

The Tripp-Jones Family Newsletter

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May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**, a special time to remind ourselves and our loved ones how important it is to care for our mental and emotional well-being. As a family, it's a great opportunity to check in with each other, share how we're feeling, and offer support without judgment. Whether it's lending an ear, encouraging self-care, or simply spending quality time together, small acts of kindness and connection can make a big difference. Let's keep the conversation going and support one another, not just this month—but all year round.



Dewayne & Jasmine Simmons - 31

URGENT!!!

Graduated?
Got married?
Started a new business?

Had a baby?
Went to the islands?
Survived another year?

Send all submissions for the 2025 TJFR booklet to Shannon Sumlin at trippjonesfamilyreunion50@gmail.com
OR (229) 417 - 4844
by Thursday, May 15, 2025.

See the list of names to the right? Is your name on the list? It's not? You want to know why your name is not on the list? Well, your name is not on the list because you haven't submitted your contact information online for the Tripp-Jones Family Directory.

If your name is not on the list I have one more question for you...

What are you waiting on?

Thank you very, very much to everyone whose name is on the list, for submitting your information.

- Aamary Chanel
- Afrika Jackson
- Aleshia Steward
- Amber Symone Jessie
- Amelia Kendrick
- Angela Lankford
- Anthony Steward
- Antoine Lee
- Christine Scott
- Connie Judge
- Erin Porter
- J T Hart Jr
- Janice Johnson
- Jarvis Whitfield
- Jill Dorsett
- Jonathan Joel Judge
- JT Hart Jr
- Juliana Cheney
- Kia Jackson Stegall
- Kim McKenzie
- Kishia Kegler
- Leonard Pope III
- Linda J. Hart
- Linda Joyce Kearse
- Lucia Maddix
- Lucius Gibson III
- Margaret Yeager Prudhum
- Matalie Mack
- Meaghan Wooden
- Okera Kenyetta Judge
- Pamela Hamilton
- Rashima Larsen
- Shannon Sumlin
- Sharon Michelle Smith
- Sophia Cooper
- Taletha Dorsett
- Thia Lomax
- Twila Smith
- Wilma Greene
- Zoe Commings
- Zomia Russell

Family Businesses



Aaron Mountain Soaps
Wilma Prudhum
Green, Owner



Sweets & Treats
By Lee
A'leshia Steward,
Owner



Ms. Lucy's Couture
Meaghan S. Wooden,
Owner

<https://www.mslucysecouture.com>



MACK'S
SMOKEHOUSE
Antonio "Dee Dee"
Mack, Owner



Airbnb in Stockton
GA,
hosted by Afrika
and Darnell
Jackson

You can learn more about these businesses at
[www.tripp-jones.family/family-business-](http://www.tripp-jones.family/family-business-directory)
directory

Congratulations Jaquoi

HAPPY GRADUATION! JAQUOI DENNARD DORSETT

Date: Saturday, May 3rd 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: University of Florida
250 Gale Lemerand Drive,
Gainesville, FL 32611

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in
Sociology (Cum Laude)

Future: This August, he will
attend Canisius University in
Buffalo, NY, for a Master's in
Higher Education Leadership
and Administration

CLASS OF
2025

Gift/Donation:
CashApp - \$Jaquoi300
Venmo - Jaquoi300



Happy
Graduation



Mamie Gibson celebrating her
100th Birthday!
April 26, 2025



Elder and Zoe Commings celebrating their **9th Wedding Anniversary,**
April 15, 2025



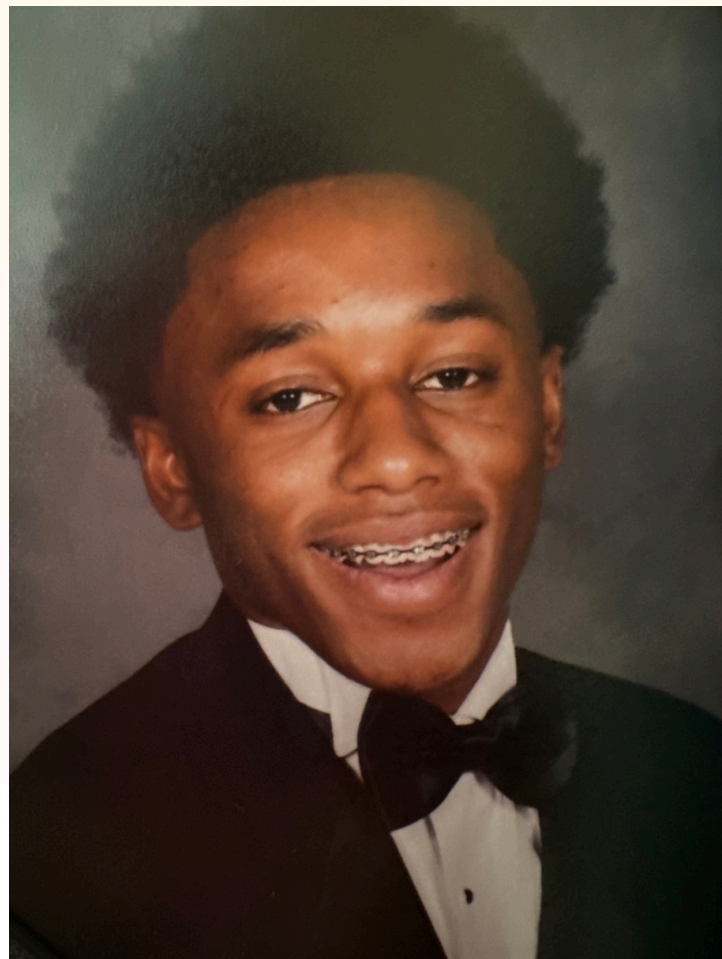
Congratulations Trayvis



Trayvis Shaw III is graduating from Dutchtown High School in Hampton Georgia. Trayvis aspires to be a truck driver so he will be attending The Georgia Department of Driver Services in Locus Grove Georgia.



Trayvis' cash app is \$Lulltrav



The Month of May in African American History

- May 1** – Howard University opened May 1, 1867.
- May 2** – Poor People’s March began led by Ralph Abernathy began May 2, 1968.
- May 2** – Indianapolis ABCs defeat Chicago Giants in first Negro National Baseball League Game.
- May 3** – Macon B. Allen, first Black lawyer admitted to the bar, passed examination at Worcester, Massachusetts, May 3, 1844.
- May 4** – Thirteen Freedom riders began a bus trip through the South on May 4, 1961.
- May 5** – Moneta Sleet becomes the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography for his photograph of Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. and her daughter at her husband's funeral. May 5, 1969.
- May 6** – President Eisenhower signed Civil Rights Act of 1960.
- May 7** – On May 7, 1867, Black demonstrators staged ride-in to protest segregation on New Orleans streetcars. Similar demonstrations occurred in Mobile, Ala., and other cities.
- May 10** – The Boston Celtics select Chuck Cooper first Black player drafted to play in the NBA, May 10 1950
- May 12** – May 12, 1970, race riot, Augusta, Georgia. Six Blacks were killed. Authorities said five of the victims were shot by police.
- May 14** – Two students killed by officers in major racial disturbance at Jackson State University, May 14, 1970.
- May 14** – Greyhound bus with first group of Freedom Riders is bombed and burned by segregationists outside Anniston, Alabama May 14, 1961.
- May 15** – May 15, 1942, 93rd Infantry activated and assigned to combat in the South Pacific; the first African American division formed during World War II.
- May 17** – Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education decided May 17, 1954.
- May 18** – May 18, 1896, U.S. Supreme Court decision (Plessy v. Ferguson) upheld doctrine of "separate but equal" and began age of Jim Crow.
- May 22** – Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. becomes the first African American general in the U.S. Air Force, May 22, 1959.
- May 27** – Dorie Miller, a messman, is awarded the Navy cross for his heroic deeds at Pearl Harbor, May 27, 1942.
- May 29** – Sojourner Truth delivers her infamous "Ain't I A Woman?" speech to the Ohio Women's Rights Convention, on May 29, 1851.

Famous African Americans Born In May

- May 2** – Elijah McCoy born May 2, 1844, master inventor, holder of over 50 patents and source of the phrase "*The real McCoy*"
- May 3** – Sugar Ray Robinson born May 3, 1921.
- May 3** – Singer, James Brown born, May 3, 1933
- May 5** – Adam Clayton Powell, Sr., born May 5, 1865
- May 6** – Willie Mays born May 6, 1931.
- May 6** – Gabourey Sidibe born May 6, 1983.
- May 6** – Lynn Whitfield was born on May 6, 1953.
- May 8** – Boxer, Sonny Liston born May 8, 1932.
- May 8** – Carole Anne-Marie Gist, the first African American woman to win the Miss USA title, was born on May 8, 1969
- May 9** – Baseball player, Tony Gwynn born May 9, 1960.
- May 11** – Louis Farrakhan was born on May 11, 1933.
- May 12** – Jazz singer, Al Jarreau was born May 12, 1940.
- May 12** – Ving Rhames born May 12, 1959.
- May 13** – Boxer, Joe Louis born May 13, 1914.
- May 13** – Singer, Stevie Wonder born May 13, 1950.
- May 15** – Football player, Emmitt born May 15, 1969.
- May 16** – Singer, Janet Jackson born May 16, 1966
- May 17** – Boxer, Sugar Ray Leonard born May 17, 1956
- May 18** – Baseball player, Reggie Jackson born, May 18, 1946.
- May 19** – Malcolm X born May 19, 1925.
- May 19** – Author, Lorraine Hansberry born May 19, 1930.
- May 20** – Rapper, Busta Rhymes, born May 20, 1972
- May 21** – Laurence Tureaud, AKA Mr. T, born May 21 1952
- May 21** – Rapper, Notorious B.I.G. born May 21, 1972
- May 23** – Actor, Scatman Crothers was born, May 23, 1910.
- May 24** – Singer, Patti Labelle born, May 24, 1944
- May 25** – Lessie Uggams born May 25, 1943
- May 26** – Miles Davis born May 26, 1926.
- May 26** – Pam Grier was born May 26, 1949.
- May 26** – Singer, Lauryn Hill born May 26, 1975.
- May 28** – Singer, Gladys Knight born May 28, 1944.
- May 28** – Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X born May 28, 1940.