

THE POTTS FAMILY

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REUNION



*Families Are Stronger When You Build Them
Together*

*August 12 -13, 2016
Cornelius, North Carolina*

Family Motto: "Together we stand, divided we fall"

Schedule of Events

Date	Activity	Time
Friday, August 12	Family Dinner Mick & Nan	5 pm
	WilBob Meeting	7 pm
	Outing Movies & Bowling	8pm
Saturday, August 13	Breakfast	On your own
	Habitat for Humanity Group 146 Burke Circle Mooresville	7:45 am
	Decoration & Setup Group American Legion	10am
	Lunch	Habitat Site
	Gathering @ American Legion Clean-up	5pm – 8pm 8pm
Sunday, August 14	Breakfast	8 am (On Your Own)
	Church at Torrence Chapel	10 am
	Sunday Dinner Family Restaurant Huntersville (On your own)	12:30 pm
		8 pm -9pm

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

First Verse

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song, full of the hope the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Last Verse

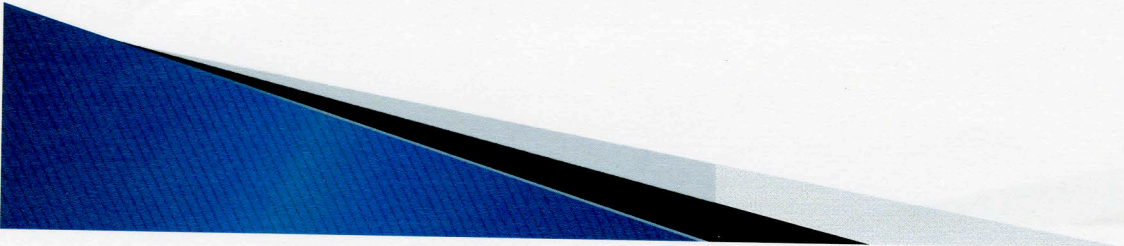
God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee:
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

BLACK FAMILY REUNION PLEDGE

- Leader:** *Because we have forgotten our ancestors,*
- People:** *Our children no longer give us honor.*
- Leader:** *Because we have lost the path our ancestors cleared kneeling in perilous undergrowth,*
- People:** *Our children cannot find their way.*
- Leader:** *Because we have banished the God of our ancestors,*
- People:** *Our children cannot pray.*
- Leader:** *Because the old wails of our ancestors have faded beyond our hearing*
- People:** *our children cannot hear us crying.*
- Leader:** *Because we have abandoned our wisdom of the mothering and fathering,*
- People:** *Our befuddled children give birth to children they neither want nor understand.*
- All:** *Therefore, we pledge to bind ourselves again to one another,
To embrace our lowliest, to educate our illiterate,
To feed our starving, to clothe our ragged,
To do all good things, knowing that we more than
Keepers of our brothers and sisters,
We are our brothers and sisters.*

Building the Family

Wilson Potts

- Personal – establishing his connection to Cornelius over a century ago
 - Family – married to Bobbie Torrence for 60 years & raised six children
 - Professionally–started barbering at early age, owning, operating the shop and training barbers
 - Social & Civic – part of team to get water and street lights to Smithville
 - Faith–based – Christianity was his spiritual guide. He joined Torrence Chapel at early age
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Wilson Potts Family

- ▶ Married Bobbie Torrence – 1933
- ▶ 1934 – He and Bobby along with baby – Eva Daphne (Daphine) moved to NYC
- ▶ Became trained and certified as a barber during this time
- ▶ 1935 returned to NC and James Lafayette was born
- ▶ 1937 – Gerald (Mickey) was born

Wilson & Bobbie Potts Family

- ▶ 1938 – Peggy was born (died Jan 1939)
- ▶ 1939 – Bettie Jean was born
- ▶ 1946 – Ronald was born
- ▶ 1948 – Jackie was born (died shortly after birth)
- ▶ 1950 – Cathy Nadine (now Moore) was born
- ▶ 1987 – Family had grown from marriages, 9 grandchildren, we held our First Annual Potts Family Reunion
- ▶ 2014 – We celebrated our 28th annual reunion

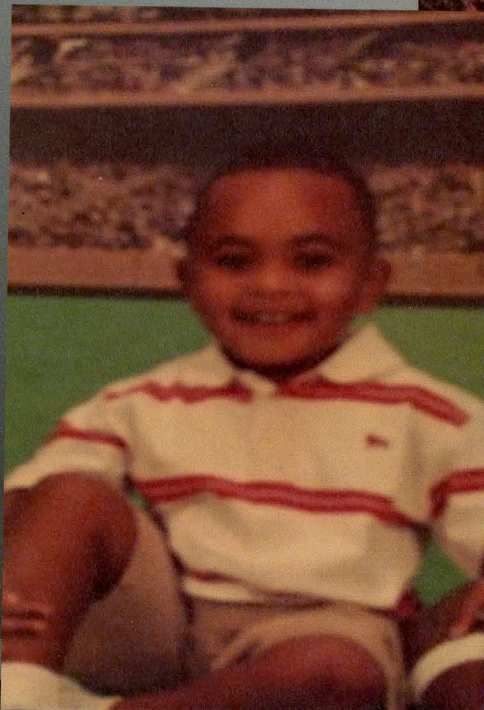
Nana and Papa



Eva Daphne Potts



Daphne Potts Family



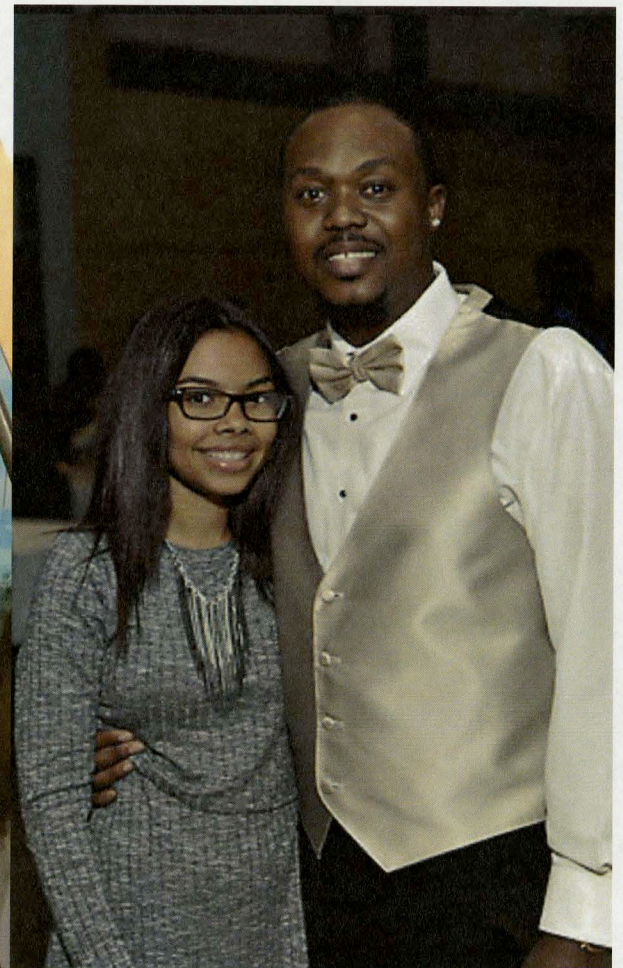
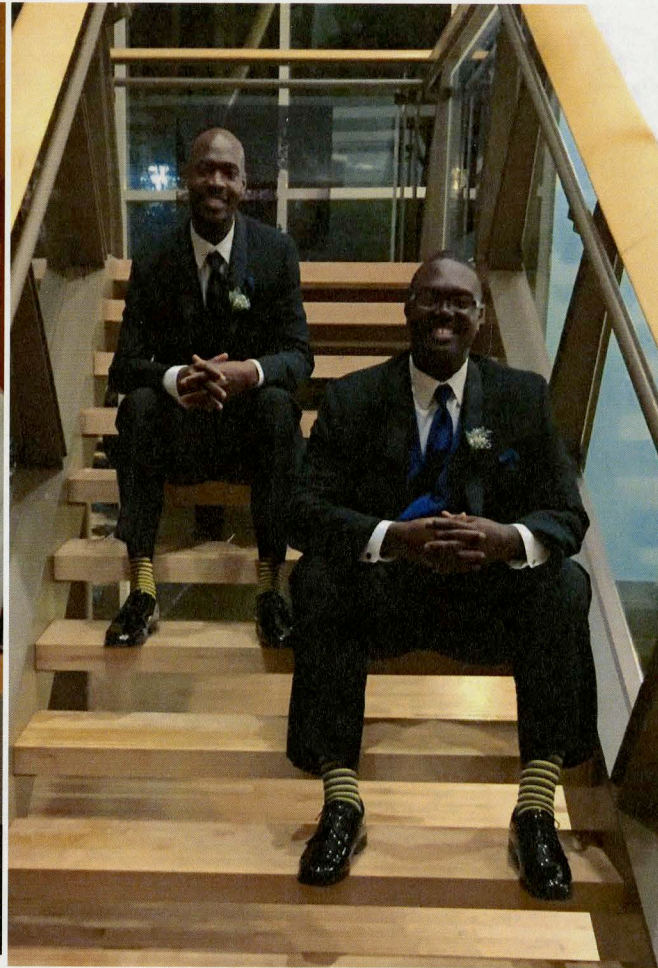
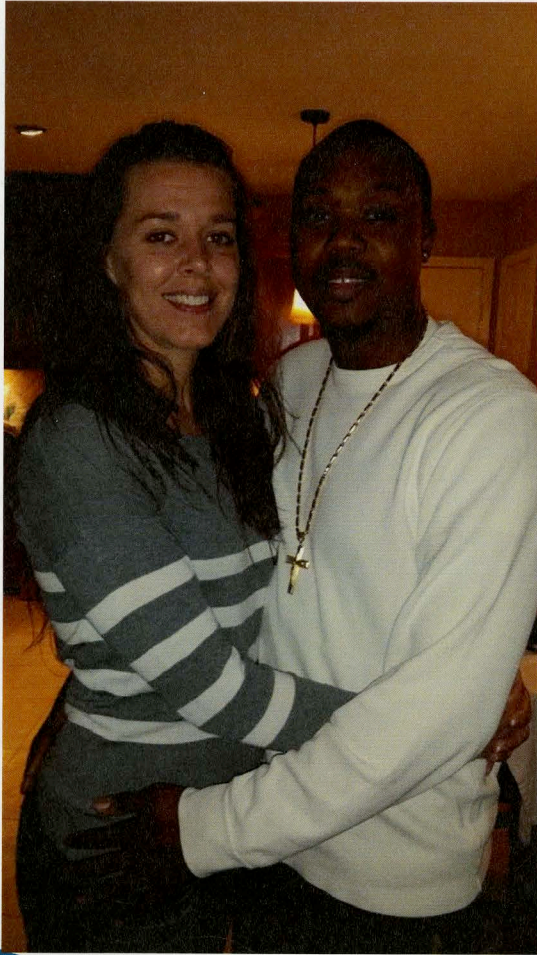
Gerald (Mickey) Potts Family



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Cathy Potts Moore Family



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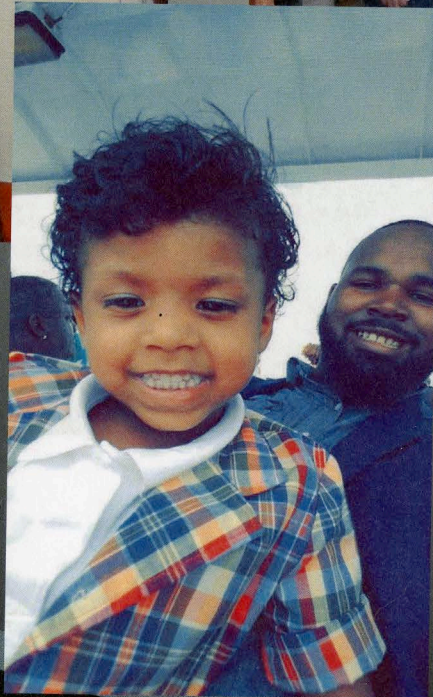
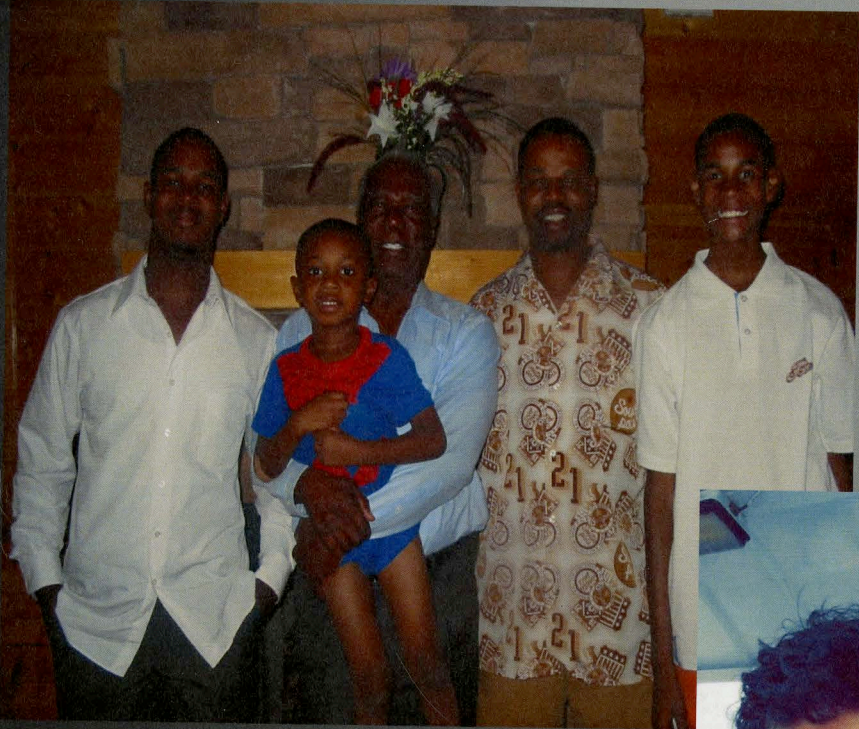
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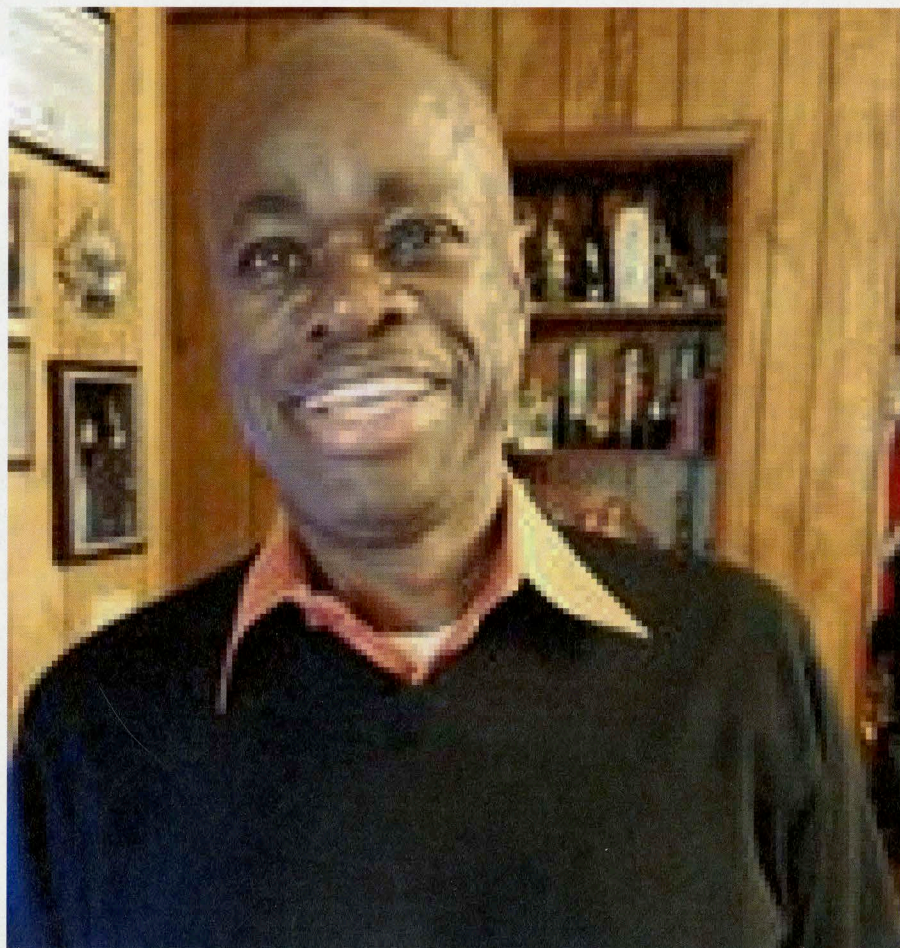
James Potts Family



James (Brother) Potts Family



Ronald (Ronnie) Potts



The Potts Barbershop Today





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