



# Want a Free Computer?

Trevor Robinson (right) is working 24 hours as a volunteer to barter for a free computer at Free Geek. He is joined by Shawn Furst, volunteer program coordinator for the non-profit organization.

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annual fundraiser. With all the computers, Free Geek acquires some that just can't be refurbished. E-waste, or electronic waste, accounts for a lot of landfill space. Furst says that Free Geek deals with E-waste recyclers who are environmentally sound. "If they [E-Waste recyclers] won't tell us where the computer is

going then we don't use them," said Furst. "You have to be careful of ethics. Some places send internationally, like to China, where their environmental protection laws aren't as strict."

Keeping volunteers safe and giving a service to the community is of importance at Free Geek. For more information on Free Geek and how to volunteer visit [www.freegeek.org](http://www.freegeek.org).

## Obituaries

### In Loving Memory

Verna Shepherd

Services will be held Monday, April 9 at 11 a.m. at Caldwell Funeral Home, 20 N.E. 14th for Verna Shepherd who died March 29, 2007.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1923 to Calvin Davis and Esther Howard in Harpersville, Ala. and raised by her Aunt Mamie Crawford (deceased). She was brought up to fear the Lord and accepted Christ in her youth.

She married Earsly W. Smith (deceased) in Birmingham, Ala. in 1946 and later moved to New York City where they resided until 1953 when they moved to Portland. From this union her three children, Jacquelyn (Jackie), Earsly Randolph (Randy) and Joycelyn (Joyce) were born. Divorced in 1961, she met and married Arthur L. Shepherd in 1964 and they were married for 40 years until his death on March 30, 2003.

Verna worked in the service and social services industries. She was truly gifted with compassion for helping and caring for others. She was a sales associate for Lipman Wolf, a major New York retailer in the late 1940s, and was a social services coordinator for the Neighborhood Service Center in Portland in the early 1960s, working as an activist to unite the city's black and white communities. Her aim was to bring the communities together so they could better understand their social and cultural differences.

Her success at work landed her an opportunity to manage her own business in Portland directing management for Educational Testing Services (a pilot program sponsored by a New York



based educational testing company). Her career was then directed to serve as a community agent at Grant High School in 1970 where she worked for 17 years until retiring. After retirement, she successfully managed a fully staffed home day care center and foster care business for 8 years.

Verna had a passion for fishing, cooking and gardening. She spent countless hours fishing with her buddies and family members at many local fishing spots. She enjoyed cooking and had a special touch in making barbecue ribs and took pride in making her gumbo.

She was a long time member of the Morning Star Baptist Church and helped to usher in tutoring and mentoring programs in the church annex. She worked on the church planning committee that organized the building of the children's school adjacent to the church.

She leaves to mourn her only sibling, Queen Anne Deloney; her three children; seven grandchildren, Warren, Danny, Deandre, Drake, Ronnie, Camille and Isaiah; a daughter-in-law Sabrina Smith, two sons-in-law John Keller and Nate Moreland; two great granddaughters, Nia Washington and Draia Shelton; a great grandson, Nolan Shelton; a sister-in-law Carrie Shepherd; four nephews; two nieces; several great nephews and nieces; and a community of close friends. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

### Beloved Daughter Missed by All

March 9, 1991 –  
March 25, 2007

De'Andranique Samiria Davis was born March 9, 1991 to Rietta Payton and Nathaniel Davis at Oregon Health and Sciences University Hospital in Portland.

In 2003, Nique accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Voice of the Cross

Church in Vancouver. Nique had many interests. She was an avid reader, loved to design clothes, draw, sing, shop, talk on the phone and work on the computer.

Loved ones left to cherish her memories are her mother and father: Rietta Payton and Nathaniel Davis; nine brothers and sisters: Johnel Johnson, San

Twuan Eaden, Alicia Davis, Sharrea Davis, Nia Davis, Giovanni Payton, Maia Payton, Nichole Davis and Nye Davis; grandparents Tamara Moaning and Richard Payton, and Sheila and Samuel Elmore; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members who will miss her dearly.



De'Andranique Samiria Davis

### In Loving Memory

Althea Rosetta  
Rand Harden

Feb. 17, 1921 - April 7, 2005



#### The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Patricia Yvonne Harden; Nov. 8, 1947 - February 3, 1998  
We miss you, even though we know you are still with us in spirit, it's been a very long year.  
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