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## Rosewood's 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary

**WELCOME FAMILY** to the 25<sup>th</sup> Rosewood Family Reunion in Tampa, FL. The host family has prepared a fun filled weekend so be sure to enjoy. This is a momentous occasion and we're so happy that you could be here to share this. As we celebrate our Silver Anniversary think back on where we started and see how blessed we are as a family. We've come from a simple family gathering beneath a tent,

to being known as the historical Rosewood Family. A family who's story is now written in history books and documented in a Warner Brothers feature film. We've gained the attention of the Florida legislature, and received reparations which include a family education scholarship. We are a great family! Always remember to represent Rosewood as strong and proud family. Remember

to keep prayer first and love your family no matter what. We've come this far by faith and with God on our side there is no limit to what we can accomplish in the years to come.

Have a great weekend and remember to live, laugh and love.

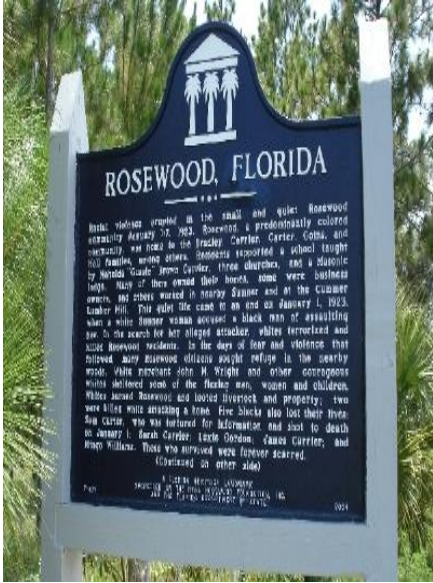
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## Look Where the Lord Has Brought Us From

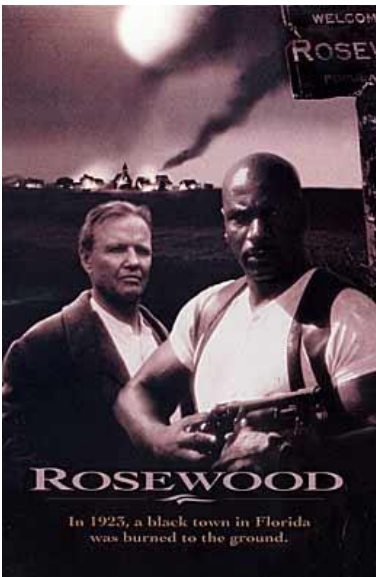
It was 25 years ago in Lacochee, FL where the Rosewood Family Reunion was born. It was the vision of Annie Bell Lee. She felt it was important for our family to come together each year to fellowship, support and express our love for one another. For a family that had experienced so much tragedy, it was a breath of fresh air to know that each year in July, we would all come together and remember Rosewood. We gathered not to dwell on the past but to

celebrate the life, love, strength, and resiliency. It started simple and over the years Rosewood has become something greater than any of us could have imagined. There are those who didn't believe in this vision and those who tried to stop it. There were individuals who tried to break our spirit, our love and our unity. But 25 years later we can say "We're still here!" Over the years the family has adopted a family song, "Look Where The Lord

Has Brought Me From." It represents our own personal testimony as a family. We can look back and see just how good God has been to us. But it doesn't stop here. If we continue to be the praying family that we've always been, God will bless us to see another 25 years. We are "THE HISTORICAL" Rosewood Family, and you should wear that title with pride.



*“In Rosewood, January 1, 1923, stood a village deep in the Suwannee River swamps. Our own black community.”*



## Hats Off To the Graduates

### Joshua Harold McLain

Josh graduated from Jack Britt High School in Fayetteville, NC on June 10, 2010. Josh has been accepted to North Carolina A&T and will begin the Engineering Honors program in the Fall. Josh is the son of Harold and Wendy McLain.

### Keri Ousley

Keri graduated from Florida A&M University on May 3, 2010 with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. Keri will begin her teaching career as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Wendell Watson Elementary School in Lakeland, FL. Keri also plans to further her education by receiving her Master's. Keri is the daughter of Evelyn Williams.

### Synara Black

Synara graduated in December 2009 from the University of South Florida (Sarasota) in Hotel Management. Synara is the granddaughter of Janie Blake.

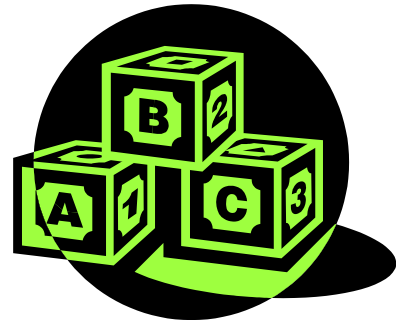
## Baby Blessings

### Aidra Nicole Scantling

was born on April 29, 2010 to the proud parents Skip and Nakia Scantling. Aidra is the first grandchild for her maternal grandparents and she also broke a 13 year drought for granddaughters in the Scantling family.

### Julius Malcolm Denson III

was born on July 20, 2009 to the proud parents Julius and Benea Denson. Julius III is the first grandchild and great grandchild for his paternal grandparents. He has four living great grandmothers and one great-great grandmother.



## Highlights and Accomplishments

We would like to highlight some of our younger family members who are accomplishing great things in their academics. Congratulations to JaDashia S. Willingham for making the honor roll for the entire 2009-2010

school year. She was also inducted into the National Honor Society and was honored as a Southwest Middle School "High Achieving Scholar." Keep up the good work JaDashia, you are destined for great things!

Congrats to Jonathan McLain for being inducted into the National Honor Society. Jonathan attends Abbott Middle School and is entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Your family is so proud you Jonathan, keep up the good work.

## Rosewood Family Scholarship

If you are a Rosewood descendent and wish to go to college, The Rosewood Scholarship will pay your tuition for four years at any public college or university in Florida. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by May 15. You will also be required to provide documentation showing you are a descendent. For more information you can contact the scholarship coordinator at the Department of Education. (850)-410-5189.

### Additional Family Graduates

**Meniqua Worthington** daughter of Tresa Worthington received her high school diploma

**Bridgett Ward-Ogilvie** received her Master's in Educational Leadership from Nova University

**Terrion Mortin** grandson of Allen and Rosezell Mortin completed high school in West Palm Beach, FL

### KEEP ME POSTED

During the year don't forget to contact me with information about your family and events taking place. Graduations, births, weddings, deaths, inductions, anniversaries, or starting a new business are all reasons to contact me. Anything you feel credit worthy is acceptable. If I do not have your e-mail address make sure to get that information to me. Throughout the year updates are sent via e-mail. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at [benea\\_o@hotmail.com](mailto:benea_o@hotmail.com). Hope to hear from you soon, and be on the look out for family e-mails.

## Gone but not FORGOTTEN

Over the past year we have lost family members who are very near and dear to our hearts. They may be absent from us physically but their spirit lives on in our memory. May we see them again in heaven someday.

Our condolences are extended to the families.

**Louis James "Jay" Maxwell, Jr.** son of Louis, Sr. and Sandra Maxwell. On Oct. 28, Louis made a supreme sacrifice. He did not think about himself during an

attack on the United Nations guest house in Kabul. In his act of bravery he saved the lives of many other UN staff and civilians.

**Robert Donarion Black** was the son the late Robert and Janie Bradley Black; stepfather, John S. Blake. The service was held Friday, Nov. 6 at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Miami Fl. Donarion sunset was Monday, Nov. 2nd.

**Yvonne Doctor** of St. Pete, Fl was the daughter of Philomena Goins who lived in Rosewood and survived the 1923 Massacre. Yvonne was a

regular family reunion attendee. She held various positions and set high standards for those following in her foot steps. She loved her family and her legacy will live on through her children and grandchildren.

**Robbie Mortin-Rosewood Survivor** was age 8 at the time of the Rosewood Massacre. When her family fled Rosewood they eventually settled in Riviera Beach and she spent the rest of her life in Palm Beach County. Robbie was the second to last living Rosewood survivor. She died at age 94.

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*"Yes, we stand strong, proud and free, for we are the ROSEWOOD FAMILY."*