

*Obituary*

# In Loving Memory

Dennis G. Payne Sr.

Dennis G. Payne Sr. was born Jan. 23, 1948 and died Jan. 21, 2018.

He was a former Portland resident and a stepfather to members of the Portland Observer's Washington family.

Three Celebration of Life services are planned. The first will be held on Feb. 17 at 11 a.m. at Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 3999 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. The second in Portland on Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. at Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. Eighth Ave. A spreading of the ashes ceremony will follow the next day with the time and location to be determined. The third service is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. At Ebenezer AME Church, 902 Park Ave. in Bremerton, Wash.

*"Life is fragile. Fragile enough to lose. Your wisdom was strong. Strong enough to get through when I thought I knew everything. Your prayers were strong enough to keep me when I didn't know enough to pray for myself. The kingdom you built here on earth is stronger*



*than life.*

*I am smarter, wiser and more peaceful because you were my leader. You were a builder of a kingdom with strength to sustain. My neck is stiff and my head is held high because you were my dad. I'll be living on your prayers for years to come. Thank God for a dad and a leader like you. Always proud to be your son, Happy Birthday dad,"* **Dennis G. Payne Jr.**

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## Gertrude 'Trudy' Rice

Funeral services are pending for Gertrude 'Trudy' Woods Rice, a beloved Portland mother and one of the first members of the African American community to work as a registered nurse in Oregon.

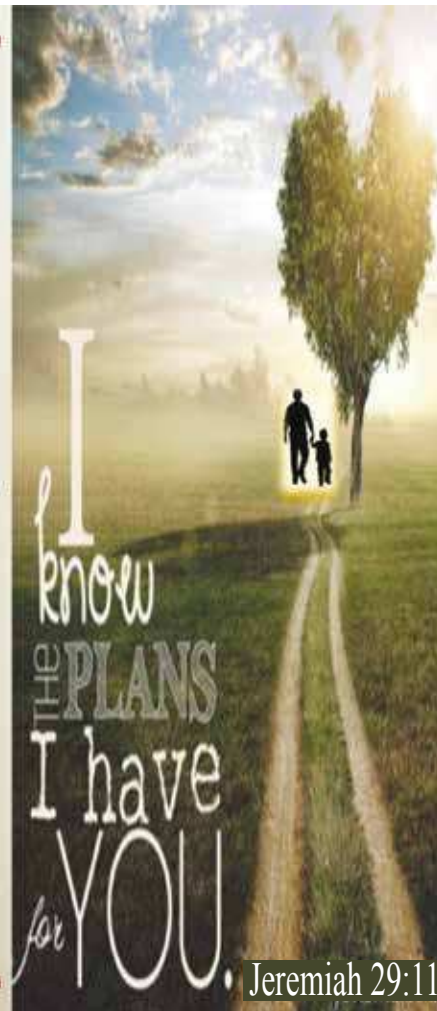
Woods was born Feb. 26, 1941 and died Jan. 16, 2018. She was just 4 years old when her family moved from Louisiana to Vancouver and then Vanport. She was one of the first graduates of the nursing program at Portland Community College in 1968. She worked in the nursing industry until her retirement and was an inspiration for others to enter the nursing field. She had five children. First married in 1969, she divorced in 1974 and married again in 1989, and was widowed in 1991.

A funeral is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Jan.31, time to be announced, at the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5209 N.E. 22nd Ave. Updates on portlandobserver.com.



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