

## **2019 Anderson Community Park Honorees**

### **Booker T. Alexander- Community Servant**

Booker T. Alexander is a community activist who served his community in many capacities. Retiring from Delco Remy after 37, years he then began his work in the music business. He founded and managed the Heavenly Five singing group for 42 years. He was also one of the founding members for the Thanksgiving Day dinner in association with the radio broadcast on WHUT and WHBU. He was a member of the Board of trustees of Anderson Zion Baptist Church, United Auto Workers Local 662 and a broadcast group that sang on the radio in Newport, Ark.

### **Major Boone- Community Activist**

Major Boone made history being the first woman to organize women of color, bringing African American women together in the community. She volunteered at the Madison County Health Center for many years and served as a nurse's tech at Community North View Nursing Center. She was a church clerk for four years at Bethesda Temple I.P.A.A., she loved her church family and pastor. She worked in the community for 23 years, and loved the most of the time making a "difference".

### **Hughsten Broadnax- Public Servant**

Hughsten was a lifelong resident of Anderson. He retired from the Anderson Police Department where he served many years into his security job for Anderson Community Schools. He served as a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Peerless Lodge 32 F & A.M., P.H.A., Marion Consistory 60 Scottish Rite Masons, Elzora Temple 124 Prince Hall Shriners, United Supreme Council of 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Masons. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

### **Will J. Carter- Community Pioneer**

Will J. Carter was a successful black business entrepreneur. He founded Carter Industrial Services in 1974, where he created over 150 jobs for families of the Madison County Area. He then Co-Founded Carter Express Trucking Company in 1980. He was one of the top 10 Black Business Leaders in America. He was a community activist who helped to promote the prosperity and well-being of the community. He hosted a radio talk show for over 33 years where he used the airways to voice the community's issues and concerns. He co-founded the Carter- Sawyer House of Hope, New Center One.

### **Wendell Crumes- Servant Leader**

Wendell Crumes was a pioneer in his boxing career. He was the Director of the Pal Club and helped bring young boys and men off the street through boxing. Mr. Crumes who was born in Muncie, retired from General Motors Corp. after 30 years. While he may have been a former Golden Gloves boxing champion, he also served as a boxing coach for the Anderson Pal Club as well. "Any young man wanting to better himself or fight; Wendell took them in and made them become better." Rodney Cummings

### **Gertie Clemons- Community Leader**

Gertie Clemons was the first female entrepreneur in the city she was the first owner of a black barbershop. She used her wealth to better the city by showing support to many other worthy organizations within the community. She supported the Girls and Boys club where she was a member of the Board.

### **Sadye Davis- Community Leader**

Sadye was a true community worker to her core. She served as Executive Secretary at the Urban League with Mr. William B. Harper for many years. She was a member of New Hope United Methodist Church. She loved being a part of the many clubs here in the city. One of her club memberships was for the Phyllis Wheatley Club- a black socialite club for the city.

### **Carrie Mae Hyatt- Community Advocate**

Carrie Mae Hyatt was the first food director of Madison County. Which also happen to be the first food bank in the Midwest. She was a well-respected community advocate and civil rights worker. She served as one of the first board members of the Indiana Black Expo. Carrie organized and directed the first annual Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens and underprivileged citizens in our community. She founded the African American Leadership Forum; and was a founding member of Women of Color, a support group for families involved in domestic violence. Receiving countless awards and recognitions she was honored by the Mayor of the City of Anderson who then proclaimed Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 1998 as Carrie Mae Hyatt Day. Currently Westvale Manor still hosts a food pantry in her name.

### **Isaiah “Ike” Jackson Jr. - Servant Leader**

Isaiah or “Ike” as everyone knew him was a true pioneer for the city. Not only working as Program Director and Coach at the Wilson Boys and Girls club but he also served as Program Director for the Geater Center. He took pride in working for the City in the planning department where he retired from the City in 2012. His true passion was helping young boys become strong and successful men. He was Executive Director of the Geater Center. Started coaching at the young age of 16 and never looked back. Taking it as a true passion to coach and mentor the youth in the City.

### **Lloyd Lambert- Community Advocate**

Lloyd was raised and worked in the coal mining district, and entered the Army at age 18 and served in World War II. While attending Anderson College, he answered a call to the ministry of those less fortunate and saw a need to assist men returning from prison. He saw this need and started The Christian Center Rescue Ministries in 1955. Over the years, he received many awards from the community that he loved including Sagamore of Wabash in 2000, the Chief Anderson Award in 1986, Community Services Award for Achievement in 1994 and in 2010 he received the Key to the City. Those involved say “Rev. Lambert would be proud of the impact the ministry has started over sixty years ago, and continues to have today.”

### **Juanita Larue- Servant Leader**

The 1<sup>st</sup> African American Nurse at St. John’s Hospital. Chapter of BNA, Inc. A scholarship was established in her name for promising nurses. She advocated for healthy living as a nurse for 32 years. She received numerous awards for her dedicated service to her patients. She was nurse of the year 1978. Volunteered at Children’s Clinic after she retired.

### **Rev. Dr. Mary E. Morgan- Missionary Pioneer**

Rev. Dr. Mary Morgan, knew she was a missionary at her core, she believed in education, she loved the Church of God, and was an avid traveler. Rev. Dr. Morgan continued her missionary work everywhere she traveled. From Tampa Fla, and all the way to Anderson IN. She never stopped praising the Lord and making sure everyone around her knew and loved the Lord. Dr. Morgan taught in the Anderson Community School Corporation’s Elementary Department from 1970-1982 where she then continued to substitute until 1988. Becoming an ordained into the Christian Ministry in

1984 at the Church of Crossing, Indianapolis IN just showed the true devotion she had to her missionary efforts.

### **Thomas McMahan – Mayor, Community Servant**

Thomas R. McMahan was a lifelong citizen of Anderson until he died in 1999. He not only served our city as Mayor from 1980-1987, he started and founded many programs and civic organizations. Following graduation from Northwestern University he served in the U.S. Navy and Reserves. Moving home, he saw the need for a local chapter and then founded the Naval Reserve Chapter of Anderson. He also initiated the Martin Luther King Celebration and the Mayor's Youth Commission Program. He was responsible for the creation and development of the Anderson Riverwalk still being used today.

### **William "Bill" Raymore- Community Advocate**

He was the first Black Department Head for the City of Anderson as the Affiliative Action. He was an entrepreneur by owning his own printing company. He was a Veteran in the Marine Core. He became Director of the Urban League. Serving as the Director he listened and served the community well. While serving as Director he served as a member of the Academy Fellows of the Nation Urban League. He was a member of the NAACP, Community Services Council, Weed and Seed Steering Committee. He was a member of Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church where he served as organist until his death.

### **Dr. Thomas J. Robinson- Community Servant**

Rev. Thomas J. Robinson is the founder of the Reconciliation Day Community Picnic created to encourage racial unity. He also founded the Mt. Pilgrim Progressive movement that brought in different companies to create jobs within the community. He is also the founder of the Simmons Bible College Satellite Schools. "His guiding principal was to move the poor to a higher economic status through education and training."

### **Harold "Whitey" Snow- Public Servant**

Harold Snow, "Whitey Snow", the name that he was known by was the proud owner and operator of Whitey Snow Furniture for 48 years. He was a sports enthusiast, having played basketball from a young boy all the way through high school. He played on the Anderson Packers Team and loved sports but loved his city as well. He was a member of the East Side Community Club, serving on the board of Directors. He was chairman

of the Anderson Board of Public Safety for eight years during Robert L. Rock's administration. He left an impression on the city through basketball + charity work

### **John Streaty, Sr. - Servant Leader**

John Streaty Sr. made an impact on the city that is still remembered today. Not only fighting for individuals at the polls he fought to make sure that the neighborhoods were clean and safe. It was his goal to make sure the streets were paved and had adequate street lighting. "Streaty Park" is still used on a daily basis and known as a safe haven for family gatherings.

### **Marietta Wright- Servant Leader**

Marietta Wright was the 34<sup>th</sup> most influential person in the history of Anderson. Winning countless awards, one of her greatest award was when she received the honor of having September 17, 1984 proclaimed as "Marietta Wright Day". She has been called "A positive role model to young and old alike." She served her community working for the City at the Geater Center for 30+ years. Initiating many programs and club. Including the First AAU girls' basketball team, and Geater Center's Women's Softball team who won many league title.

### **Rev. Ray Wright- Community Leader**

Rev. Ray Wright was one of the original black entrepreneurs of Anderson. He was one of the early civil rights fighters who helped many people gain employment in the city. He fought and served his community hard and long for 30+ years. Making it a mission of his to provide the needs to the people. He was instrumental in creating the Martin Luther King statue which still stands tall today.

### **Melvin O. Vertner- Servant Leader**

Melvin was a committed member in the Anderson community. He worked for Bell Telephone for many years and with Sears and Roebuck. While at Sears and Roebuck his strong advocacy work for families motivated Sears to donate clothing and worked closely with Sears to donate clothing to the needy families in the community. He also was a custodian at Brentwood Elementary for 27 years.