

# Two Eras; Two Legends

## Maurice Lucas and Artie Wilson remembered

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stand what this process is all about. It takes a little longer amount of time than I'd like it to take in order to recover," Lucas said. "But it is what it is and I'm not in charge of it. I've just got to play my role, be patient, feed myself

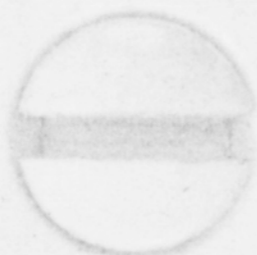
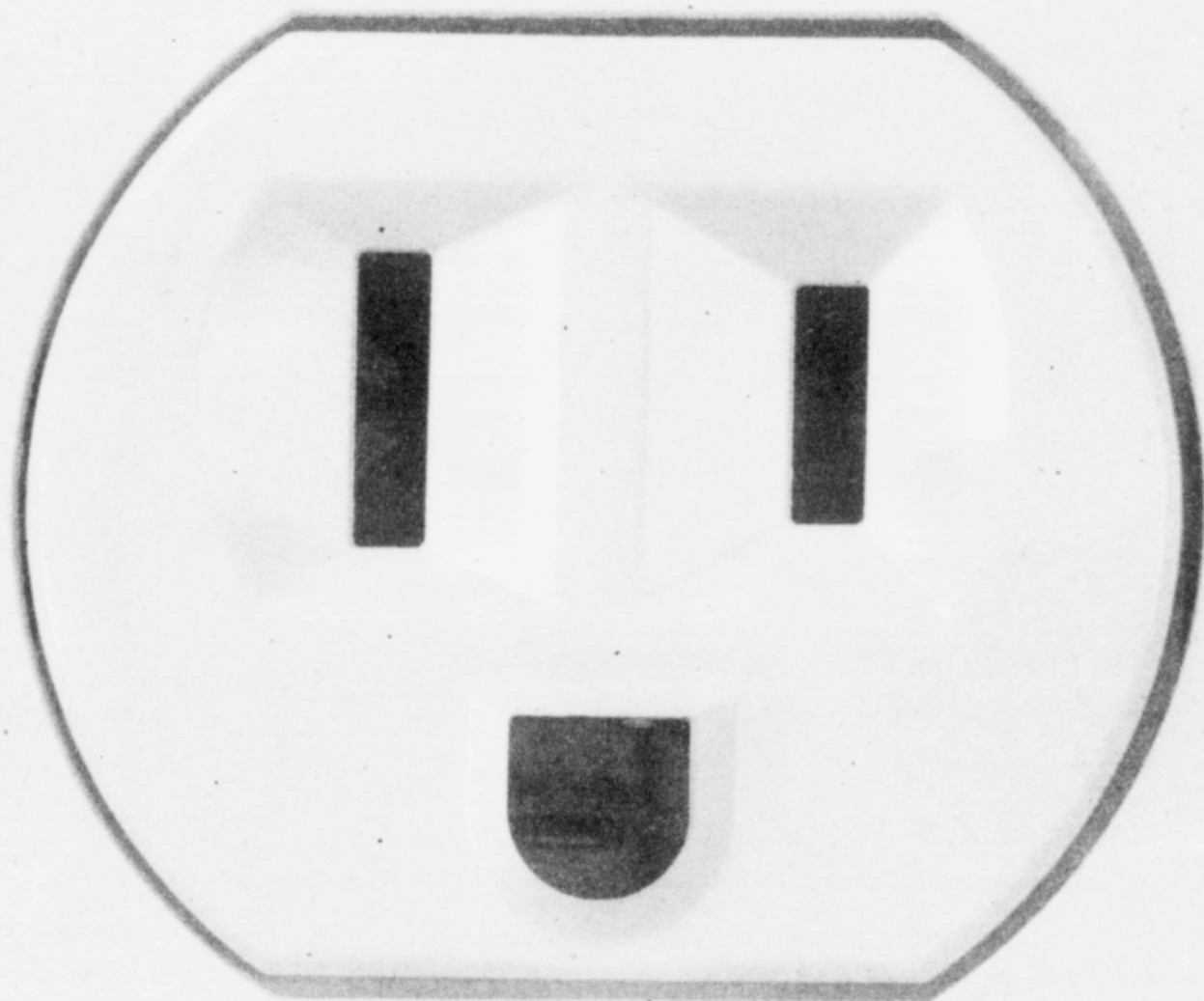
well, take the right meds and see if I can get back on track."

Lucas led Marquette to the 1974 NCAA title game against North Carolina State and was selected to the All-Final Four team along with future Portland teammate Bill Walton. The 6-foot-9 former Pittsburgh high school star averaged

15.8 points and 10.6 rebounds as a junior that season.

Marquette also retired his No. 20 and inducted him into its Hall of Fame, and Walton named his son Luke, who currently plays for the Lakers, after him.

"I hadn't seen him as much lately, but he and my dad still talked all the



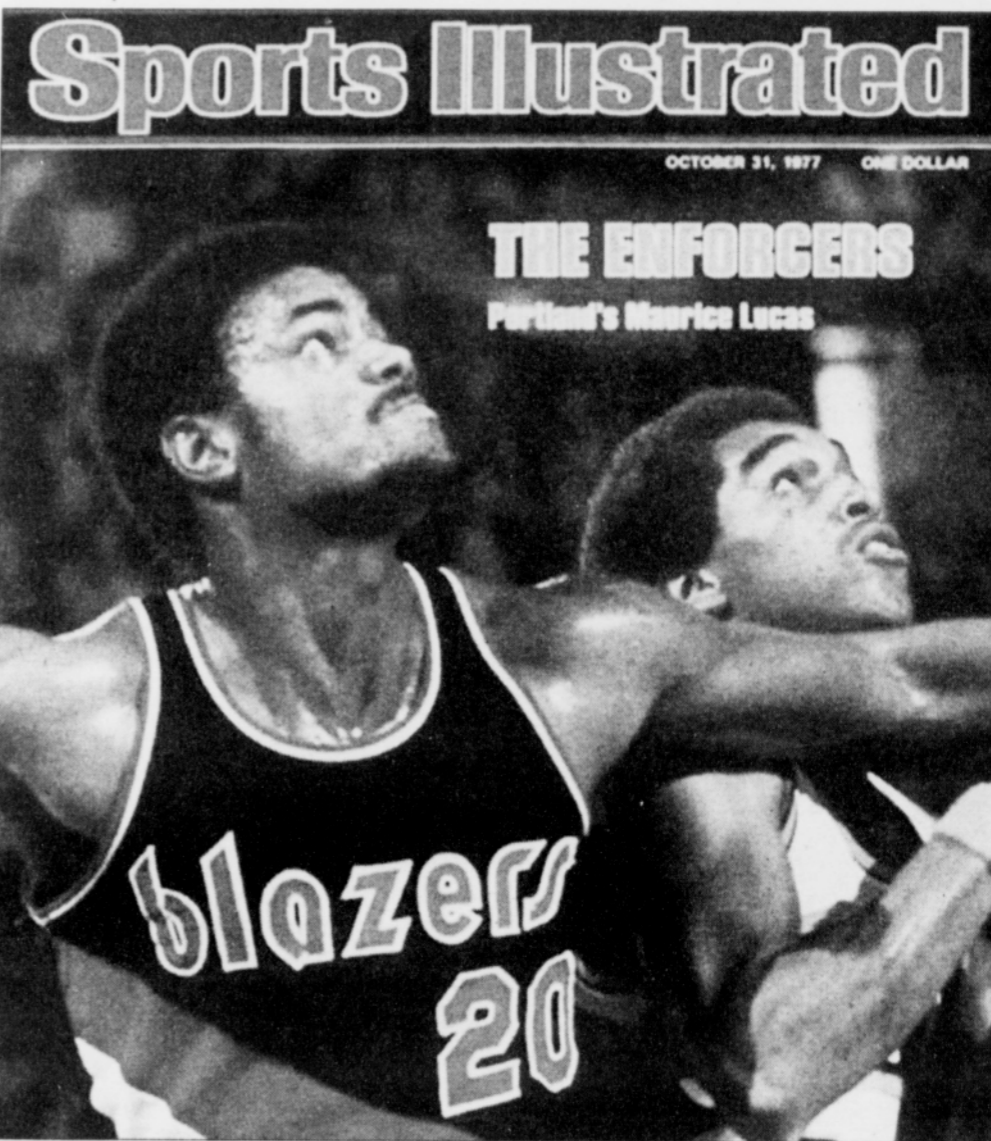
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Maurice Lucas, the fierce power forward known as "The Enforcer" was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated in November 1977. He died Sunday from cancer at the age of 58.

time," Luke Walton said. "From what I heard, he had been in some pain for a while. It's tough. He's a great guy."

The Trail Blazers were in the midst of a four-game trip, with a game against the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

"We were so fortunate to have his influence on the young men on this team. He was my mentor, my big

brother, and I always knew he had my back. He has left us far too soon," McMillan said.

Lucas is survived by wife Pamela, sons David and Maurice II and daughter Kristin.

There will be a public memorial on Monday at noon at Memorial Coliseum. Doors will open at 11 a.m.

--The Associated Press.

## Negro Leagues all-star made Portland home

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or .260 but hit .300 in the Major Leagues. That's how tough it was. It wasn't easy."

Wilson finished his baseball career as a member of the Beavers, and he remained in Portland for the rest of his life. He worked as a salesman at a local car dealership until the age of 85, and he was elected to the PCL Hall of Fame in 2003.

"All I wanted to do was play baseball," he said in 2007. "I got to play in Japan and Cuba, too. So I've had a good life."

Wilson is survived by his wife, Dorothy, daughters Jean and Zoe, son Artie II, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service for Wilson will be announced at a later date.

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Artie Wilson was the last baseball player to hit .400 in a top professional league. He retired in Portland after a career that included the Portland Beavers.