

A Lifetime of Serving

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Family:

Wife, Henrietta J. Saunders; children, William R; Sharon; Loretta;
Kathleen; Byron; Gary; Alpheia; Myra; Clinton; Tamara

✓ Military:

Served in the United States Army from (1951-54), Honorably
discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1954; Wounded in the Korean War,
1951; awarded the Purple Heart in 2002

✓ Education:

Graduated Laing High School 1956
Southern Business College, Business Management, 1974
Southern Illinois University Vocational Education, 1977-78
Administrative Law Fair Hearing at University of Nevada, 1997
South Carolina Judicial Study Commission

Church:

Wesley United Methodist Church – John's Island, SC

✓ Business and Professional:

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Committee on Better
Racial Assurance (COBRA) Human Services Agency, Charleston,
South Carolina, 1970-Present
Former Owner and President of WPAL Inc. – WPAL (7.30) AM,
WPAL (100.9) FM, Part Owner of WXVI Montgomery Alabama;
WWWZ Summerville, S.C. and WDPN, Columbia, S.C.

Member of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina
representing the First Congressional District, 1994-2004
Chairman of the Public Services Commission of South Carolina, 2002

Professional and Civic Organizations:

National Association of Broadcasters; National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; National Water Commission; Trident Technical College Foundation; Medical University of SC President's Advisory Council, 1996-97; Trident Urban League Board; USC Partnership Board - College of Journalism & Mass Communications; Charleston Southern University Board of Visitors; College of Charleston Business School Board of Governors; Rotary International Breakfast Club; Cannon Street YMCA (Charleston) (Past President - 1991, Present Board Member); 17th. Inductee to the Broadcasters Hall of Fame; 1993 Member of the Black Hall of Fame; SC Broadcasters Association President, 1988; Charleston County Board of Assessment, 1988; United Way - Vice President - Campaign Chairman; Governor's Victim Assistance Advisory Board; Charleston Poverty and Deprivation Advisory Board; Founding Member of United Citizens Party, South Carolina, 1970; Lead Organizer of Hospital Workers State of South Carolina, 1968-69; Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce; Spoleto Festival Board of Governors; Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors - Palmetto Development Group; USC College of Social Work I. DeQuincey Newman Institute for Peace and Social Change; Founding Member of the Sea Island Health Care Corporation; Former Board Member of Highlander Research Center, New Market, Tennessee; Former Board Member of Penn Community Center, Frogmore, SC; One of the Founding Members of Black Land Services Penn Center, Frogmore, SC

Political Involvement:

Democratic Candidate for State Senate, won at-large Democratic primary and run-off for Charleston and Georgetown counties, 1980; Charleston County Democratic Party (Vice Chairman, 1982; Chairman, 1984); Elected to Charleston County O.E.O. Commission, 1967

Recognitions:

Exemplary efforts in telecommunications by the SC Telephone Association, 2002; Community Service Award, College of Charleston Excellence in

(Recognitions continued)

Collegiate Education and Leadership in 1999; Inducted into the USC College of Journalism & Mass Communications Diamond Circle in November of 1998; American Federation Silver Medal ADDY Award; Recognized by St. Phillip AME Church for Outstanding Accomplishments as SC Business Vision – Top 25 African American Influences for 1997; Moja Tribute Award for Community Service, 1997; Recipient of the Carter G. Woodson Award for Outstanding Achievement in African American History by the Charleston Branch, 1998; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Outstanding Service Award; Malcom D. Haven Community Service Award, 1988; the Harvey Gantt Award; NAACP Outstanding Service Award; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Community Service Award; Arabian Temple #139 Public Service Award, Links, Inc., Outstanding Service in the Arts Award; Commencement Speaker for the Graduate School, The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, 1984.

✓ Featured In National Media Including - The Today Show, New Yorker Magazine, Black Enterprises, National Geographic, Redbook, The Washington Post and New York Times; Weary Feet, Rested Souls (A Guided History of the Civil Rights Movement) by Townsend Davis; Southern Journey (a Return to the Civil Rights Movement) by Tom Dent; Featured in "Ain't You Got A Right to the Tree of Life by Guy and Candie Carawan; "The Orange Massacre" by Jack Bass.

Featured In Publications:

Public Education Review, Public Leadership Education: Defining A Citizen Leader, June 3, 1992.

Social Policy by Myles Horton; Building Movements, Educating Citizens and the Highlander Folk School, Local Organizing: South Carolina, Vol. 21, No. 3/Winter 1991.

Presence Du Monde Noir by Jean Mazel; En Caroline du Sud, a John Island, 1975.

South Carolina Business Vision, Top 25 Influences, volume three, number three, Special Edition 1977.

Family influences.
parent, gp.
fighters?

Korean War -
experiences
how shape you?
change you?

Mattress factory
foreman
race relations

Early political work
newspaper
Essex Jenkins
'63 protests?

Influences - Stokely, Malcolm, SNCC, Otis Robinson?

Early mtgs. of hospital workers
- how identify them as kw?
- "nameless" group
- various attitudes?

MLK Assassination
what role how did you respond.

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Ext. 215
Hauptstadt / Many Mouths
Dorchester B.

Rosetta Simmons?
Gender dynamics
Right on Rines (S)

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Many Mouths -

how did it change you personally?

Sanitation workers?
