

*Home Going Celebration
for
Brother Melvin (Mel) Renfro*



Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. - March 2, 2005

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
185 Eddie Robinson Sr. Drive
Baton Rouge, LA

Charles T. Smith - Pastor Officiating

Obituary

Brother Melvin (Mel) Renfro was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on December 30, 1951, to the union of Mr. L. K. Renfro and Mrs. Eula Faye Madkins Renfro. He spent his early life in Albuquerque. When he was a teenager, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour, and was called and baptized at the Joy Light Church of God in Christ in Albuquerque. He was an active member of that church throughout the time that he remained in the community. He later made his residence in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he placed his membership with the Shiloh Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Charles T. Smith. He remained a very faithful and dedicated member of Shiloh until the time of his passing.

Brother Renfro was a very outstanding athlete and lettered in football, basketball and wrestling in high school. Wrestling was his favorite sport. He received a scholarship to the University of Washington where he excelled as a wrestler and a student. He graduated from the University of Washington in Business and later received a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Louisiana State University. Because of his outstanding ability as a wrestler, Brother Renfro was chosen to be an alternate wrestler in his weight class on the 1972 United States Olympic Team. After coming to Baton Rouge, Brother Renfro became a Graduate Assistant Coach for the LSU Wrestling Team.

Later, Mel chose banking as his career and was an outstanding employee of the Fidelity-Hibernia Bank system, where he eventually became a Vice President. He later became Vice President of Liberty Bank and the administrator of its Baton Rouge offices. He held this position until the time of his passing. Mel was also very active in the Baton Rouge community and served as a member of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce and also with 100 Black Men. He received many awards for his dedicated performance of duties, supervision, organizational skills and outstanding leadership ability.

A wonderful life came to a quiet end on February 23, 2005, as God took Mel back unto himself. He will always be remembered and loved by his daughter, Brandi; his brothers Roy Johnson, Jr. (Willie Lois) of San Antonio, Texas; James Carey Johnson (Johnnie Mae) and L. K. Renfro, Jr. of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two sisters, JoAnn Price (Charles) Los Angeles and Brenda Joyce Thompson of Chicago, Illinois and his fiancée, Felicia Bashey of Baton Rouge. He will also be greatly missed by a very close friend, Bob Harrison, several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his father, L. K. Renfro, Sr., his mother, Eula Faye Renfro and a sister, Faye Lois Valentine. May he rest in peace.

Albuquerque/ New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame

Official Nomination Form

Note: This form must be fully completed in order for this nomination to be accepted and considered by the Board of Directors as a nominee for the New Mexico/ Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Nominee Melvin Renfro Telephone # _____

Address deceased 2-23-05 Place of Birth Albuquerque

City/State/Zip NM Date of Birth 12-30-51

EDUCATION:

High School Albuquerque High State nm year 70

Bachelors Degree Institution university of Washington
Year 74

Masters Degree Institution LSU Year 76

Additional Degree/Graduate Work Executive bankers College

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Special Olympics

Association for retarded citizens

100 outstanding black men of america

Plank road Business assoc.

Baton Rouge

Chamber of Commerce

ATHLETIC HONORS/AWARDS:

State of nm wrestling champion

Pac 8 Champion

NCAA runner up

Runner up to Olympic team

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

Regional Vice President Liberty Bank Baton Rouge

Vice President Hibernia nat bank Baton Rouge

Asst Wrestling coach LSU

Owner helping hands Preschool Baton Rouge

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Several activities mel was involved with at the time of his death.

PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION:

Single one daughter Brandi

OTHER RELATED INFORMATION:

Detail the most outstanding achievements/ accomplishments, in athletics/ sports for this nominee that merits extraordinary recognition and has brought honor to the State of New Mexico and City of Albuquerque.

Several wrestling titles

Lettered both In College and High school Football Quarterback, Track Discus and Javelin

Junior college Champion.

**If more information is needed Please Contact
Joe Vivian, Jim Hulsman or Dale Brown Former coach of LSU**

List those individuals who have written letters of support on behalf of the nominee. (Optional)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

NOMINATED BY Lewis Renfro

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TELEPHONE # 505-243-1947

DATE 09-25-2008

Please include a photo of the nominee

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