

**Carnell Murphy, Sr.**  
1947-2013

He was born March 12, 1947, to the late Thomas and Margaree Weldon. He was an impressive leader, who understood that the best leading takes place when executed with the heart and humbleness of a servant.

He graduated from McCrorey-Liston High School in 1965. As a student, he excelled in academics and athletics. Upon, graduating, he attended Voorhees College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science. He continued post-graduate studies at the Universities of South Carolina, Clemson, and Coastal Carolina, College of Charleston and South Carolina State University.

Not only did Carnell seek to educate, he also sought to bring change and empowerment. He desired to bring out the best in each individual, and as a result, bring out the best in his community as a whole. With that as his mission, he labored in both the political and civic arenas.

He served on the Fairfield County Council for 22 years, fourteen of which were served as chairman. His civic affiliations are too numerous to be listed in entirety, however, some of them are as follows: Greater Chamber of Commerce, NAACP (National Association for Advancement of Colored People), Regional Youth Action Council, Central Midland Council of Governments, Elected Black Officials in the State of South Carolina, Palmetto Primary Health Care Center, National Association of Counties, and the first Fairfield County Recreation Board.

Some of Carnell's most notable awards and recognitions were: from the State House of Representatives for implementing a Nationally recognized At-Risk Program in the county; the I. DeQuincy Newman Award for work in the county government; USA Today for the most consecutive championships in female athletics; chair of the Judicial Review Committee of Black Elected Officials in the State of South Carolina; Executive Committee member of the Central Carolina Economic Development Alliance Board; appointed by the Governor of the State of South Carolina to the State Workforce Investment Board; and selected to speak to the South Carolina General Assembly on Reapportionment.

He was an active member of Shiloh First Independent Church. A man whose knowledge was exceeded by his wisdom, he imparted into and inspired many. He was a mentor to those who needed guidance, a father-figure to those who needed paternal nurturing, a motivator to those who did not realize their potential.