



*In Loving Memory of
Malcolm N. Bennett*

*Sunrise
June 29, 1947*

*Sunset
July 21, 2021*

*Service
Saturday, August 14, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.*

South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
2500 S. Western Avenue • Los Angeles, CA 90018

AACSC's 2021 President Malcolm N. Bennett

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To help you get to know our 2021 AACSC President, we have asked a few questions of Malcolm N. Bennett:

OCAJ – How long have you been in the rental housing industry and how did you get started?

MNB – I have been in the housing industry for over 46 years. I first became involved by working for a construction company and continued to obtain my contractor's license and started doing small rehab projects. Later I obtained a real estate broker's license and opened my own brokerage firm.

OCAJ – How have you been involved with AACSC?

MNB – I have been involved with AACSC for many years by volunteering as a Board Member; teaching education classes as needed; participating in local, state and federal legislation; assisting with the annual Trade Show & Expo; as well as what I believe is most important in volunteering and that is to "show up" and contribute time and resources. I previously served as President in 2007 and 2020.

OCAJ – What are your goals?

MNB – With the help of our incredible staff, board members, and our Sacramento lobbyist, my goals are to continue to improve on the deliverables that our members want and desire, which is why they are members and vendors. Some of those goals are to encourage our members and elected officials to see us as the gatekeepers of information and the Go-To organization with issues that relate to the rental housing industry.

OCAJ – How can membership help?

MNB – We must continue to keep members first and let them know how important they are. No one provides the service that rental housing providers

do. We must encourage our members to reach out to their circle of friends, which includes elected and appointed officials, and explain to them what we do and the challenges that we face daily in providing safe and decent housing for our residents. As rental housing providers, we must work together to get our message out to others advising them that we need residents and residents need us. My belief is that there is no one single thing that stands out in this complex industry in which we chose. To quote an old saying, "There is no silver bullet." We provide wrap-around services for our residents who rely on us to provide safe and decent places to call home. What do people look forward to after a long day that encompass an array of issues, and where do families look forward to being together with their loved ones? It is home, and that is what we provide for our residents. This is what is so important to me being in the multifamily industry.

OCAJ – Tell our members a bit about your family, friends and hobbies.

MNB – My parents passed many years ago leaving my brother and myself. My brother, who worked for our firm, headed our Maintenance Division until his passing 11 years ago. I have a daughter and son from my previous marriage, and my children both live on the East Coast. My daughter is single and a minister and funeral director. My son manages a fitness center and has three daughters. Anyone who knows me knows this industry is what keeps me going. I would never have met the people from all across the country that I interact with in this industry who play such an important part in my life. My staff is my family as many have been with me more than 30 years, and many share my passion for this industry. I need to talk to anyone who has spare time because I will give them something to do. 🏠

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Sincere Thanks to:

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Special Thanks to Tamara Nelson (Dad's Executive Assistant), Dexter Henderson (Uncle Dexter), Terrence Payne, Ms. Nancy Wilson, Hillary Henderson, Deanna Corbin, Norma Ortiz, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC) Board of Directors, and the entire staff of SCLARC, and Friends of SCLARC. Words will never express our sincere gratitude for your love and support during our time of need we are forever grateful.

Malcolm's Associations and Organizations:

California Association of Realtors (CAR), National Association of Realtors (NAR), Apartment Association, California Southern Cities (AACSC), Southwest Los Angeles Association of Realtors, Consolidated Board of Realists, California Association of Black Real Estate Professionals, Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors, Andy Street, Los Angeles Assessment Appeals Board Member, Friends of SCLARC, Multicultural Real Estate Alliance for Urban Change, NAACP and many others.

Malcolm Sharing Important Moments

Malcolm N. Bennett <mac11215@aol.com>
To: whighamk@gmail.com

Tue, Nov 17, 2015 at 10:09 PM

This is a nonprofit where I serve as chairman of the board and I asked my good friend Congresswoman to come and perform the ribbon cutting for our new complex. Love Dad.



Malcolm Bennett <mac11215@aol.com>
to me

Sun, Feb 10,
2019, 9:12 PM

With my pastor when we unveiled the new postage stamp for Gregory Hines. Love Dad



Kara Whigham <whighamk@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 19,
2019, 5:35 PM

to Malcolm

Hi cute

Early birthday celebration



Nice



Malcolm Bennett <mac11215@aol.com>

Sat, Jun 22,
2019, 10:04
PM

to me

Presentation with Congresswoman Waters



Our Dad's Life Story

Malcolm Nathaniel Bennett, a visionary entrepreneur, and real estate pioneer, transitioned from labor to reward on July 21, 2021, surrounded by members of his beloved family. Malcolm was born to the late Ardella and Joseph Arthur Bennett Sr. on June 29, 1947, in Selma, Alabama. While Malcolm and his brother Joseph Jr. were young children, the Bennett family joined The Great Migration and relocated to Los Angeles, California. He received his early education in the Los Angeles school system, graduating from Susan Miller Dorsey High School in 1965. He later enrolled in Los Angeles City College and California State University, Los Angeles, where he studied Business Management. In 1972, Malcolm married Carolyn Marie Whigham, from this union two children, Steveland Lemar and Kara Lynn were born.

Malcolm's affinity for entrepreneurship began early in his career. He owned and operated the International Glass Company. In 1976, Malcolm and Carolyn formed Bennett & Bennett Associates, a Property Management Company. Less than a decade later, Malcolm expanded the company's offerings and changed its name to International Realty & Investments and served as its Owner & CEO. Malcolm was also a Realtor®, licensed broker, and licensed contractor, with more than 40 years of experience in management, sales and acquisition of income producing properties. He was regarded as a knowledgeable professional in his industry and testified before Congressional committees in Washington, D.C., as an expert witness.

Malcolm (affectionately known as Mr. B.) was not only dedicated to building his business, but he also wanted to contribute to the success of others in his field. He founded the Minority Apartment Owners Association (MAOA) in 1987 and served as its President. Malcolm also held the office of President for the Inglewood Rental Property Owners Association (IRPOA). In 1994, he was inducted into the Congressional Hall of Records for outstanding Community Service. He held positions as the President of the Los Angeles County Board of Realtors® and Regional Vice President for the National Apartment Association (NAA).

During the last economic downturn in 2007-2008, Malcolm served as the State Court Receiver for several local Banks as well as the City of Los Angeles. He served as a Receiver for the nationally known Dunbar Hotel, a state and national Historical-Designated Property. After being released as a Receiver, he continued to manage properties for the City of Los Angeles. In addition, Malcolm also served as a Receiver for other properties in Riverside County, Orange County, San Bernardino County and San Diego County.

Before his untimely passing Malcolm served as the Chair of the Property Management Forum for the National Association of Realtors (NAR), Chair of Property Management of the Investment Housing Committee for the California Association of Realtors (CAR), and the 2020 President of the Apartment Association of California Southern Cities (AACSC) in Long Beach. In addition, Malcolm was appointed twice to serve on the Los Angeles County Tax Appeals Board by two different Los Angeles County Supervisors. He served the board as both member and President and at the time of his passing was serving under Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

Malcolm's community involvement spanned beyond real estate. He served four-year terms on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the South-Central Los Angeles Regional Center for the Disabled (SCLARC) and two terms as President for the Crippled Children Society. Malcolm was also a devoted member of First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles (F.A.M.E.), under the leadership of Reverend J. Edgar Boyd, Senior Pastor.

While Malcolm was dedicated to his work, he also loved to celebrate. He always welcomed the opportunity to commemorate an occasion or toast to someone's success with a glass of champagne. Malcolm loved his family. He enjoyed traveling to different cities to meet his daughter for what they called "mini" vacations. Their last trip was to Scottsdale, Arizona in June of this year, and they had plans to travel to New Orleans in August of 2022. Shortly before his passing he had the opportunity to meet his three beautiful granddaughters.

Malcolm was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Ardella and Joseph Arthur Bennett Sr., and his brother, Joseph Arthur Bennett Jr. He is survived by his two children, son, Steveland Lemar Whigham, daughter, Kara Lynn Whigham (Sonya), granddaughters, Sloane, Autumn, and Willow Whigham, nephew, Christopher Bennett and nieces Celeste M. Hall, and Angela Hall, former brother-in-law and dear friend Lemar C. Whigham (Evon) and a host of dear friends. His staff at International Realty & Investments in Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, the entire Real Estate and Rental Property Management Communities and numerous Associations where he served as a faithful member, his Church Family, the surrounding Communities, and a host of friends.

Order of Service

Welcome Terrence Payne
Vice President, Friends of South Central Los Angeles Regional Center

Opening Prayer Rev. Lori Gay, Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles

Musical Selection..... “God Provides” - (Tamala Mann) sung by Yvette Andrews-Mitchell

Moments of Reflection.....Maxine Waters
U.S. Representative for California's 43rd congressional district

Musical Selection..... “Unforgettable” - (Nat King Cole) sung by Yvette Andrews-Mitchell

Moments of Reflection..... Ivy Goolsby, Director, International Realty Investment

Musical Selection..... “Hero” - (Mariah Carey) played by J. Boykin

Reading of Obituary..... Beverly Morgan, Drifter’s Member & Friend of Malcolm

Expressions of Love.....Malcolm’s Children

Departing Prayer & Blessing of Food..... Rev. J. Edgar Boyd
Senior Pastor First American Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles

Closing Remarks Dexter Henderson
CEO of South Central Los Angeles Regional Center and Dear friend of Malcolm

Music..... “Just Love by Brian Courtney Wilson”

Interment
Private





I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

Words of Mr. Malcolm N. Bennett

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"Our residents rely on us"

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God Bless Mac

