

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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SAGITTARIUS - November 22 - December 21



SAGITTARIUS – The Happy-Go-Lucky One

Good-natured optimist. Doesn't want to grow up (Peter Pan syndrome). Indulges self. Boastful. Likes luxuries and gambling. Social and outgoing. Impatient. Fun to be around. Having lots of friends. Flirtatious. Does like rules. Dislikes being confined – tight space or ever-tight clothes. Doesn't like be doubted. Beautiful inside and out.

Turquoise was the stone for the month of December in ancient Mexico, turquoise was reserved for the gods and could not be worn by mere mortals. In the 13th century, turquoise was thought to protect its wearer from falling especially from horses. Legend says tears of joy combined with rain seeped into mother earth to become sky stone or turquoise. Native Americans believe that attaching turquoise to a bow would help the arrows hit their mark. In Tibet today, turquoise was by far the most popular of all materials used for personal adornment; it also plays an important part in religious ceremonies. Turquoise was discovered by the Egyptians around 3000 B.C. and was used in their finest jewelry and ornaments.

December 6

You are original, cautious, and accurate, have great determination and it was very hard to move you once your mind was made up. You are a sincere and loyal friend and sacrifice much for friendship's sake. You love travel. In your home you demand obedience and get it through love rather than by force.

1913 Roy Horace Welmaker Negro League Baseball player, was born in Atlanta, GA.

1920 Clarence W. Dart Sr., member of the Tuskegee Airmen, was born in Elmira, NY.

1926 Joe Van Loan, singer with The Ravens (Count Every Star), was born.

1930 Edwin T. Pratt, Executive Director of the Seattle Urban League, was born in Miami, FL.

1932 Richard B. Spikes was awarded patent 1,889,814 for automatic gearshift.

1933 (Robert Ellis) **Bob Perkins**, radio personality, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1935 George Reginald Williams, Jr., singer with The Tymes (So Much In Love), was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1942 Chelsea Brown, comedian and dancer (Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In), was born in Chicago, IL.

1944 (Gloria Theresa Thompson) Akasha Gloria Hull, educator and writer (Give Us Each Day: The Diary of Alice Dunbar-Nelson), was born in Shreveport, LA.

1944 (William McKinley Hutchison) Willie Hutch, singer and songwriter (I'll Be There), was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1944 Ron Kenoly, Christian worship leader, singer and songwriter, was born in Coffeyville, KS.

1946 (Howard) Frankie Beverly, singer, songwriter, was born in Philadelphia, PA.

1947 (Lois) Chelsea Brown, actor (Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In), was born in Chicago, IL.

1949 (Huddie William Ledbetter) Lead Belly folk and blues musician and composer (On Top Of Old Smoky), dies in New York, NY.

1953 Gary Lamell Ward, Major League Baseball player, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1958 Elvis Mitchell, film critic and host of The Treatment, was born in Highland Park, MI.

1961 (Ronald Eugene Broomfield) Eugene Wilde, songwriter and singer (Gotta Get You Home Tonight), was born in West Palm Beach, FL.

1961 Frantz Fanon, psychiatrist, philosopher and author (Black Skin, White Mask), was born in Martinique.

1962 Colin Salmon, actor (Resident Evil), was born in Bethnal Green, London, England.

1967 Lillian Evanti, first African American female professional opera singer, dies in Washington, DC.

1968 (Clarence Reginald) Fats Jenkins, Negro League Baseball Player, dies in Philadelphia, PA.

1970 Adrian Malik Fenty, Mayor of the District of Columbia, was born in Washington, DC.

1971 Marita Bonner, Harlem Renaissance writer, dies.

1975 Noel Anthony Clarke, screenwriter, comic book writer and actor (Doctor Who), was born in London, England.

1975 (Ludmya Bourdeau) Mia Love, mayor of Saratoga Springs, Utah and the first Haitian American and the first Black female Republican in Congress, was born in Brooklyn, NY.

1978 (Karen Denise) K.D. Aubert, model and actress (Friday After Next), was born in Shreveport, LA.

1988 Bill Harris, guitarist with The Clovers, dies in Washington, DC.

1989 Deshauna Barber, Miss USA 2016, was born in Columbus, GA.

1989 Casey Walker, National Football League player, was born.

1996 Ricky Edgar Owens, singer with The Vibrations (Stranded in the Jungle), dies in Los Angeles, CA.



Bob Perkins

2015 Mack Willie Herron, National Football League player, dies in Chicago, IL.

2015 Marque Tate Lynche, actor (Mickey Mouse Club), dies in New York, NY.

2018 Luis Adan Valbuena, Major League Baseball player, dies in Yaracuy, Venezuela.

2018 Jose Castillo Rondon, Major League Baseball player, dies in Yaracuy, Venezuela.

December 7

You have shrewd intuitive judgment and an abundance of energy. You take great pleasure in overcoming difficulties and carrying out your plans. You are ready to follow a good idea or plan, but will not be driven. Your love in demonstrative, your home was dear to you and your disposition generally cheerful.

1901 Irene Scruggs, Piedmont and country blues singer was born in Mississippi.

1903 Roosevelt Thomas 'Grey Ghost' Williams, blues pianist, was born in Bishop, TX.

1903 James Sumner Lee, bacteriologist, was born in Lancaster, SC.

1906 Matthew Walker, Sr., first African American to become a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, was born in Waterproof, LA.

1906 George James, jazz saxophonist clarinetist and flautist, was born in Boggs, OK.

1909 Teddy Hill, manager of Minton's Playhouse, was born in Birmingham, AL.

1919 Charles E. McGee, member of the Tuskegee Airmen, was born in Cleveland, OH.

1924 Willie Beatrice Barrow (Taplin), co founder of Operation PUSH, was born in Burton, TX.

1931 Comer Joseph Cottrell, Jr., founder of Pro-Line Corporation, was born in Mobile, AL.

1934 Gordon Parks Jr., film director (Super Fly), was born.

1936 Arthur Eugene Jenkins, Jr. keyboardist, percussionist and arranger, was born in The Bronx, NY.

1939 Melba Tolliver, journalist, news anchor and reporter, was born in Rome, GA.

1940 Carol Simpson broadcast journalist and news anchor (ABC World News Tonight), was born in Chicago, IL.

1941 (Walter C.) Steel Arm Davis, Negro League Baseball player, dies in Chicago, IL.

1942 Alexander Johnson, Major League Baseball player, was born in Helena, AR.

1942 Reginald F. Lewis, businessman who built the company Beatrice Foods, was born in Baltimore, MD.

1946 Ralph A. Campbell, Jr., first African American to hold a statewide elected executive office (State Auditor of North Carolina), was born in Raleigh, NC.

1948 Pearl Cleage, author (What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day), was born in Springfield, MA.

1954 Frederick McKinley Jones was awarded patent 2,696,085 for air condition (refrigerated boxcar).

1960 Matthew Shipp, pianist and composer (Symbol Systems), was born in Wilmington, DE.

1962 Richard L. Brooks, director, singer and actor (Law & Order), was born in Cleveland, OH.

1963 Shane Lee Mack, Major League Baseball player, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1963 Barbara Weathers, lead singer with Atlantic Starr (Secret Lovers), was born.

1965 Jeffrey Wright, actor (Casino Royale & Quantum of Solace), was born in Washington, DC.

1967 Nina Turner, Minority Whip for the Ohio Senate, was born in Cleveland, OH.

1969 Patrice Lumumba Malcolm O'Neal, Jr., comedian, radio personality and actor (The Jury), was born in New York, NY.

1970 Nayo K. Wallace, actor (Speed Racer), was born in Detroit, MI.

1970 (Quaneli Ralph Evans) Quanell X, leader of the New Black Panther Nation in Houston, TX, was born in Los Angeles, CA.

1973 Terrell Eldorado Owens, National Football League player, was born in Alexander City, AL.

1978 Idress Bashir, National Football League player,

was born in Decatur, GA.

1980 Mary Littlejohn Singleton, first African American woman elected to the Jacksonville, Florida City Council, dies in Tallahassee, FL.

1987 Richard Taylor, singer with The Manhattans, dies.

1990 (Quintin) Kwame Alexander, professional basketball player (The Finnish League), was born in Moreno Valley, CA.

1990 Dee Clark, singer (Raindrops), dies in Smyrna, GA.

1992 Chancellor James Williams, sociologist, historian and writer (The Destruction of Black Civilization), dies in Washington, DC.

1994 Marjorie Joyner, inventor of the permanent wave machine patent number 1,522,258 and hot curling rods patent number 1,693,515 dies in Chicago, IL.

2000 Levi Jackson, first African American football captain at Yale University and first African American executive at Ford Motor Company, dies.

2003 Azie Taylor Morton, Treasurer of the United States, dies in Bastrop County, TX.

2006 Benjamin Sylvester Ruffin, Jr., vice president (North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company) and Vice President of Corporate Affairs (R.J Reynolds Tobacco Co., dies in Winston-Salem, NC.

2006 Moses Hardy, son of slaves and the last surviving African American veteran of World War I, dies in Aberdeen, MS.

2006 Jay McShann, bandleader, pianist and singer, dies in Kansas City, MO.

2009 Carlene Hatcher Polite, writer (The Flagellants), dies in Cheektowaga, NY.

2010 (Gloria Blackwell) Gloria Rackley, educator and civil rights activist, dies.

2012 Jeni Le Gon, dancer and actor (Hooray for Love) dies in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada.

December 8

You are an ardent reader, preferring the more serious type of literature. You enjoy sports and travel. You are bright, witty and entertaining, and welcome at every social gathering. Your love is strong and ardent and you will be loved in the same way.

1925 (Henry Curtis) Hank Thompson, Negro League Baseball player, is born in Oklahoma City, OK.

1925 Sammy Davis, Jr., singer, dancer and actor, is born in New York, NY.

1928 (James Oscar) Jimmy Smith, organist, is born in Norristown, PA.

1933 (Clerow) Flip Wilson, comedian and actor, is born in Jersey City, NJ.

1939 Jerry Butler, Jr., Cook County Board Commissioner, singer and songwriter (For Your Precious Love), is born in Sunflower, MS.

1945 Richard Marigny Jones, jazz pianist and composer (Trouble in Mind), dies in Chicago, IL.

1945 (Frederick Nathaniel) Toots Hibbert, reggae singer and leader of Toots & the Maytals, is born in May Pen, Jamaica.

1948 Kenneth L. Durrett, National Basketball Association player, is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1955 Nathan Harrell East, jazz and R&B bass player and vocalist, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1957 (Kenneth) Ken Johnson (Slick), professional wrestling manager, is born in Fort Worth, TX.

1958 Julia Lee, blues musician (Snatch and Grab It), dies in San Diego, CA.

1963 Domingo Garcia Bryant, National Football League player, is born in Nacogdoches, TX.

1966 Wendell Edward Pierce, actor (The Wire), is born in New Orleans, LA.

1966 (Richard Shaw) Bushwick Bill rap artist with the Geto Boys, is born Jamaica.

1967 Michelle Miller, correspondent for CBS News, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1967 Robert Henry Lawrence, Jr., first African American astronaut, dies at Edwards Air Force Base, CA.

1968 Myra Lillian Davis Hemmings, founder of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., dies in San Antonio, TX.

1969 Victor Bernard Green, National Football League player, is born in Americus, GA.

1970 (La-Ron K. Wilburn) Me Phi Me, rap artist (One), is born in Flint, MI.

1971 Garvin James Alston, Major League Baseball player, is born in Mount Vernon, NY.

1972 George Washington Collins, US Representative from Illinois, dies in Chicago, IL.

1978 Vernon Michael Wells, III, Major League Baseball player, is born in Shreveport, LA.

1981 (Big) Walter Horton, blues harmonica player, dies in Chicago, IL.

1982 Raquel Kops-Jones, professional tennis player, is born in Fresno, CA.

1982 (De'Hashia Tonnek) Dee Dee Trotter, Summer Olympic gold medalist in the 4x400m relay, is born in Twenty Nine Palms, CA.

1982 (Onika Tanya Maraj) Nicki Maraj, singer (Pink Friday) is born in Saint James, Trinidad and Tobago.

1982 Christette Michele (Payne) singer (Be Ok), is born in Central Islip, NY.

1983 Roy Hall, National Football League player, is born in Euclid, OH.

Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from, you cannot and will not know where you can go.