

## NANNIE MAE AND THOMAS LEONARD PINNIX, SR. MEMORIAL BANQUET AND FAMILY GATHERING

**Reidsville--** The descendants of Thomas Leonard and Nannie Mae Pinnix, Sr. held a Memorial Banquet and Family Gathering at the Holiday Inn in Reidsville, NC during the 4th of July weekend. The memorial service honored the long and meaningful Christian lives of Thomas and Nannie.

Thomas lived from 1895-1989 and Nannie 1903-1973. They were married in 1919 and celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 1969. From this union fourteen children were born, twelve of whom have lived to adulthood and carried on the tradition of family. They are Mattie Pinnix Wiley (deceased), Van Pinnix (deceased), Melba Pinnix Summers, Jesse Pinnix Williamson, Nannie Pinnix Jones, Okie Pinnix Williamson, Thomas L. Pinnix Jr., Raymond Pinnix, Norman Pinnix (deceased), Robert T. Pinnix, Allma Pinnix Lee, Percy Pinnix (deceased), Carol Pinnix Motley, and Barbara Pinnix Graves. Thomas and Nannie have



**THOMAS & NANNIE PINNIX**

### 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

California, Texas, Minnesota, Tennessee, Georgia, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, and Washington, DC. Carol Pinnix Motley served as chairperson for the gathering. Melba Pinnix Summers and Nannie Pinnix Jones served as the honorary chairpersons.

The program for the weekend included fun and games, a shopping tour, gathering at the grave sites, a memorial service, a talent show, disco and worship service at the Grooms Chapel Missionary Baptist

Church, where a grandson Rev. Thomas Williamson, Sr. serves as pastor. The master and mistress of ceremonies for the banquet was Master Sgt. USAF (Retired) Robert Pinnix and LCDR Cindy Jones, US Navy. Carol Pinnix Motley, a Richmond Virginia School Teacher, conducted the memorial service. Music was rendered by Unique Lee, of Knoxville, Tenn., a grand-daughter of Thomas and Nannie Pinnix. Prayer was rendered by Rev. Williamson. Reflections from grand children by Marietta Summers Douglas, a registered nurse in Greensboro,

NC. A slide presentation on the lives of Thomas and Nannie was presented by Barbara Pinnix Graves, an industrialist from Warrensville Heights, Ohio. The Variety Talent Show was arranged by Allma Pinnix Lee, a Knoxville, Tenn. school teacher.

Eugene Pinnix, the only surviving brother of Thomas was the honored guest. A special presentation was made to the three surviving sons, who also served in the military, by Rev. Frankie T. Jones, Sr. LTC (Retired) grandson, Danville, Va.

Rev. Jones presented a 75th medallion commemorating the First World War, participation by Thomas L. Pinnix, Sr., who served in France, with three of his brothers - All returned safely. There are many kind words that continue to be spoken about the lives of Nannie Mae and Thomas L. Pinnix, Sr. This reunion was true testimony to the lives they lived while here on earth.

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promotions, SMSi helps its clients attain dollar measurable sales goals primarily among Blacks, Hispanics and key urban segments. In so doing, Mrs. Jones demonstrates her professional mastery of such pivotal business disciplines as sales promotion techniques, marketing planning, and segmented marketing strategy development.

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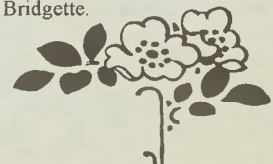
She is a member of the National Association, and the National Urban League.

A native of Winston-Salem, NC, Mrs. Jones received an undergraduate degree in sociology from Howard University and an MBA with honors from Northwestern University. Mrs. Jones resides in Winston-Salem with her husband and partner,



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