

OBITUARY

"For where two or more are gathered in my name; there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

Mrs. Alberta H. Faulkner, 89, of Charlottesville departed this life Friday, January 24, 1997, at her residence. Born February 21, 1907, in Albemarle Co., Va., she was the daughter of the late Lewis E. and Frances Scott Hall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. Isaac D. Faulkner.

Mrs. Faulkner's education began in Palmyra, Va. and continued in Norfolk, Va. where she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. She was a graduate of Hampton University and did further study at Virginia State University and the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Faulkner retired from the school system after 44 years of faithful service. During her career as a teacher and librarian at Jefferson and Burley High Schools, she participated in many organizations. She was secretary of the Charlottesville Teachers Association and City Librarians. She was the first person of her race to be elected secretary of the Albemarle Education Association. She was a charter member and treasurer of the Burley High School PTA; secretary and manager of the Charlottesville Players Guild; a charter member and secretary of the Charlottesville Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. She was also a member of District J, Albemarle Education Association; Virginia Education Association; Virginia Library Association, and the National Education Association.

Mrs. Faulkner was a member of St. James Baptist Church, Palmyra, Va. and a former member of First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va.

Adrian A. Anderson
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February 2, 2012

Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent Albemarle Co. Schools
401 McIntire Rd.
Charlottesville, Va. 22902

Dear Dr. Moran,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying 2012. I'm writing in regards to naming the Media Center at Burley Middle School after the late Mrs. Alberta H. Faulkner. Mrs. Faulkner was the librarian at Burley from the day it opened until her retirement in 1972.

Mrs. Faulkner's entire career was spent in the Ch'ville/ Albemarle school systems beginning in 1928 and ending in 1972 when she retired from Burley. She started at Jefferson High School, the 1st year for Jefferson High, and then moved to Burley when it opened. Throughout her career she served as an educator and librarian. She dedicated her life to education. Even in death she provided assistance to students by leaving more than \$700,000.00 to the Endowed Alumni Scholarship Funds of Hampton University, Hampton, Va. and Lincoln University, Pennsylvania.

During her many years in the school system, she served in numerous capacities. She was the girls basketball coach. For many years she was a class sponsor and worked tons of dances. I'm sure i'm omitting many activities she volunteered for since she retired when I was only six years old.

Her service was not only limited to the school system. She was a member of many organizations in the community. Some are included in the following list:

1. A charter member and secretary of the Charlottesville branch of the N. A. A. C. P.
2. Member and secretary of the sorority Zeta Phi Beta. Her title was Grammateus.
3. Church clerk of First Baptist Church, 632 W. Main Street.
4. Member and secretary of the Colored Recreational Board of Charlottesville.
5. Business manager and secretary of the Charlottesville Players Guild.
6. A solicitor for the Red Cross, March of Dimes and the United Givers Fund.

For me personally she was the family and community historian. i was able to prepare a detailed family tree, back to slavery, from the information she provided. She knew EVERYBODY. She also prepared a detailed history of her childhood church and presented it at the church's anniversary celebration.

I'm sure I have omitted many of her contributions. She rarely spoke of her accomplishments. I learned what she did from old friends, former students and newspaper articles.

Cousin Alberta, as I always called her, was truly dedicated to Jefferson and Burley. I know it would bring a smile to her face if the media center at Burley was named after her. My family and I would feel that it was a well deserved honor.

Thank you for considering her for this honor. Best wishes
and may God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrian A. Anderson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Adrian A. Anderson

206 Sixth Street, N.W.
Charlottesville, VA 22903
November 11, 2011

Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent
Albemarle County Public Schools
Albemarle County Office Building
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Dear Doctor Moran:

I am happy to support the Burley Alumni group in their effort to name the Burley Middle School Media Center in honor of Mrs. Alberta Faulkner.

Mrs. Faulkner was my librarian as a student at Jefferson High School and was my librarian as a teacher at Burley High School. I knew her to be a devoted, well qualified professional who ran a "tight, pleasant, learning environment ship" at that school. It is appropriate that the Media Center be named in her honor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Price".

Teresa Price

557 Inilestone Court
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November 7, 2011

Dr. Pamela R. Moran, Superintendent
Albemarle County Public Schools
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Dear Dr. Moran,

As a 1952 graduate of Bunley High School, later returning as a 6th grade Arts teacher, I commend you on the support we have received from you in remembering the past accomplishments of those faculty members who dedicated their time and efforts to see that we received a quality education.

Mr. Jimmy Stallis asked me to write a letter of recommendation to rename the Media Center (Library) in honor of our librarian Mrs. Alberta St. Faulkner. She had no children but for 44 years she guided young students. In her will read on January 24, 1997, it was learned that she and her husband ensured the legacy of helping young students by setting up an endowment fund to be distributed to Hampton University and Lincoln University, Penn. Her administrator Adrian Anderson

sent checks total over \$ 325,000 to these schools to ensure African Americans would be able to attend College.

In addition to being a librarian, she loved theater. She and her husband found the Charlottesville Players Guild. For many years the couple and several local amateur actors entertained the community with plays. Proceeds from the productions went to benefit local churches.

Mrs. Faulker also loved sports and was the coach of the Jefferson High School girl's basketball team.

The Daily Progress ran her story on Sunday, Nov. 28, 1999, Life styles section. If you wish to read her story, you would find the article interesting reading.

Personally I want to thank you for recognizing the contributions of African-American in Albemarle County, and the support you have given to the Busby Variety Club.

Sincerely,
Faelyn A. Barkaus

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January 26, 2012

Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Moran,

My name is George Lindsay, III., and I am a member of the Burley Varsity Club. I support the request to name the Media Center at Burley Middle School after the former librarian at Burley High School, Mrs. Alberta H. Faulkner.

Mrs. Faulkner was the only librarian at Burley High School (1951-1967). When Burley closed, Mrs. Faulkner stay on as librarian for the Middle School, until she retired in 1972.

Like so many of the Burley High School teachers, Mrs. Faulkner took pride in being an educator and she wanted all students to live up to their potential by reading books. Once a student entered the library to find some material for a class assignment, she would work very hard to help that student find the material needed to complete their class assignment.

Dr. Moran, Mrs. Faulkner was a dedicated librarian and took a lot of pride in knowing the importance of receiving a good education and knowing that reading books would give students the knowledge they would need to become successful in the world.

Not only would it be a great honor to name the Media Center for Mrs. Alberta H. Faulkner, but it will also help keep the name of Jackson P. Burley High School alive.

Sincerely,

George Lindsay, III

