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Kings & Queens Born in July

Arnold Artis	Jul 26
Bobby Black	Jul 4
Mascelia Blissitt	Jul 28
Alford Bloison	Jul 17
Calvin Brooks Sr.	Jul 26

Frank Brown	Jul 14
Iva Bunn	Jul 15
Simmie Burns	Jul 14
Bill Byrd	Jul 7
Leonard G Carter	Jul 18
Max Chattam	Jul 16
Preston Cobbs	Jul 11
Alonzo Cotton	Jul 15
Deborah Covington	Jul 8
Lenora Crenshaw	Jul 9
Todd D Cross, Sr.	Jul 10
Wesley Culler	Jul 14
Sandra Dargan	Jul 8
Shirley Davis	Jul 9
Cle Dennis	Jul 14
Denise Elbeck	Jul 21
James Garnett	Jul 10
Wanda Goodman	Jul 28
Johnny Gordon	Jul 4
Michael Graves	Jul 9
Linda Gray	Jul 25
Joe Green	Jul 23
William Harden	Jul 28
Amos Haynes	Jul 4
Tyrone Hodnett	Jul 5
Vick Holder	Jul 5
Michael Hudson	Jul 6
Robert Hunter	Jul 7
Walee Jackson	Jul 20

Nathaniel Jett	Jul 1
Kevin Kelly	Jul 26
Elvin Lobbins	Jul 20
Lisa Massey	Jul 18
Dale Pace	Jul 5
James Patterson	Jul 2
James Peterson	Jul 4
Charlene Press	Jul 7
Lewis Ragland	Jul 5
Sheila Reed	Jul 20
George Roberts	Jul 14
Cynthia Smith	Jul 21
Lee Smith	Jul 4
Avon Spence	Jul 4
R L Taylor	Jul 21
Charles Teel	Jul 11
Bobby Terry	Jul 17
Rueben Thomas	Jul 9
William Tingle	Jul 11
Jean Wallace	Jul 4
John White	Jul 1
Jimmie Williams	Jul 8
Joyce Williams	Jul 10
Patricia A Williams	Jul 8

Kings & Queens Born in August

Tormenta "DJ" Allah	Aug 8
Peter Allen	Aug 22
Curtis Baker	Aug 20
Edward H Banks	Aug 25
Katrina Battle	Aug 23
Diana Benedict	Aug 11
Thomas Brooks	Aug 9
Belinda Brown	Aug 17
Deborah Buckman	Aug 27
Sandra Butler	Aug 18
Jay Buxton	Aug 23
Beatrice Cain	Aug 22
Dora Chappell	Aug 12
Phyllis Cornute	Aug 26
Kim Cotton	Aug 7
Mike Crockett	Aug 6
Stephanie Davis	Aug 24
Christine Elcerio	Aug 30
Patricia Frye	Aug 20
Al Gainer	Aug 31
Gary Gee	Aug 3
Randy Goodbee	Aug 2
Stanley Green	Aug 12
Melvin Hilliard	Aug 13
Willie Jackson	Aug 30
John Johnson	Aug 12
James Law	Aug 16
Barbara Lipsey	Aug 13
Maxine Maclin	Aug 28
Lydia Martin	Aug 15
Diane McLaughlin	Aug 30
Edith Ann Moore	Aug 1
Peggy Moore	Aug 15
Brace Needham	Aug 29
Carrie Nicholes	Aug 30
E. Patterson-Akoto	Aug 10
Jocelynn Payne	Aug 20
Doris Peters	Aug 12
Carol Randal	Aug 15
Ricardo Randle	Aug 17
Deborah Ray	Aug 6
Lester Reddick	Aug 29
William Sills	Aug 27
Nan Smith	Aug 9
John Timmon	Aug 31
Virgil Turner	Aug 28
Clarence West	Aug 22
Jessie Wilson	Aug 19

William Wilson	Aug 26
Julia Wofford	Aug 12
Robert Wright	Aug 3



*Rosetta McMurray, Chairperson
Rainbow Committee*

NPA's Annual Memorial Service will be Sunday, 2 September 2018 in Orlando, Florida at 7 a.m. Please submit names of deceased members and who will light the candle for your deceased member no later than 15 August 2018. Please submit photos of your deceased members to Lester McCray by hand copy or jpeg format to lestermccray@att.net. The 2018 NPA Memorial Service will be for NPA members who passed away between August 15, 2017 to the present date. Please provide above information to me no later than 15 August 2018 to rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net. Thanks in advance.

NPA MEMBERS DEATH

None

NPA MEMBERS ILLNESS

Troy Briscoe, DC Players

FAMILY MEMBER ILLNESS

Edna Bain's (Title Town) mother recovering from hip replacement due to a fall.

David Cole's (Washington National), wife, Janice Cole is ill.

NPA FAMILY MEMBER DEATH

Cornell Adcox's, Jr. (BPA) son passed away.

William "Bill" Harrod's (Tidewater), sister passed away.

Audrey Scott-Shelton's (Cudas), mother passed away.

T.C. Walker's (PIPS) brother passed away.

Please Email:

rosettamcmurray@bellsouth.net or call (706) 289-6471 to notify me of any NPA member's or family member's death or illness.

Please, please, please use the below format when reporting an illness or a death to the Rainbow Committee Chairperson.

- **Name of sick/deceased member/family member**
- **Sick/deceased member/family member Club name**
- **Address to mail Get-well/sympathy card**
- **Telephone Number**
- **If in hospital, name of hospital, room number and hospital telephone number**

Comfort Quote

"I'm here. I love you. I don't care if you need to stay up crying all night long, I will stay with you. If you need the medication again, go ahead and take it—I will love you through that, as well. If you don't need the medication, I will love you, too. There's nothing you can ever do to lose my love. I will protect you until you die,

and after your death I will still protect you. I am stronger than Depression and I am braver than Loneliness and nothing will ever exhaust me."

- Elizabeth Gilbert,
Eat, Pray, Love

**FROM THE DESK OF THE
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR**

The hotel reservation link for the 2018 Annual Tournament and Convention in Orlando, FL is:

National Pinochle Association

Attendees can also contact the hotel directly during business hours of 8am -9pm daily. You may do so by calling the Reservations Department at 800-588-4656; and ask for the National Pinochle rate.

**Options for airport
transportation from Orlando
International Airport:**

Transportation:

We are conveniently located 6 miles from the Orlando International Airport. There are taxi and shuttle services available on Level 1.

Transportation rates average \$33.00 roundtrip, per person, for Shuttle service through **MEARS Transportation Group**; OR \$27.00, one-way for a taxi.

To book Mears Shuttle:

<https://shuttles.mearstransportation.com/> (we are listed as **Florida Hotel & Conference Cnt**). Remember to hold down the Ctrl Key while clicking on link.

**Alternate Transportation from
the Hotel:**

**KOSMOS TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES: (407) 680-9469.**

Scheduled airport transfers for two (2) or more at \$20 one way or \$30 round trip.

For questions, contact Arlene Avent, National Tournament Director at
arleneavent@bellsouth.net



**UPCOMING
TOURNAMENTS**

2018 SANCTIONED

Aug 30 - Sep-9.....NPA Annual
(Orlando, FL – Hosted by NPA)
Oct 5-7.....Columbus Day
(Montgomery, AL – Hosted by MPP)

2018 NON-SANCTIONED

Aug 9-12.....Fayetteville, NC
(Hosted by NC Sand Hill Pinochle Club)
Nov 2-4.....Hampton, VA
(Hosted by Tidewater Knucks)
Nov 29-Dec 2.....Augusta, GA
(PIPS Tournament & Toy Drive)

2019 SANCTIONED

Mar 28-31.....NPA Semi-Annual
(Kenner, LA)



SHOUTOUTS



The granddaughter of Robert Baxter and Stella Baxter (702 Pinochle Club) received her degree in Fine Arts with a minor in Afro-American Studies from UCLA. She was one of the recipients of NPA Scholarships in 2014. Again, The Baxter Family thanks NPA for the scholarship.

INSPIRATION

The Suitcase

(Author Unknown)

A man died, when he realized it, he saw God coming closer with a suitcase in His hand. God said: Alright son it's time to go. Surprised the man responded: Now? So soon? I had a lot of plans... God answered: I'm sorry but it's time to go.

What do you have in that suitcase? the man asked.
God answered: Your belongings.

My belongings? you mean my things, my clothes, my money?
God answered: Those things were not yours they belonged to the earth.

Is it my memories? the man asked.
God answered: those never belonged to you they belonged to Time

Is it my talents?
God answered: those were never yours they belonged to the circumstances.

Is it my friends and family?
God answered: I'm sorry they were never yours they belonged to the path.

Is it my wife and son?
God answered: They were never yours they belonged to your heart.

Is it my body?
God answered: that was never yours it belonged to the dust.

Is it my soul?
God answered: No that is mine.

Full of fear, the man took the suitcase from God and opened it just to find out the suitcase was empty.

With a tear coming down his cheek the man said: I never had anything??
God answered: that is correct, every moment you lived were only yours. Life is just a moment,

a moment that belongs to you. For this reason, enjoy this time while you have it.
Don't let anything that you think you own stop you from doing so.

Live Now.....Live your life

Don't forget to be happy, that is the only thing that matters.

Material things and everything else that you fought for stays here.

YOU CAN'T TAKE ANYTHING!

CLASSIFIEDS

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Need a caterer for your every need? EDC (Edna's Delectable Cuisine) is waiting for your call: 404-767-1024 or email brownednaw@yahoo.com

For all your cruise vacation needs, contact Val Culpepper @ Hooked on Cruises [770-739-7860](tel:770-739-7860).

NPA WEBSITE

<http://www.npapinochle.org/>

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Kevin Kelly, Chairperson – R&E Committee for approval.

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CORRECTIONS

We attempt to be accurate; and apologize for any errors that may occur. When notified we will print appropriate corrections in the next issue of the Gazette.