

Bailey

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said Mayor Allen Joiner. "In fact, he became their voice. Sometimes we know it was a lone voice because he was often by himself. He was the only African-American on the school board for a long time."

In a 2010 interview with The Chronicle, Bailey said some of his proudest accomplishments were done behind the scenes on the school board.

"One of my biggest accomplishments, working through the superintendent, was getting minorities involved in administration — principals, things of that nature," Bailey said.

Bailey retired as WSSU's media director in 1993. He then successfully ran for county commissioner in 2002, after several leaders in the black community suggested he run. He was a commissioner for eight years. He listed Caterpillar opening its local plant as one of his major accomplishments. The company was drawn to the area in 2010 by incentives approved by the county commissioners and training offered by Forsyth Technical Community College, whose board he sat on.

Perhaps his most dramatic vote as county commissioner was in 2010. While still recovering in the hospital from colon cancer surgery, he cast a tie-breaking vote for that year's library bond. The bond, which was approved by voters, resulted in the newly renovated Central Library that reopened last year.

In the 2010 Democratic Primary, he was edged out by just 95 votes by current Commissioner Everett Witherspoon. When asked about it in 2010, Bailey said he should have "beaten the bushes" more and not relied so much on name recognition in that election.

Witherspoon told The Chronicle he respected Bailey as a political trailblazer and former opponent.

"He was always some-



Community members give their condolences to family members at a funeral held for Beaufort Bailey on Monday at Greater Church.



Members of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. stand to honor their late fraternity brother, Beaufort Bailey, at his funeral service on Monday.

one who would put a smile on your face," said Witherspoon. "Even when we was running, he had encouraging things to say about you. He added humor to the campaign."

County Commissioner Fleming El-Amin told funeral attendees that the smile and pleasant demeanor Bailey was known for served him well in getting things done as a commissioner. State Sen. Paul Lowe Jr., who also is a pastor, said during his sermon that Bailey was a voice for the voiceless that will be missed. There was also a proclamation by Phi Sigma Beta Fraternity Inc., of which Bailey was a member.

Bailey served on numerous boards, including the Urban League. When he was president of

the Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association, the group restored the Atkins House and got a custom license plate from the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

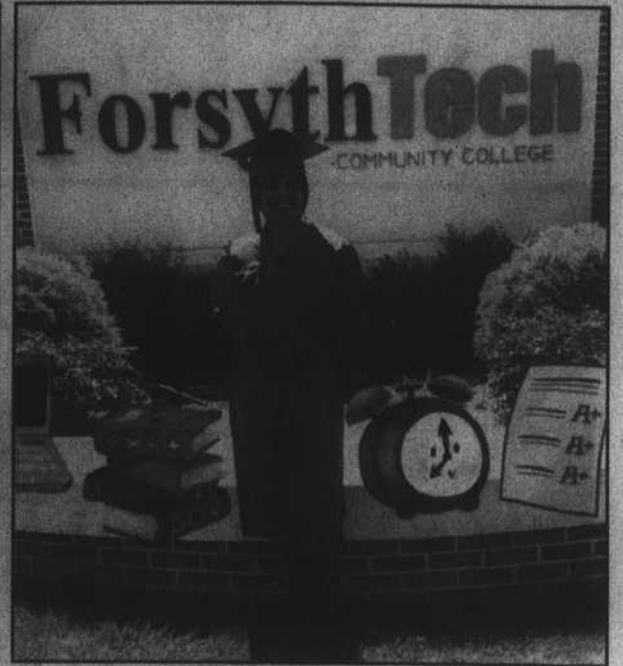
According to his obituary, Bailey became a member of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church (now called Greater Church), and his final membership was at Saint Phillips Moravian Church in Winston Salem.

Bailey's son Rev. Dr. Nikita Joel Bailey said he and his siblings referred to his father as "Big Daddy" and that his father was in touch with them to the very end. He said his father was also there for countless others as their mentor and father figure.

"There are people here

today who shared stories of how he was a father to them," said Dr. Bailey. "Our Big Daddy was Big Daddy to many people we don't even know."

Bailey was also survived by his wife of 63 years Polye Graves Bailey and children Dr. L'Tanya Joy Bailey, Eugene Orrell Bailey, Goley Jock Bailey, Jan Perrin Bailey and Jay Perrie Bailey along with 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was interned at Baileytown Cemetery in Walnut Cove, where he was born.



Vernell Springs is the first recipient of the Maize S. Woodruff Scholarship offered to students at Forsyth Technical Community College.

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Scholarship helped her purchase books, and helped her stay in school. She said, "This scholarship has tremendously helped me."

In 1926 Woodruff became the first African-American to be elected to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, on which she served for 14 years. In 1997, when Woodruff died, she was known for standing up for those in need throughout the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County community.

Marshall, a native of Wadesboro, moved to Winston-Salem after finishing his education at Winston-Salem State University. Soon thereafter, he became a member and advocate for the local NAACP Chapter. After becoming chapter president in the 1980s, Marshall would go on to serve on both the county commissioners and school board.

While delivering the keynote address, the honorable Judge Denise Hartfield said Woodruff and Marshall left legacies that will live on forever. She said the first thing we learned from Woodruff and Marshall is that you don't have to leave your home to make a difference.

Hartfield said, "It's not about your ZIP code; it's about what you're getting in the framework of where you live, and we have to build up this community where Walter Marshall worked every day, where Maize Woodruff worked every day. We have to work in that same vineyard to make sure East Winston remains a beacon not just for North Carolina but for the United States of America."

"The legacy is not always about land, the legacy is not always about money. The legacy is about what you have given to somebody and how you have empowered somebody," Hartfield said.

For more information on the scholarship fund visit www.foundation.forsyth.edu.

Russians

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ads would say, "You know a great number of black people support us saying that #HillaryClintonIsNotMyPresident" and "Hillary Clinton doesn't deserve the black vote."

And, again according to the Mueller indictments, Russian conspirators sponsored "Down with Hillary" rallies, and would invite unwitting American activists to take part.

One of those activists was Conrad

James of Raleigh. According to published reports, James was approached in September 2016 by a woman claiming to represent a group known as "BlackMattersUSA," asking him to speak at a rally in Charlotte. James is quoted in the report that members of the group, "... were definitely trying to stir up trouble."

Mr. James was contacted for this report by email Monday evening, and asked, "... do you feel that you saw evidence of Russian involvement in the 2016 election here in North Carolina?"

Conrad James' reply was, "Yes, definitely, as far as voter suppression."

Goodbye

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wrote, after noting that Michaux's "handprints" were all over "North Carolina public policy decisions that are in the best interests of all of the people ..." "Thank you for your life of service."

Indeed, Michaux's razor sharp physical profile, snapping dressing, and witty, yet knowledge pronouncements, have served him well during his long legislative tenure.

"Remember Lincoln's opening line in the Gettysburg Address, 'Four score and seven years ago? That's me,' he says slyly, adding that he never thought he'd live this long, or doing what he's been doing."

There can be no question that Rep. Michaux is one of the most knowledgeable state lawmakers of any stripe. So when younger legislators like Rep. Ed Hanes of Winston Salem, or Reps. Amos Quick and Cecil Brockman of Greensboro, think about how Michaux helped to mentor them upon their first years serving, it reinforces the notion that Michaux is very much a father figure to younger black lawmakers.

"He took an interest in me, and shared his vision," Rep. Hanes recalls. "I'm

forever grateful for that."

"The N.C. House will have a void with his absence," mused Rep. Quick. "But his work will speak for him throughout history."

The Durham native remembers his father taking him to one of the first meetings of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People in 1935. Years later, as a young teenager, Michaux recalls seeing two water fountains in downtown Durham — one for whites, the other for blacks. He also can't forget being chased out of a "duckpin" alley by some "white folks" looking to beat him up near the Carolina Theater.

It's history Mickey Michaux refuses to forget, because he sees the legislative clock being turned back by the Republican majority, and fears that along with their apparent thirst for power, there will be a ratcheting up of racial tensions, which will ultimately hurt North Carolina.

Michaux says that over his nearly 40 years in the state House, his name appears on important laws such as the automatic restoration of citizenship rights for the formerly incarcerated; voting rights and same-day registration; and assistance of HBCUs. Thankfully, he says,

recent court cases have restored many of the voting rights laws the Republicans got rid of. But the onus will be on young leaders coming up, to learn their history, so that they won't repeat the mistakes of the past.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once told Michaux that "we can't make people love us, but at least we can make them respect us. And that's why we have to keep strong people out in the forefront to make sure that that happens." It's a lesson Michaux took with after the assassination of his close friend almost 50 years ago, when he almost dropped out of politics.

But when the people called, Mickey Michaux answered, running for the seat he's held onto for four decades. He says he's learned a lot, especially from his short tenure as U.S. attorney, and two congressional campaigns.

When he finally steps down from the legislature, Michaux says, after a long rest, he wants to be around "... so that young people don't forget the legacy that they have inherited. They are enjoying the fruits of people's labor in the past ... fruits some died for." He doesn't want to see those fruits lost.

"We're about to repeat history that we don't want to repeat," he cautioned.

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