



Mr. Fate Young

May 8, 1932 - October 29, 2020

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, November 07, 2020 at Noon at Benedict College Baseball Field, 1703 Pinehurst Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29204.

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Fate Young was born in Shelton, South Carolina on May 8, 1932 to the union of Plummer and Minnie (Crosby) Young. He departed his earthly life and “rounded Home” on October 29, 2020.

He was married to Cleon Neomi Iona (Williams) Young for 65 years. He was the proud father of two sons, Selwyn and Delwyn, and three daughters, Cynthia, Rona and Tanya.

Fate was a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church led by Reverend Ulysses Young.

Fate, an avid baseball enthusiast, devoted his life to his family, automotive business; and, amateur and professional baseball. He was a lifelong Dodger fan which began with his love for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Before his transition, Fate joyfully watched the 2020 World Series when after 32 years the Los

Angeles Dodgers won the championship.

For 45 years, Fate was a Major League Baseball Scout (“MLB”) in Los Angeles’ Inner City while operating a successful vocational rehabilitation Trade School, Young’s Body Shop and Trade School.

The MLB organizations that profited from Fate’s exceptional Scouting skills were the Minnesota Twins, Oakland A’s, Pittsburgh Pirates, Montreal Expos, Seattle Mariners; and, Cincinnati Reds. He managed Scout Teams for all of these organizations. Fate was inspirational in the development of former MLB players such as, Hall of Famer Burt Blyleven, World Series Champions Rick Dempsey and Darryl Thomas, Enis Cabell, his sons, Selwyn Young and Delwyn Young; and, his grandsons, Delwyn Rudy Young and Selwyn Brandon Young. His nephew Ulysses Young, a former pitcher of the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro League, was also inspired by his Uncle Fate.

Fate became a lifetime Gold Card member of the Major League Baseball Association in recognition of his exemplary service. Known as “Pops” to many, it was with distinction that he served as the first African American president of the Southern California Baseball Association, a semi-professional Scout League. He was also a member of the Southern California Umpires Association.

Fate was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hit4Power; his nonprofit organization that worked with Inner City Youth. He was passionate about training and developing future leaders in the game of baseball and sought to instill life skills. Hit4Power held baseball camps, clinics, and offered professional instruction. The Hit4Power scout teams that were led by former and current professional players.

Fate served as a Volunteer Assistant Coach at Columbia’s Benedict College

Baseball Program for the last ten years. In tandem with Head Coach Selwyn Young, Fate coached his grandsons Selwyn Brandon Fate Young, Daniel Jacob Young and Fate Douglas Burnham Young.

Fate returned to Columbia, South Carolina in 2011. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Cleon Young and children: Cynthia Young, Rona Young, Selwyn (Crystal) Young, Tanya Blair, Delwyn (Pamela) Young; and, a legacy of 26 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren; and, 4 great-great-grandchildren. His remaining siblings: Plummer Young, Ruby Phillips, Doby Young; and, Doris Jackson are left to cherish his memory with his beloved nieces and nephews. Sisters-in-law Addie Mae Suber and Leola Alexander; and, brother-in-law Willie Williams, Jr.; and, a host of other relatives, extended family and special friends.

Heroes are remembered but Legends never die!

He is "On Top of the World!"

Please leave the Young family your condolences and prayers.

The Young family, acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Thank you for helping us care for our families. A. A. Dicks, Sr. and Staff.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Benedict College Baseball Field
1703 Pinehurst Road
Columbia, SC 29204

Tribute Wall



“ *Delwyn, Selwyn & the entire Young family
Delwyn & Selwyn*

So sorry to hear of your father's passing! I know he put the love of baseball in both of your hearts and prayers for you and your families! If faithful man of courage and integrity! Love you guys, stay in touch. God bless all of you, Johnny Lais

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Mr. Fate Young.*



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