brushing and flossing, it's important to keep up with your dental care routine no matter what your diet looks like. That means brushing your teeth twice daily with fluoride toothpaste and cleaning between your teeth once a day. Choose dental products with the ADA Seal of Acceptance and see your dentist regularly for valuable checkups. Appointments can fill up fast, so schedule them far in advance to avoid delays.

Timing matters. Instead of eating sweets on their own, pair them with meals or eat them shortly after mealtimes. During a meal, your mouth releases more saliva, which is another tool in the fight against tooth decay, canceling out acids and washing away food from teeth and gums. Saliva also contains minerals to repair weakened teeth. For snacks between meals, choose a healthy option like fruit, vegetables or cheese. "If you find yourself enjoying a sweet treat apart from a meal, chewing sugar-free

gum with the ADA Seal of Acceptance after can increase saliva and may help counter acidity," said Dr. Price.

Set a good example. It's no surprise that most kids also want to enjoy a sweet treat now and then, but remember that cavities are the most common chronic childhood disease. Provide children with foods and drinks that are healthy and low in sugar, remind them about regular at-home dental care, and set a good example by modeling all the tips above.

To learn more about how nutrition affects your teeth, visit MouthHealthy.org/nutritionimpact. For help keeping your child's dental routine on track, visit MouthHealthy.org/calendar to download a free 12-month brushing and flossing calendar.

"Making choices to keep your mouth healthy doesn't stop you from enjoying good food," said Dr. Price. "Finding a balance is key. Reset your routine to focus on healthy behaviors to benefit your dental and overall health."

Landon Price in concert “Summer Breeze Mississippi”

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

In front of a packed house, The Central Mississippi Coalition of Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, along with other sponsors proudly presented Landon Price in concert Saturday, March 7, 2026, 7:00 PM at Duling Hall in Jackson. The concert was framed, “Summer Breeze in Mississippi.”

Price, an emerging Gospel singer and songwriter is a senior at Murrah High School where he holds the title, “Mr. Murrah.” In addition to songwriting and producing, as a rising young artist he has earned numerous awards. He has shared the stage with Jamal Roberts, American Idol Season 23 winner

Price’s mother Regina attended the concert and told The Mississippi Link she was immensely proud of her son, who celebrated his 18th birthday in February. When asked how she felt watching her son on stage she replied, “It was an awesome experience!” She went on to say that this was something he had wanted to do for some time and that she and his father, Lanier Price, were blown away listening and watching him perform. “It’s as though he has been doing this all his life,” she said.

When asked what her son’s plans are after graduating from Murrah, Regina stated Landon is looking at several colleges and universities across the nation with music programs. She stated that even though they are receiving calls from the entertainment world, higher education is of the utmost importance and it is at the forefront of their decisions, but they will weigh all options to determine what is best.



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Jackson State University mourns the passing of Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony, celebrated educator and former acting president



Hayes-Anthony

JPS newswire

The Jackson State University community is mourning the loss of Elayne Hayes-Anthony, Ph.D., a respected educator, communications leader, and former acting president of the university, who passed away this morning, March 5, 2026.

Hayes-Anthony dedicated decades of service to advancing education, journalism and public communication in Mississippi and beyond. Known for her unwavering commitment to student success and academic excellence, she mentored countless aspiring journalists and communications professionals while helping strengthen JSU's legacy as a leading historically Black university.

"As we mourn the passing of Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony, we remember her career as she remained deeply committed to the success of our students and to the advancement of journalism and media education at Jackson State," said Interim President Denise Jones-Gregory, Ph.D. "Her leadership in the classroom, within her department and across the institution helped shape generations of communicators and storytellers. On behalf of the Jackson State University family, we extend our sincere condolences to her family, former students and colleagues."

A proud alumna of Jackson State, Hayes-Anthony earned both her bachelor's degree in speech communication with an emphasis in broadcasting and a master's degree in educational technology from the university. She later earned a doctorate in organizational communication and broadcast law from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Throughout her distinguished career, Hayes-Anthony held numerous leadership and public

service. She served as professor and chair of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Jackson State University, prior to her death, and previously chaired the Department of Communications at Belhaven University for 17 years.

In 2023, Hayes-Anthony was appointed acting president of Jackson State University, guiding the institution during a pivotal period and continuing her long-standing commitment to the university's mission of educating and empowering future leaders.

Before her work in higher education administration, Hayes-Anthony built a groundbreaking career in broadcast journalism. She made history as the first Black woman to serve as an anchor, producer and reporter at WJTV Channel 12 in Jackson, Mississippi, helping open doors for women and people of color in the news industry.

Her influence extended beyond the classroom and newsroom. Hayes-Anthony served as president of the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters, becoming the first Black woman and journalism educator to lead the organization. She also served as assistant superintendent of communications for Jackson Public Schools and held numerous civic and professional leadership roles throughout the state.

Hayes-Anthony was widely admired for her passion for teaching, her commitment to community engagement, and her tireless advocacy for journalism and ethical communication.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie Anthony; her son, Willard Anthony; and her grandson, Aiden Anthony. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the family at a later date.

Callaway High JROTC leader earns District's Top Cadet Honor



Cadet Brigade Sergeant Major Jeremiah Rufus

JPS Newswire

Cadet Brigade Sergeant Major Jeremiah Rufus of Callaway High School has been named the JPS District Cadet of the Year. He is the son of Loretta Rufus.

A standout leader and scholar, Cadet Rufus maintains a 4.0 GPA while setting the standard for excellence across the battalion. He is an active member of the Drill Team, demonstrating discipline, precision, and a strong commitment to teamwork in both practice and competition.

Academically, Cadet Rufus excels while carrying an exceptionally rigorous course load that includes seven Advanced Placement courses, with two courses taken through Howard University. His willingness to challenge himself at the collegiate level while still in high school reflects his ambition, maturity, and dedication to excellence. Known for his focus and strong work ethic, C/BDE SGM Rufus represents the very best of Callaway High School JROTC and is highly deserving of this distinguished recognition.

He was selected during an awards ceremony held in February 19 at the Mississippi eCenter, led by JROTC Director Col. Fredrick Brown and Assistant Superintendent of High Schools Laketia Marshall Thomas.

The Cadet of the Year program recognizes outstanding 11th-grade JROTC cadets from each of the district's six high schools, inspiring excellence in both leadership and academics. These cadets then advance to compete at the district level

for the title of JPS Overall Most Outstanding Cadet.

The JROTC Cadets of the Year representing other JPS high schools are:

- C/LTC Shamara Camper, Lanier Junior Senior High School
- C/LTC Victoria Calvin, Murrah High School
- C/LTC Khalyse Johnson, Forest Hill High School
- C/MAJ Jon'Travis Alston, Jim Hill High School
- C/LTC Kaitlynn Bingham, Provine High School



JSU Day at the Capitol

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson State University Tigers Athletic Foundation met on Tuesday, March 3rd, JSU's Day at the Capitol, with Senator Derrick T. Simmons who is a member of the foundation, to discuss the continued growth and support of athletics at the school. Part of their discussion was regarding the importance of community and legislative engagement in strengthening the university's athletic programs.

The officers representing the foundation included Chairman Lindsey Horton, Vice Chairman Jesse Thompson and Treasurer, Albert Leason.



(L-R) Albert Leason, Senator Derrick T. Simmons, Jesse Thompson, and Albert Leason.

Alice Harden: A Women's History Month Tribute

JPS Newswire

During Women's History Month, Jackson Public Schools proudly honors the life and legacy of Alice Harden (November 19, 1940 – February 6, 2012), a devoted public servant and champion for education, equity, and the people of Mississippi.

Senator Harden served with distinction in the Mississippi Legislature, including her tenure in the Mississippi State Senate, where she represented her Jackson-based district

with passion and purpose. Throughout her legislative career, she was widely respected for her unwavering advocacy for public education, working families, healthcare access, and economic opportunity.

Her accomplishments include:

- Serving on key legislative committees, including Education and Public Health
- Advocating for increased funding and equitable resources for public schools
- Championing policies that

supported working families and underserved communities

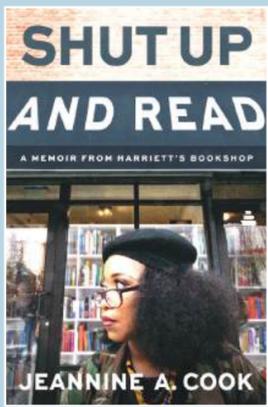
· Promoting access to healthcare and essential services

· Being a consistent voice for justice, fairness, and opportunity at the State Capitol

Senator Harden's leadership reflected courage, integrity, and a deep love for her community. Her legacy continues to inspire our scholars to lead with purpose and to use their voices to create positive change.



Harden



BOOK REVIEW: SHUT UP AND READ: A MEMOIR FROM HARRIETT'S BOOKSHOP

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Columnist

Shhhhhhh.
It's an old wives' tale that that's what librarians always say. Shhhhhhh, hush yourself, be silent, don't be so loud, no talking. Shhhhh, quiet is what makes a library appealing for many folks. As in the new book, "Shut Up and Read" by Jeannine A. Cook, though, the bookstore is where you can really make some noise. She had no plans to live in Philadelphia. But that's where Jeannine Cook landed after she gradu-

ated high school – in Philly, in college, living in a "shell" of a house with occasional rats and junkies. She stayed, though, fell in love with the city of Brotherly Love, and made plans in the form of college essays. She wanted to do something good for her community, to teach youth, and put books in the hands of the people who needed to read.

As it's been throughout her life, Cook was supported in this plan by "Aunties" and sister-friends, and by "angels" who often appeared. She also appealed to her muse, Harriett Tubman,

whose name graces Cook's first physical bookstore.

But Harriett's didn't happen easily.

Cook understood that she needed to own the building that housed her bookstore, and the owner finally decided to sell it to her. The closing took more time than expected; she was in Paris when purchase day came unexpectedly, so she had to fly back home quickly to get it done. There were problems with construction workers, problems with stock and events and building additional bookstores in New

Jersey and in Paris. Problems with safety, in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder, and Breonna Taylor's murder, and the riots that followed.

There were times, she says, when she felt like she was drowning. Her mother had gone back to the Caribbean, her father was dying (again), but Cook stayed the course.

She knew that books were the answer. That's the mantra she said every day when she got out of bed: books would always be humanity's salvation.

Go ahead, admit it: you need

more books. And while you're at it, you need this one.

"Shut Up and Read" is a sweet story with grit, determination, and magic. Anyone who's ever looked for room on their calendar and found none will identify with it. Anyone who's ever dreamed larger than large will find parallel in author Jeannine A. Cook's words. If you've had a hero or two in mind when you launch a difficult endeavor, this is your book. Struggled with your health and that of an aggravating but much-loved family member, yep. Ever wondered how you're

going to get things done, uh-huh. It's all shared, novel-like, held together by coincidence and magic and heartbreak, surprises, customer-service smiles, an "overground underground railroad," literature, and an artificial leg named Lester.

Yeah, it's everything you're thinking, and there's room for it on your shelf.

Hush little reader, here is your book. "Shut Up and Read" is so worth a look. And if opening a bookstore was ever a lure, this is a book that you'll love for shhhhh-hure.




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Remembering a journalism trailblazer who shaped generations

Compiled by Dr. Gail H. Marshall Brown
Contributing Writer

Many will agree that the academic arena, Jackson State University, the City of Jackson, the State of Mississippi and beyond suffered a great loss March 5, 2026, with the earthly departure of Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony, 72.

A devoted Jackson, Miss. native, Dr. Hayes-Anthony's life and passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others and her community were rooted in the core of her existence. She would be the first to tell you that she existed to help and to serve. She served in "excellence" framed by "professionalism,"

Her deep-rooted principles and values were infectious — so much so that often her students, co-workers, faculty, staff and even friends would find themselves incorporating them into their own characters and careers.

Several educators of whom she taught and mentored have commented that they have adopted many of her pedagogic practices and classroom management skills.

"As an undergraduate, I remember how Dr. Anthony used to close the classroom door at start of Mass Communication Law, and class would start on time," said Assistant Professor Don Spann of the Jackson State University Department of Journalism and Media Studies. If you were late, too bad."

As an assistant professor of public relations and journalism at Mississippi Valley State University, I try to instill in my students the importance she taught us as journalism students of always having a pen and paper in our possession. Dr. Hayes-Anthony was a stickler for being prepared to learn and report.

At the saddened news of her death, social media platforms were immediately flooded with posts and comments of fond memories and tributes to the history-making journalism trailblazer.

The Mississippi Link decided to reach out to some of those who knew her most recently and more closely for their reflections, comments and tributes.

Tributes from Dr. Elayne Hayes-Anthony's Faculty and Staff:

"My fondest memory of Dr. Elayne Anthony is simply who she was to me — my mentor and my friend. She guided me with a steady hand and a loving heart, always believing in my potential. She opened the door to my first internship at WJTV 12 News and helped me find my place at WLBT 3 On Your Side.

"Dr. Anthony trusted me with opportunities at Belhaven University and Jackson State University that changed the course of my career as an adjunct professor. She never stopped supporting me and was always just one call away.

"I am heartbroken by her



MS Link Publisher, Jackie Hampton, NNPAF Scholarship Chair (center) presents a \$1000 cash scholarship to Jeremy Anderson (lt) on behalf of The National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation for the 2015-2016 school year at The Mississippi Link office located in Jackson, 2659 Livingston Road. Dr. Elayne J. Hayes-Anthony, Director, JSU Mass Communications was there for the presentation. PHOTO BY AYESHA K. MUSTAFAA, FORMER EDITOR



Hayes-Anthony named director of JSU Mass Communications, January 30, 2015

passing, but grateful I was able to say "I love you" one more time. Her influence lives on in everything I do." -- **Galean Stewart-James (Adjunct Faculty)**

"My fondest memory of Doc would be every year on my birthday she always took me to lunch and that would be our chill time away from the office. We would always get her infamous drink called the PAIN-KILLER and just talk, talk and more talk. I will miss our daily conversations and text messages." -- **Always & Forever Your Exec Assistant, Tonya (JaTonya) Jones, Executive Secretary**

"Dr. Anthony defined what it meant to be a humanitarian while culminating a nurturing yet high regard for professionalism in academia, serving others, and having a holistic approach for equity and excellence in all endeavors. She is remarkably remembered for how she valued teamwork and individual contributions from those serving under her, and I will always cherish her infectious laugh, her commitment to professional and personal development, and the enthusiasm she displayed to shape the learning experiences and career paths for our scholars." -- **CT Contrell D. Terrell, College Success Advisor/ Department of Journalism & Media Studies**

"I was only seventeen when I met Dr. Anthony. As my department Chair, she was stern. Always about the business, she taught us to meet or beat "deadlines." It really MATTERS in this business. You have to complete tasks on time. As a kid, I thought she was mean, but I now understand the importance of punctuality, structure, and accountability. Thanks, Doc.

I worked for iHeart Media for 16 years. I remember she would ALWAYS bring her broadcast students to our facility on a spring field trip. She encouraged them to ask various questions about the industry. It seemed to give her great joy when she would tell them that I had been her student as well. And that I'd traveled the same path that eventually

led to my success. Thanks, Doc.

As stern as she was, she also had a playful social side. While Acting President at JSU, I recall that she attended the 2nd Anniversary of THE SIPP-FM 88.5 on the Gibbs-Green Plaza, and she actually danced with us. She and I did the Wobble together!

She ALWAYS asked about my son, Jordan, who played running back for the JSU Tigers from 2016-2020. She was genuinely concerned about his success. I assured her that he is doing well as a civil engineer. Thanks to JSU. Recently, I told her that he is engaged to be married, and that REALLY made her smile. She loved to see young people become successful! Especially those who attended Thee I Love. -- **Nikki Dulaney- WJSU staff**

"There are so many fond memories spanning my more than 20-year relationship with Doc, but one stands out in a way I will never forget.

Early in my career, she helped open the door for me to get my first job in television. At the time, the new owners of Fox 40 and MYNetwork were preparing to hire a seasoned Creative Services Director from Philadelphia with 25 years of experience. Yet Doc believed in me a young, creative 30-year-old who had just returned to Mississippi after working in New York, but who had no broadcast television experience.

Because of the respect they had for Doc and Belhaven, the owners agreed to meet with me. The night before the interview, Doc called and gave me advice that stayed with me forever: 'Don't focus on what you don't know. Make them see how smart and creative you are. Make them have to say yes. You can learn the ins and outs of broadcasting.'

I walked into that room with her words in my spirit and by God's grace, I wowed them. They never hired the veteran from Philadelphia. Years later, after I succeeded the owner and GM as General Manager of the WUFX station he owned, he said in his farewell speech that he would always be grateful to Dr. Anthony for introducing him to one of the best hires and

mentorships of his career.

That was Doc...someone who saw potential, believed in it, and changed lives because of it. I will forever be grateful that she believed in me." -- **Pervis Parker, General Manager JSUTV/WJSU FM and The SIPP**

"Doc: I will miss the soft trace of your perfume in the hallway, your gentle smile, and your quiet footsteps coloring the office. Most of all, I'll miss our door-side chats: you leaning against my doorway, sometimes just to say hello, other times to problem solve, celebrate, or find a way forward. Each time, you were fully present. To every problem, you responded, "Let me handle it." Now, we promise to carry forward that same steady resolve for one another and for the future of DJMS. To many, you were a leader; to us you were home.

Four years ago, you welcomed me to the department with open arms. The wisdom you shared has shaped me in more ways than I can name. I am forever grateful for your leadership, your warmth, and the quiet strength you carried into every room.

You will be deeply missed, Doc." -- **Dr. Jessica Love – DJMS Faculty**

"Dr. Anthony was not only a leader of our department but also a valued colleague and mentor. Through dedication to teaching, scholarship, and service, she made a lasting contribution to our academic community and supported the work of many faculty and students.

Beyond these accomplishments, we will remember Dr. Anthony for her thoughtfulness, guidance, and commitment to our department.

Dr. Anthony will be deeply missed. We extend our sincere condolences to her family and loved ones, and we remain grateful for the impact she had on all of us. Respectfully," -- **Dr. Arthur Chang – DJMS Faculty**

"I may have known you as a child, but I didn't know you until we united under the School of Journalism and Media Studies umbrella at JSU. What a pleasure and privilege it was

being in the midst of such legacy. Out of our countless encounters over the last decade, I'll remember most how you never stopped fighting. The last time I saw you, you stood tall and proud entering the office and we chatted about politics and the state of the world. As you walked away, with Mr. Anthony right by your side, I remembered thinking, "Wow! She's not going to let anything keep her from this place."

Take your rest, Doc. -- **Meredith Hairston, Program Director WJSU FM & The SIPP FM**

"My memories of Dr. Elayne Hayes Anthony begin with a chance she took on a young, uncertain instructor.

In 2019, I was 26 years old and only a few months removed from completing my first master's degree at Louisiana State University when Anthony offered me the opportunity to serve as an adjunct professor in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Jackson State University. I accepted the role with gratitude, but also with quiet nerves. I was not sure I was ready. Dr. Anthony never seemed to doubt it...

Years later, my final interaction with Dr. Anthony became the moment I will cherish most. It was the first day for full-time professors to return to campus ahead of this semester. Classes were about a week away from starting when Mrs. Robinson knocked on my office door. 'Professor Jackson,' Robinson said. 'Doc wants to see you.'

The message made me uneasy at first. I wondered if I had done something wrong. Still, I walked a few steps down the hall to Dr. Anthony's office. As soon as she saw me, Anthony's face lit up.

"Wilton, it is so good to see you," she said. "I am so glad we have you on board this semester."

This semester, I joined the department as a full-time professor, something I had worked toward and hoped would happen for years. I thanked her and gave her a hug. She told me she was proud of me. She asked how I was doing, how my parents were doing as well as if I was prepared to teach this semester, in true Dr. An-

thony fashion. And, as she often did, she reminded me how proud my aunt, the late Sen. Alice Harden, would be to see where I was. The conversation was brief, but meaningful. It was the last time I saw her.

Dr. Anthony, thank you for giving a 26-year-old postgraduate student the chance to step into a classroom and teach. Your expectations pushed us to be better educators and better mentors...Rest well. You will be missed." -- **Wilton Charles Jackson II- Faculty DJMS**

"I met Dr. Anthony my freshman year at Jackson State University as a work study student within the department. Years later in 2012, we reconnected when she hired me as an Adjunct Faculty at Belhaven University, and in 2015, she and I began working together at Jackson State University. Doc was one, my mentors, she helped molded me into the Professor I am today. I will forever be grateful for her and the friendship we established over the years." -- **Don Spann – Assistant Professor DJMS**

Tributes and Comments From others:

"More than 40 years ago, I became a student at THEE Jackson State University. I wanted to become a print journalist. I met Dr. Elayne Hayes Anthony. The rest is history. From my first byline in the Blue & White Flash to my decision to leave journalism to pursue a career in law, Dr. Anthony was always there pushing me forward. Dr. Anthony loved her family, her church, THEE Jackson State University and Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. (Delta Pi Chapter). And we loved her back. Good bye for now my friend. Take your rest! -- **Attorney Lisa Ross, Jackson, Miss.**

"Dr. Elaine Hayes-Anthony inspired me to pursue graduate work. Had it not been for her encouragement and professionalism, I would not have earned my graduate degrees. She epitomized professionalism and academic excellence in her teaching and mentorship of me during my tenure at Jackson State. She will always be my role model." -- **Dr. Robert Franklin, KCSM-FM Station Manager, San Mateo, Calif.**

