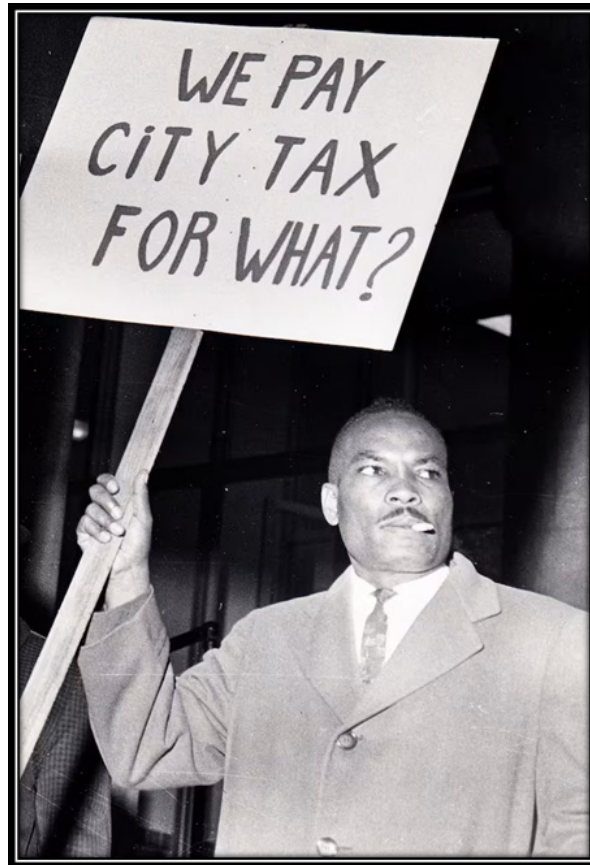




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In Honor of 'Good Trouble'

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) is best known for his role in advancing civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience. Woodland Cemetery is proud to be the final resting place of many trailblazing Daytonians who devoted their careers to underserved communities and principles of social justice.

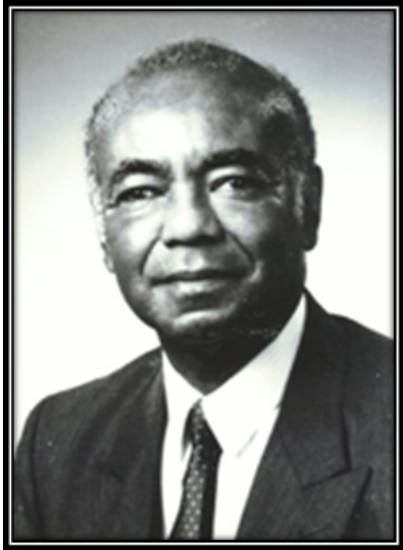
Photo (above): W.S. McIntosh, ca 1961. Courtesy Dayton Daily News Archive.

CJ McLin Jr.

5/31/1921 - 12/27/1988

C.J. McLin, Jr. represented Dayton in the Ohio State Legislature for 22 years. He was widely regarded as the chief spokesperson for the Black community at the local, regional, and state level.

He worked hard to advance legislation in several critical areas, including aid to low-income and elderly people, anti-crime and correctional institution issues, campaign reform, minority



affairs, and higher education.

His social conscience and sustained commitment to the community propelled both private and public mainstream institutions to change attitudes and practices toward minorities.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Bootsie Neal

9/9/1952 - 1/24/2021

Idotha “Bootsie” Neal was a pioneer who made history as the first African American woman elected to the Dayton City Commission.

She advocated for underserved communities, social justice, and economic development, focusing on initiatives around education, healthcare, housing, jobs, poverty, and discrimination. Neal’s leadership and public service were widely respected, paving the way for future African American women in civic roles.

Her legacy inspires engagement in public service and more equitable communities.



Click [here](#) to learn more about the Idotha Bootsie Neal Scholarship, offered through the Dayton Foundation.

Photo: Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2021



James McGee

11/8/1918 - 3/4/2006

Much of McGee’s early work was for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); he was involved in several landmark civil rights cases in the Dayton area. During his tenure as Mayor, James H. McGee greatly improved the well-being of the city and testified before Congress on behalf of Dayton. He traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad, on behalf of both political and civil organizations.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Photo: courtesy Dayton Daily News



Happy Birthday!



Photo: [Janet Louise Roberts](#) in the garden and outdoor reading area behind the Main library, ca. May, 1975

Janet L. Roberts

Born 1/20/1925

By day, Janet Louise Roberts worked as a librarian at the reference desk of the Main branch of the Dayton and Montgomery County public library.

After hours, however, she spent her time writing exhaustively researched pulp romances—more than 100 novels in all.

To her publishers, she was known as “The Queen of Hearts” publishing under the pseudonyms Rebecca Danton, Louisa Bronte and Janette Radcliffe.

Janet Louise Roberts died in 1982, at the age of 57. She is buried in section 9, lot 2825 at Woodland Cemetery.



Woodland Centenarian Club:

Bishop Bertha M. Massey

(1/21/1897 - 5/5/2007)

Bertha Massey was born in Little Mountain, South Carolina on January 21st, 1897; the seventh of 15

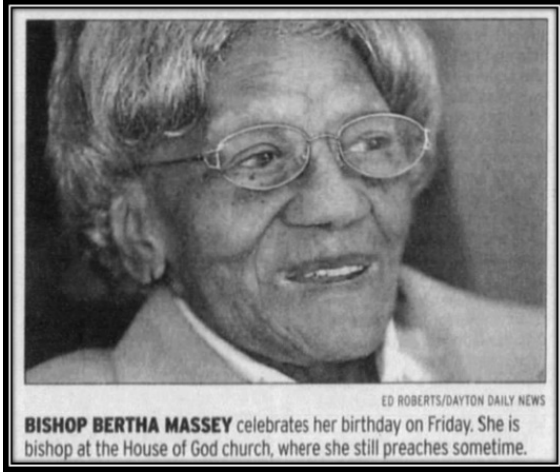


Photo (above): Bertha M. Massey, ca 2005. Published by Dayton Daily News, 1/22/2005 pg. 11

children. Her earliest memories are of attending church.

Asked to share the secret of her longevity, Bishop Bertha Massey smiled and quipped, "It's not a secret. You just read your Bible and live by the rules of God. And never forget to treat other people the way you want to be treated."

Bertha M. Massey died May 5th, 2007 at the age of 110. She is buried in section 308, lot 350 at Woodland Cemetery.

Upcoming Events!



Black History Mausoleum Tour:

Join us for Black History month to celebrate the lives of individuals who are resting peacefully in our mausoleum. We are offering this special tour in the indoor mausoleum, featuring beautiful stained glass windows and telling the stories of George C. Cooper, James Parsons, W. S. McIntosh, Bob and Norma Ross and many others.

The tour will be offered on two Saturdays, February 8th and 22nd at 2:00 pm. The tour will last two hours and if weather permits, will include a walk to James H McGhee, Jordan Anderson, Paul Laurence Dunbar and other gravesites.

Meet at the main entrance to the Mausoleum. Parking is available in front of the building. The building is



End of Winter Bird Walk:

This is a great time see year-round residents, winter visitors, and possibly some early spring migrants like the Eastern Phoebe and Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. The walk is slow-paced, and mostly stays on the road surface, but sometimes does venture "off-trail" into the grass.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear a good pair of walking shoes! The tour will meet at the Eichelberger Plaza at the main gates of the cemetery.

Your nature guide will be Amanda Lawson, an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist.

climate controlled and handicap accessible. Visitors will be walking on both carpet and marble floors.

Upcoming Tours:

2/8 @ 2 pm

Click [here](#) to register!

Upcoming Tours:

3/15 @ 9 am

Click [here](#) to register!

2025 Adornment Removal Calendar

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Don't get caught by surprise! Check this space for Woodland's adornment removal calendar each month to stay on schedule.

Key:

Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off
Orange = Do Not Clean Off
Soft Grey = At Woodland's Discretion

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

[DONATE ONLINE!](#)

Come Visit Us!

Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable



biographies, and trees.

Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Tours & More:

We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

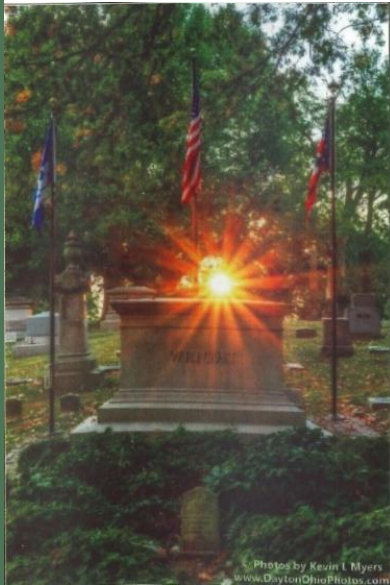
Register for a guided tour: visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries!

Or check out our **virtual tours!** (if you really don't want to go outside)


Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!



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