

Lives Lost For The Freedom Struggle

Killed For Leading Voter Registration Drive, Belzoni, Miss.



Rev. George Lee
1903 - 1955

"Rev. Lee did not just tell the people what they ought to do. He gave them an example... He fought for equality and first class citizenship and he asked them to follow him." - Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive director.

Slain By Nightriders Opposed to Black School Improvements, Mayflower, Texas

John Earl Reese
(photo unavailable)
1939-1955

Murdered For Organizing Black Voters, Brookhaven, Miss.



Lamar Smith
1892 - 1955

At a time when Mississippi law and white threats kept most blacks from voting, Lamar Smith was determined that his people would have a say in local government.

Youth Murdered For Speaking To White Woman, Money, Miss.



Emmett Louis Till
1941-1955

"The fact that Emmett Till, a young black man, could be found floating down the river in Mississippi just set in concrete the determination of the people to move forward," Fred Shuttlesworth.

"There is little hope for us until we become tough-minded enough to break loose from the shackles of prejudice, half-truths, and downright ignorance."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

"Morals cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. The law cannot make an employer love me, but it can keep him from refusing to hire me because of the color of my skin."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Killed By Klan, Montgomery, Ala.



Willie Edwards Jr.
1932 - 1957

Taken From Jail And Lynched, Poplarville, Miss.



Mack Charles Parker
1936 - 1959

"If we set back and waited for the government to prosecute and punish Mack Parker, it would never happen. So we did it ourselves," - Mississippi state official.

Voter Registration Worker Killed By White Legislator, Liberty, Miss.



Herbert Lee
1912 - 1961

"Jump," they said. Edwards saw his only chance of survival in the dark Alabama River below him and he jumped.

Witness To Murder Of Civil Rights Worker Assassinated, Liberty, Miss.



Louis Allen
1919 - 1964

Killed Protesting Construction Of Segregated School, Cleveland, Ohio



Rev. Bruce Klunder
1937 - 1964

"I pray that by the time the children grow up, their father's death will have been redeemed, and they will be able to see the effect of what his dying did for the consciences of at least a few." - Joanne Klunder

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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