

DEDICATED  
TO THE MEMORY OF

*Solomon Knight Sr.*

*This book of memories is to serve as a permanent record of the  
services you entrusted to us.*

*We hope it will help to preserve treasured memories  
through the years — and that we may, in some small measure,  
have helped to ease your burden and bring you comfort.*



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## *Psalm 23*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters;*

*He restoreth my soul;*

*He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.*

*Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me;*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;*

*Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*

*And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

# Obituary

*Solomon Knight Sr.* was born on February 28, 1925 in Alma, Georgia. He left his earthly home to join his Heavenly Father on June 2, 2014.

Solomon was born in Alma, Georgia to Sarah Knight Singleton. He was raised in Jesup, Georgia and educated in the Wayne County School System, where he graduated from Wayne County Training High School, in Wayne County, Georgia.

After high school, Solomon served his country in the United States Navy. After leaving the Navy in 1946, Solomon moved to Tuskegee, Alabama. He attended Tuskegee Institute and majored in Animal Science with further study in Orthopedics. Solomon once said he came to Tuskegee with the intent of only staying three years. However, for the next 68 years of his life, he would call Tuskegee home.

Solomon was a faithful employee of the Veterans Administration Medical Center - Meat Unit for 35 years. He also was a part-time meat instructor at the Tuskegee Institute Food Processing Plant. During this time, he also maintained Tuskegee Institute's (now Tuskegee University) Football and Baseball fields.

For more than sixty years, Coach Knight coached youth and college sports in the Tuskegee-Macon County community. Among his many credits are organizing and coaching the Pony League Team, the Babe Ruth and Little League teams as well as other teams throughout the Tuskegee-Macon County Community. He is also credited with organizing and serving as

head coach of the Semi-Pro Adult Baseball Team, the Tuskegee All-Stars from 1973 to 1977 and a semi-pro league in Tysonville, Alabama. As a player, he was the Pitcher, First Baseman, and Outfielder for the Tuskegee Eagles and Veterans Administration Baseball team from 1950 to 1963. He also coached the Tuskegee University's National Youth Sports Program softball clinic.

One of Coach Knight's greatest honors was his time with Tuskegee University's Baseball Program. His tenure with the University's baseball program spans forty-one years. He began as Assistant Head Baseball Coach from 1972 to 1982. He served as Interim Head Coach from 1982 to 1983. During this season, he took the Tigers to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Championship and was awarded SIAC Coach of the Year. He was a five-time recipient of the Tuskegee Institute Pitching Coach Award. He also served as president of the Tuskegee Institute High School Quarterback Club.

He served as Assistant Head Coach and Pitching Coach from 1984 until his final season with the Tigers in 2011. In 2005, he was inducted into the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2013, the City of Tuskegee named the baseball field where he coached so many youth, in his honor. He received the SAIC Coaching Legend Award for 41 years of coaching in the conference (April 2012). He also received the Faithful Servant Award of Tuskegee University for his dedication to the Baseball Program (February 2013). Over the course of his athletic career, he coached hundreds of young men and women, each of them holding a special place in his heart.

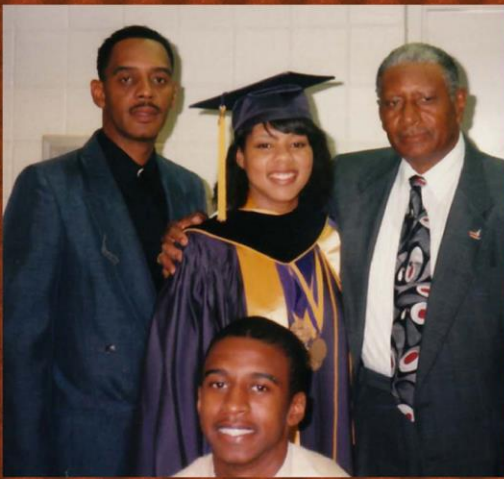
He was an avid fan of Tuskegee University sports. He attended many home and away football and baseball games and sometimes basketball games.

Coach Knight was known throughout the community as a man of many trades and contributions to the community. He was known for his famous barbeque, his vegetables, homemade preserves, and de-boning skills. He was very proud of his award-winning sweet potatoes he presented at the Carver Crafts Festival. He also taught de-boning classes for the Macon County Extension Service and his church.

He was also a member of Silver Trowel #10 Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Knight was an active member of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church for 68 years. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on the Finance Committee and Usher Board and as a member of the Male Chorus. His church family also recognizes him for his contribution to the church. He would often grace the congregation with a song on the harmonica every holiday.

Of all his accomplishments, Solomon was most proud of his family. Big Daddy, as he was affectionately known by his family, was a proud husband of Sarah Barnes Knight, father of sons, Solomon James (Luella) Knight, Jr., Edward (who preceded him in death), Clifton (Patricia) Knight and Nathaniel Leon (Kathleen) Knight, all of Tuskegee, Alabama; and daughters, Lisa Annette (Timothy) Sears of Decatur, Georgia and Otha Carter of Clewiston, Florida; a grandfather to nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. He will also be lovingly remembered by a host of loving in-laws, extended family and friends.



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