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Free notary services through Election Day

JANS – Working Together Jackson, in partnership with the League of Women Voters, will offer free notary services, taking place at the Jackson Medical Mall and New Horizon Church International by appointment.

Absentee voters can call 601-376-9461 to set up an appointment. The voter will bring their unmarked absentee ballot and a photo ID at their appointed time and location to obtain free notary services. Masks are required. At the Jackson Medical Mall, located at 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave., Jackson, MS 39213, the drive through will be set up by the Piccadilly Restaurant. Notaries will also be pres-

ent at New Horizon Church International, located at 1770 Ellis Ave., Jackson, MS 39204.

With few exceptions, absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be witnessed and signed by a notary in order to be valid.

Working Together Jackson is a broad-based organization consisting of institutions that cross racial, religious, and economic lines committed to collaborative strategies that solve many of the problems facing Jackson. Our mission is to rebuild Jackson through institutional leadership development as well as pragmatic and cooperative community problem-solving.

Court of Appeals Judge
ELECT LATRICE WESTBROOKS
for MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT • POST 1
A Voice for The People

Vote for Judge Latrice Westbrook NOVEMBER 3, 2020

- ✓ Currently, Court of Appeals Judge, District 2
- ✓ Municipal Judge for the City of Lexington for 2 years
- ✓ Over 20 years of trial and appellate litigation experience
- ✓ Guarantees that all parties in civil & criminal cases will have a fair determination of their cases
- ✓ Will continue to render thoughtful opinions based on the facts of the case and the law
- ✓ Judge Westbrook will continue to apply the law impartially
- ✓ Judge Westbrook will remain accountable to the people

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REMEMBER, LEST WE FORGET

Mr. Willie (William) Earl McGee

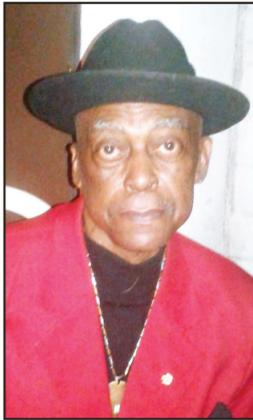
By Meredith C. McGee
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Willie (William) Earl McGee was born March 16, 1946 in Jackson, Mississippi to the late Lecandrew (Canton native) and Christine Easterling (D'Lo native) McGee. He was the 9th of 14 children. Curtis (Butch) McGee and Dorothy McGee of Jackson, MS are his surviving biological siblings.

Willie Earl McGee, who was affectionately called "Big Will", lived a full and exciting life. He moved to Las Vegas, Nevada at age 53 from his hometown of Jackson, Mississippi. He met his significant other, Deloris Davis, during his 21-year stay in Las Vegas. He was known as "Pops" to his neighbors and "Grandpa" to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was loved dearly for his southern hospitality and for his soul food cooking.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings: Mickey McGee, Donnell (Ronnie) McGee, Cleotha (Bro) McGee, Lee Andrew (Jr.) McGee, Fred McGee, Christell Wilson, Pinkie Taylor, Odessa McGee, and several infant siblings.

Willie Earl McGee was joined in holy matrimony in 1972 to Betty Little McGee. He later married Ola Mae Macklin – two children, Debra McGee and Kenneth Earl McGee, were born to that union. He obtained his primary education in the Jackson Public School System. On June 16, 1963, at age 17, he joined his older siblings and community and participated in a mass protest in Downtown Jackson after the assassination of Civil Rights icon Medgar Wiley Evers who lived in Shady



Oaks. Three years later, he participated in the Meredith March Against Fear. Professionally, Willie Earl McGee was formerly a painter, a bartender, and a jewelry salesman.

Willie Earl McGee's memories will be cherished by his siblings, dear friends, and children: William Earl, Jr. (Meredith) McGee of Jackson, MS, Michelle (Kevin) Swinney of Jackson, MS; Debra McGee of Las Vegas, NV; Karen (Russell) Smith of Douglasville, GA; Umekia Scott (step daughter) of Dallas, Texas; Kenneth Earl McGee, Mischa Scott (Marcus) Cage, Rashad Scott, Kelsey Dior Reed, Cleo, et al of Jackson, MS; and a host of friends, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

Gidden Memorial Chapel of Las Vegas is transferring Mr. McGee to Willis and Sons in Jackson, MS. His graveside service is expected to be held at Autumn Woods later this month. Send cards to his eldest son William E. McGee Jr. 1052 Maria Court, Jackson, MS 39204, 601.842.4781.

JUDGE LATRICE WESTBROOKS A CLEAR CHOICE FOR MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT, POST 1

This November's General Election carries with it historical importance, both for Mississippi and our country. Never before has there been a more crucial time when our justice systems demand impartial and fair justice for African Americans and other people of color. And of critical importance to Mississippi voters is our local elections, notably the Mississippi Supreme Court, Central District, Post 1. Judge Latrice Westbrook is running in this election with passion and focus, a diversity of experience including gender and racial equity that will serve all of Mississippi's people.

With a vast background of law experiences, Judge Latrice Westbrook is well-prepared for the Mississippi Supreme Court with more than twenty years as a practicing attorney steeped in the tenets of the law, its rule, and its order. The time she spent as a public defender, a prosecutor, and the synthesis between the two have grounded her with a working knowledge of both the defense of the law and its ruling. Judge Westbrook has litigated in municipal court, justice court, county court, circuit and chancery courts, and federal courts throughout Mississippi as a public defender, prosecutor, and private attorney. Additionally, she argued before the Mississippi Court of Appeals – the court on which she is a judge currently – and the Mississippi Supreme Court, the court she is now seeking to join. The integrity of her judicial trajectory includes more than 60 opinions in 2019, followed by 40 opinions she has handed down so far in 2020 to date. Some of these have been of the most disheartening vicissitudes of life's experiences here in Mississippi. Her work as a County Appeals Judge has helped to harness her energies while enabling her to maintain a laser focus, void of any pre-conceived opinions of such cases.

Acclaimed as a formidable candidate and an experienced attorney who has served with distinction, Judge Latrice Westbrook seeks a diversity of experience that will serve real everyday people through a quest for gender and racial equity. "Growing up, I always knew I wanted to help people. Through my family and teachers, I learned about the men and women

who worked to change the world. I also learned that service starts at home. My family taught and challenged me to have purpose that was selfless and impactful. With those lessons, I became an attorney so I can advocate for the voiceless," recalls Westbrook.

Of particular interest to Judge Latrice Westbrook is a segment of our communities where justice has been questioned due to an underfunded public defender system. Disparities have often failed members of our communities with a systemic effect throughout our courts, impacting the harmony of families and the legacy of future generations. Westbrook summarizes the critical issues she believes facing our communities as:

1. Disparities in education, kindergarten through college, because of lack of adequate funding in numerous counties;
2. Discrepancies in the commitment to comprehensive justice reform and equal justice, particularly in the criminal justice system. Mississippi needs a statewide public defender system with funding and personnel equal to the financing and personnel provided to district attorneys and county prosecutors. Additionally, there is a need for more diversity of experience, gender, and race throughout the Mississippi justice system; and
3. Access to affordable, accessible, and competent healthcare and advanced medical equipment and medicines.

On the advent of what could be history-making for Mississippi to elect the first African American woman to serve on the state's high court, we also revel in the accomplishments of Judge Latrice Westbrook as the first African American woman to serve as Assistant District Attorney for the 2nd Judicial Circuit Court District and who currently serves as Judge for the Mississippi Court of Appeals. Her accolades merit much more and underscore her works in pursuit of the protection for justice, positioning her as the formidable choice for the Mississippi Supreme Court, Central District, Post 1.

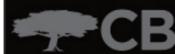
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