

Robinson Pauley Aldridge
Atlanta, Georgia
July 4th-7th 2025



"No one of us is as strong or as powerful as all of us"

Welcome to the
49th Annual
Robinson Pauley Aldridge
Family Reunion



“Together Again Without Tears”



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www.rpafamilyreunion.org/



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1. 1976 Baltimore, MD
2. 1977 Detroit, MI
3. 1978 Demopolis, AL
4. 1979 Chicago, IL
5. 1980 Mobile, AL
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31. 2006 Baltimore, MD
32. 2007 Long Island, NY
33. 2008 Sovereign of The Sea (FL)
34. 2009 Demopolis, AL
35. 2010 Wilmington, NC
36. 2011 Cincinnati, OH
37. 2012 Mobile, AL
38. 2013 Detroit, MI
39. 2014 Harrisburg, PA
40. 2015 Demopolis, AL
41. 2016 Baltimore, MD
42. 2017 Atlanta, GA
43. 2018 Pensacola, FL
44. 2019 Detroit, MI
45. 2020 Cancelled-COVID 19
46. 2021 RPA Virtual Reunion
47. 2022 Cancelled-COVID 19
48. 2023 Birmingham, AL
49. 2024 Mobile, AL
50. 2025 Atlanta, GA
51. 2026 Baltimore, MD



Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

Marty A. Kemp
FIRST LADY

July 4, 2025

Dear Robinson, Pauley and Aldridge Family,

It is a privilege to welcome your family to Georgia as you gather for your reunion!

The family is the backbone of our country, and it is always a happy occasion when family members join for fun and fellowship. We share your commitment to strong family ties and values, and we hope that your reunion serves its purpose in reuniting loved ones.

We hope that you will enjoy some of the attractions available while in the Peach State. I wish everyone safe travels, especially those traveling from out of state, and we extend my best wishes for a memorable reunion.

Sincerely,


Brian P. Kemp


Marty A. Kemp



Andre Dickens
MAYOR



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July 4, 2025

Greetings:

As the 61st Mayor of Atlanta, I am pleased to join the people of this great city in welcoming attendees of the *Robinson, Pauley & Aldridge 49th Annual Family Reunion*.

The City of Atlanta is proud to serve as the host of this joyous occasion and to join you in commemorating this remarkable event. Reunions can reinforce our common bonds and regenerate friendships across multiple generations.

As you gather from near and far to celebrate your family's treasured memories, traditions, and history, we salute your commitment to strengthening and sustaining the special bond of family.

While you are visiting our world-class city, we hope you explore some of our incredible attractions. Consider spending time at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Centennial Olympic Park, the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, Atlanta Botanical Garden, and more.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend my best wishes for a memorable family reunion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Dickens", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Andre Dickens

July 4, 2025

Dear Family,

It is with immense joy and excitement that I welcome you to this year's Robinson Pauley Aldridge Family Reunion! The thought of gathering as one, sharing laughter, stories, and cherished moments, fills my heart with gratitude and anticipation. The family reunion is not just a celebration but also an opportunity to forge new memories that will be treasured for years to come.

As I reflect on the bond we share, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to be here, approaching the fifth decade of the RPA Family Reunion. Each of us brings something unique to this wonderful tapestry, and it is this diversity that makes our connection so special and has given us longevity. I hope you feel the warm embrace of our collective spirit as we come together to honor the ties that bind us.

And speaking of treasures, last year's bejeweled Mardi Gras theme was spectacular. I had a ball! I appreciate the time, energy, and collective effort of the Mobile, Alabama committee in hosting a memorable affair. This year's reunion also promises to be a delightful mix of activities for all ages. It will be a chance to relive old memories, rediscover forgotten ones, and create new ones that will leave a lasting impression. Above all, it's a time to celebrate the essence of family: mutual dependence, enduring love, and unwavering support. As our motto says, "No one of us is as strong or powerful as all of us."

To those who have traveled far and wide to join us, I thank you for making the effort to be here. Your presence is a testament to the love and commitment that has defined our family since the reunion's inception. And to the RPA Atlanta family who have organized this special occasion, your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated.

It is my hope that throughout the weekend, you will reconnect with relatives you may not have seen in a while and savor the joy of being surrounded by loved ones. Let this gathering be a reminder of how much we mean to one another, even when life takes us in different directions. So, get plenty of hugs, take lots of pictures and create memorable videos.

Next year's reunion will be in Baltimore, Maryland and plans are already underway. You don't want to miss our 50th RPA Family Reunion. Don't meet me there, beat me there!

With love always,

Tawanna J. S. Strauther, MD

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N'Knge Ralls

Alex Roberson

Roslyn Fuller

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Mobile, Alabama

Demopolis, Alabama

Baltimore, Maryland

Detroit, Michigan

Jacksonville, Florida

Atlanta, Georgia

Cincinnati, Ohio

Pensacola, Florida

LaSharron Harris

Wesley Trimble

Alice Aldridge

Cheryl Dailey

N'Knge Ralls

Nola "Peaches" Lester

Destiny Mann

Christine S. Garner

Rev Dr. Barbara Jean Simmons and
Larry Simmons



“I am Destiny Mann, a proud member and Atlanta Chairperson of the Robinson Pauley Aldridge family, representing the Aldridge branch and originally from Birmingham, Alabama. I am licensed as a Realtor and Lending Executive in Atlanta with a background in corporate leadership, real estate, and private lending. As a graduate of Georgia State University, who majored in Real Estate, I am passionate about empowering others through education and financial literacy. I also created Shades of Strength, a coloring book series celebrating superheroes of color. Family values form the foundation of everything, and I am honored to help preserve its love, strength, and legacy.”



“I am Natasha Bolton, daughter of Eartha White, granddaughter of Elizabeth Armwood (affectionately known as Becky), great granddaughter of Leona Robinson and great-great granddaughter of Mamie (Aldridge) Robinson and Henry Robinson. As the Atlanta Co-Chairperson of the Robinson Pauley Aldridge family, I am privileged to be part of such a rich legacy.

Being a treasury professional, travel agent, wife, and mother of three, I find joy in traveling with my family and immersing myself in the world of art. I eagerly anticipate making this reunion an unforgettable celebration of our family’s incredible journey!”



“Hello family and welcome to Atlanta! I am your cousin Eric Robinson - the son of Sylvester and Dorothy Robinson, grandson of Clifford Robinson, Sr., and Estella Pauley Robinson. I attended the very first Robinson Pauley Aldridge (RPA) Family Reunion in Baltimore, Maryland in 1976. The fact that we are still going strong 49 years later is a true testament to our family’s strong bond. I have lived in Atlanta for over 30 years now, so there are not many events in the city that get me excited. However, I am extremely excited to be a part of hosting the RPA Family Reunion in Atlanta again. Our 2025 RPA Family Reunion theme is from Africa to America to Us. So, I am looking forward to spending quality family time with “Us” soon!”



Tawanda Davis- Smith, Mobile
Committee Member (Honorary Atlanta
Member)

Michael (Frisco) White, RPA Digital
Content Creator



Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia! We are delighted to host this year's reunion and are confident that our gathering here will create lasting memories that will be treasured for years to come.

The Atlanta metropolitan area is home to nearly six million people, making it the 9th largest metro area in the United States. Atlanta, the capital city of Georgia, situated among the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, has a population of nearly 475,000.

During the 1960's, Atlanta was a major organizing center of the civil rights movement, with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and Ralph David Abernathy along with students from Atlanta's historically black colleges and universities playing major roles in the movement's leadership. Desegregation of the public sphere came into stages, with public transportation desegregated by 1959, Rich's department store restaurant in 1961, movie theaters by 1963 and public schools by 1973.

In the decades following the Civil Rights Movement, Atlanta earned a reputation as “too busy to hate” for the relatively progressive views of its citizens and leaders compared to other cities in the deep south. In 1960, whites comprised 61.7% of the city's population. By 1970, African Americans were much of the city's population and exercised new political influence by electing Atlanta's first black mayor, Maynard Jackson, in 1973. Under his tenure, the Atlanta airport was modernized, solidifying the city's role as a transportation center. Today, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International airport is the world's busiest airport. The opening of the Georgia World Congress Center in 1976 heralded Atlanta's rise as a convention city. Construction of the city's subway system began in 1975 with rail service commencing in 1979.

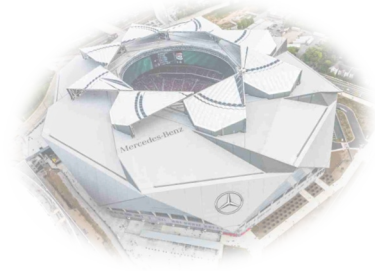
Atlanta was selected as the site for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. The city government undertook several major construction projects to improve Atlanta parks, sporting venues and transportation infrastructure. Atlanta is now the 7th-most visited city in the US, with over 35 million visitors per year. Atlanta contains a notable number of historical museums and sites, including the Martin Luther King, Jr National Historic Site, which includes his final resting place. In 2014, the New York Times named the Center for Civil and Human Rights as one of the biggest reasons to visit Atlanta. The center hosts several exhibitions that not only

tell the history of the Civil Rights Movement in the US, but how that period is related to more contemporary human rights struggles around the world. The museum is located adjacent to Centennial Olympic Park, which was built as part of the infrastructure improvements for the 1996 Summer Olympics. It now plays host to millions of visitors a year and several events along its 21- acre landscape.

The Georgia state fruit is the Peach, the state bird is the Brown Thrasher, and the state flower is the Cherokee Rose. The Georgia state song is, of course, “Georgia on my Mind”, popularized by famous Georgia native, Ray Charles, when he recorded it in 1960. Georgia is the home state for a few well- known celebrities including—Laurence Fishburne, Tyler Perry, Usher, Spike Lee, Gladys Knight and Jackie Robinson, just to name a few.

Best Regards,

The Atlanta Committee



Things to do in Atlanta

Restaurants

Cracker Barrel	0.3 miles	2 min. drive
Waffle House	0.4 miles	4 min. drive
Starbucks	0.6 miles	3 min. drive
Zaxby's	0.4 miles	4 min. drive
Pita Mediterranean Street Food	1.6 miles	6 min. drive

Nearby Attractions

Olympic Centennial Park	21.5 miles	30 min. drive
World of Coca Cola	22.9 miles	30 min. drive
Georgia Aquarium'	23.2 miles	33 min. drive
Atlanta Botanical Garden	24.7 miles	40 min. drive
Nat'l Center for Civil and Human Rights	22.9 miles	32 min. drive
Trap Museum	25.4 miles	33 min. drive
Museum of Illusions-Atlanta	24.4 miles	34 min. drive
The Atlanta Battery	28.2 miles	35 min. drive
Martin Luther King, Jr. National Park.	21.4 miles	28 min. drive

RPA Family Pledge

I pledge to continue the dream of my family.

I pledge to embrace and honor the saved bonds that tie my family.

I pledge to dedicate my time whenever needed to my family.

I pledge to love and cherish my family.

I pledge to celebrate the strengths of my family.

I pledge to uphold the values and traditions of my family.

I pledge to never forget the ancestral roots of my family.

I must....

I can....

I will....

Continue the legacy of the Robinson, Pauley, Aldridge Family for generations to come.

*-submitted by Brenda Fate-Watkins, Michelle Merriweather-Ifill and
Tawanna J S Strauther*



RPA Family Motto

“No one of us is as strong as all of us”

Congratulations

2025 Graduates



JohNai Johnson
University Prep Science and
Math High School



Elijah Graham Strauther
Mill Creek High School



Clero Smothers Junior
Detroit Lions Academy



Donovan Effinger
Lincoln Park High School



Brooklyn Aldridge
West Boca Raton Community H.S.



Jeremiah Ellis
Chicago World Language Academy

Gone But Not Forgotten

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." – Psalms 34:18

2025

Ruthie Williams, Mobile, AL

Eddie Mae Lewis Young, Birmingham, AL

Rev. Mildred Aldridge, Takoma, WA

Ceola White Thurman, Jefferson, AL

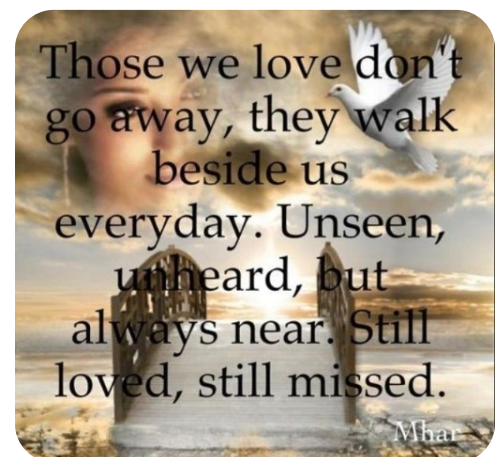
Shirley P. Thurman, Jefferson, AL

Lena Mae Jones Gregg, Federal Way, WA

Arthur Shade, Akron, OH

Gregory Boadley, Baltimore, MD

Elizabeth Williams, Washington, D.C



2024

John Edward Jones, Seattle, WA

Robert Sanders, Mobile, AL

Willie Phillips, Tuscaloosa, AL

Della M. Robertson, Tampa, FL

Larry Pauley, Evansville, IN

Archie Merriweather, Demopolis, AL

Frazier Hopkins, Columbia, OH

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Baltimore, here we come.....

