

Embracing African-American Culture



Harry Moore (1905-1951) was the first NAACP official killed in the civil rights struggle, and he and his wife, **Harriette Vyda Simms Moore**, are the only husband and wife to give their lives to the movement.

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African-American Florida Leaders

- **Jesse Aaron (1887-1979)**
Artist, Gainesville
A gifted carver, his wood sculpture is represented in traveling folk art exhibitions and in art collections throughout the southeast.
- **Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955)**
Educator, Daytona Beach
With \$1.50 and sheer determination, she founded the school for girls that later became Bethune-Cookman College.
- **Zora Neale Hurston (1901-1960)**
Folklorist and Anthropologist, Eatonville
Although she died penniless and on welfare, today her literary works are read and appreciated throughout the nation.
- **Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. (1920-1978)**
Military Officer, Pensacola
In 1976, this fighter pilot who saw duty in both Korea and Vietnam became the first four star general in American military history.
- **James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)**
Poet, Writer, Educator, Jacksonville
The first executive secretary of the NAACP, he wrote the lyrics to "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Black "National Anthem."
- **Harry Tyson Moore (1905-1951)**
Civil Rights Activist, Mims
Active in the NAACP, he and his wife Harriet, were killed by a bomb on Christmas Eve, 1951.
- **Asa Phillip Randolph (1889-1979)**
Labor Leader, Jacksonville
The first black to serve as an international vice president for the AFL-CIO, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Johnson in 1964.
- **Josiah Thomas Walls (1842-1905)**
Politician, Gainesville
A Gainesville attorney, in 1870 became the first black from Florida elected to the United States Congress.
- **Marion Williams (1927-1994)**
Gospel Singer, Miami
A vocalist with Kitty Parham's Stars of Faith, she received a MacArthur Foundation "genius award" in 1993.