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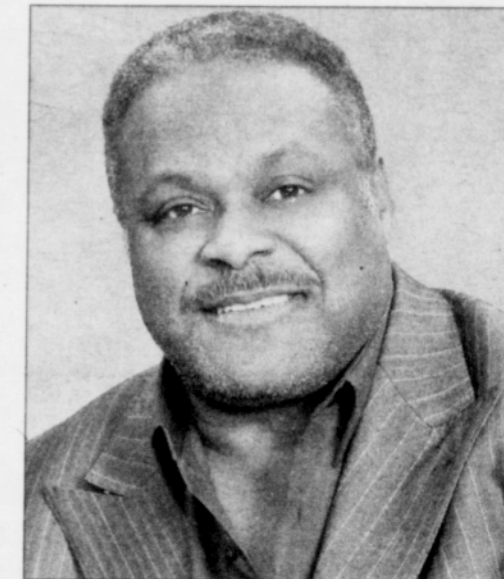
ating high school seniors and community college students interested in pursuing careers in journalism and/or community service. The newspaper foundation expanded on those scholarship opportunities.

Washington was a Portland native who loved his neighborhood roots.

He graduated from Jefferson High School where he played basketball and baseball, lettering in varsity basketball and baseball all four years. As a senior, he was named to the All City basketball team and to the All State baseball team, having captured the highest batting average in the state. In later years, he greatly enjoyed playing golf.

Active in community athletic programs and other social service organizations from a very early age, he chose to remain in Portland for his post-secondary education. He pursued studies in marketing, communications, and political science at Mt Hood Community College, Portland Community College, and finally Portland State University.

He was a volunteer coach for community basketball and baseball



Charles Washington

programs for 25 years, from Little League to Portland summer college baseball.

He served as president of Portland's District I Peninsula Little League, was a member of the NAACP, Urban League, Portland Chamber of Commerce, and the Portland Chapter of the African American Chamber of Commerce.

He was a long time sponsor of Self Enhancement, Inc., a nationally recognized non-profit organization for children at risk, and an annual supporter of the Portland Golf Youth Association.

He was a beloved mentor to his children, extended family members and other young people from the community.

He felt his truly greatest achievements and blessings in life were through his family. Some of his proudest moments were watching his children graduate from school with advanced degrees in their respective callings: law, medicine, education and eco-science. Delighting in the arrival of each new grandchild, he felt his life had come full circle.

Washington is predeceased by his son Christopher, mother Joyce, grandmother Frieda and brother Cory.

He is survived by his loving wife Beth; son Rakeem and wife Molly; daughter Chaka and fiancé Matt; daughter Serena and husband Logan; son Omar and wife Makaela; grandchildren Emmanuelle, Jaheim, Nyla, and Marcellus; father Duane; brothers Ronald, Tony, Gary, and Mark; sisters Audrey and Denise; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends that were very close to his heart.

He will be truly missed.



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