



George V. Nock

March 4, 1946 - November 22, 2020

George Nock, former running back with the New York Jets and Washington Redskins was destined early in life to become an artist. His has been a fascinating career – from maneuvering his powerful torso, to swift moves on the Gridiron, to positioning his big, strong hands to delicately mold objects of intricacy and perfection. Nock has distinguished himself among the greatest sculptors of the twentieth through twenty-first century, due to an intrinsic ability to capture with versatility highly original bronzes reflecting life’s experiences. The brawny, broad-shouldered ex-athlete found his real victory in shaping exquisite sculpture. Inspired by junior high school teachers, one a sculptor, the other a painter, the multi- talented Nock etched, sketched, sculpted and painted throughout high school – amid stellar performance on the basketball court and football field. In 1964, on a sports scholarship, the mild-mannered jock attended Morgan State University, where he majored in Psychology. By 1969 he had been drafted by the New York Jets. “The team would be going over game strategy in the training facility in Shea Stadium, and one would find Nock working on preliminary drawings for sculptures.

After 5 years in the NFL, Nock retired. A natural instinct to eye a field and to scheme an entire play transformed fluidly -- to the ability to look at a clump of clay and envision a masterpiece. Whereas, immediate productivity was

demanding on the playing field, the average sculpture required 2-7 months of labor to complete. Yet, the euphoria of the vision —the creativity poured into the 3- dimensional structure — exceeds the thrill or rush one feels in running a touch down, Nock maintains. In fact, his first bronze cast "ScatBack" depicted his very playing position -- a running back. "I knew all the mechanics of the moves – so I was inspired to recreate them in 3-D." Nock's admiration of the human form and firsthand knowledge of the feats it can achieve is spectacularly recognized in the compelling realism of his work.

Through hands-on practice, Nock devoted his life to the creation of realistic figures in bronze. His bronzes seem to embody a definite feeling of respect and passion regardless of vast subject matter. Much of Nock's work is derived from some indelible experience stored in the crevices of his mind. Whether sculpting a figure from world history, a forgotten people, or a famed athlete Nock possesses the uncanny ability to capture the essence of his subject with a characteristic pose or expression. Perhaps it's Nock's early coursework in psychology that comes into play, leaving us with the feel that his bronze works are more than mere representations – but lifelike intimate glimpses into the very core of who his images are.

"I feel a responsibility to breathe life into untold stories, usually women, the culture bearers of any society. Oftentimes my subject will be African-Americans, whose way of life seems to have remained in touch with their heritage. One can still observe many of our traditions and ways of times past. Our history is reflected in our faces." -George Nock

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Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - November 30, 2020 at 10:36 PM

DM

May God comfort you and give you peace during this difficult time. Dr. Dolores E. Lee McCabe (Aunt DeeDee)

Dolores McCabe - December 02, 2020 at 11:59 AM

DA

May God continue to bless and keep the family of George Nock in comforting peace. God blessed us to always be reminded that He sent a gifted servant to this world who left treasures of uplifting beauty that we can reflect upon, during these trying times. His spirit will live on, "Forever in our Hearts"

David L Anderson - December 02, 2020 at 12:54 PM

GS

George you will be so greatly missed. We will cherish the great times, laughter, and conversations and memories. Love Greg and Debbie Sears

gregory/ debbie sears - December 02, 2020 at 01:00 PM

BN

When I walked on the football field at Morgan in 1967 as a Left Running Back, I was totally amazed at the starter at that position. Not only was he talented, his physical stature reminded me of the "He Man" action figure toys that were so popular at that time. When I made the traveling team, I would often find myself just staring and watching every move George made, because I wanted so much to be like him. I remember one instance when I was laying on a bunk bed just watching George, and he looked up and we made eye contact. He just looked up and smiled, never saying a word, but he communicated to me to "just hang in there, and my day would come". We've been close friends ever since. I've made a point to find him at every homecoming since to share a few words. I'm really going to miss seeing you at Homecoming, but I know you're in a "Better Place"! Rest in Peace my Teammate and Friend!

Gene Neal - #48

B. Eugene Neal - December 02, 2020 at 01:15 PM

LP

Mary I am so sorry for your loss. He was an incredible and artistic man.

Lavern "Doc" Powell - December 02, 2020 at 01:41 PM

GB

I never had an opportunity to to have met brother Nock, but, we both sweated, bledd, cried tears for lota... I am without doubt that he was a great, genuine and upstanding,son, father and husband. May our father embrace you on his ever loving arms and bless you with his ever lasting love.

Georg Brown - December 07, 2020 at 10:01 PM

CR

“ I am just learning of George's passing; I am so sorry! I am a Morganite, Class of 1970, and a former art dealer who communicated with George on many occasions at the Atlanta Black Art's Festival and other art gatherings. I have always been an admirer of his art and sculptures, and many talents. His legacy will live forever.

Cassandra Williams Rush, Arts & Expressions, Columbia, SC 1990 - 2010.

C Williams Rush Museum of African-American Arts & Culture, Kingstree, SC 2010- Present

Cassandra Williams Rush - May 24, 2023 at 09:23 PM

BP

“ Oh my!!!! I just told my 5 year old great niece I'm willing his art to her and she was so excited. He was such a light when I purchased his art. My true and sincere condolences to the family, he was an angel on earth.

boshjacksons place - July 11, 2021 at 08:49 PM

MA

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. My name is Michael Artson and I was an art dealer from 1990-2000 in Woodbridge, VA. I met George on the show circuit where vendors followed Black Expos and black professional organizations’s annual events to sell art. I spent time with George in California, New Orleans, Orlando, Chicago and New York to name a few places. Although I sold art, I was not a trained artist and George taught me a lot about sculpture. He also shared wisdom about being a professional athlete.

On the road we shared some great laughs and food. There is one particular food incident I will always remember. We had just finished a long day at the NYC Black Expo in the Jacob Javits Center. After securing our art and leaving the building, we discussed dinner plans. George and Mercer Redcross, who owned October Gallery in Philadelphia, suggested Sylvia’s Harlem restaurant. The last time I ate at Sylvia’s, I was not impressed with the food and refused their offer. George convinced me to reconsider and we all piled into Mercer’s car and headed to Harlem for dinner at Sylvia’s. I am so glad George talked me into going that night as the food was spectacular.

The last time I saw George I did not get a chance to speak to him. It was at a Morgan State University (MSU) homecoming game . At the end of the game, they recognized George for his creation of the Legends Plaza. After the game, I visited the site and listened to the various alumni critique George’s work. As a longtime friend, I knew this was the type of project he always wanted. Creating and installing a tribute to two legendary football coaches at his alma mater allowed him to aesthetically enhance the MSU campus forever.

Praying for your Strength and Peace

Michael Artson - December 02, 2020 at 06:41 PM

SW

“ *The art world is going to miss you. It will not be the same.*

Samuel L Williams - December 02, 2020 at 05:28 PM

DH

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Daniel Henson - December 02, 2020 at 05:08 PM

BL

“ *Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. Please let me know what I can do to honor George. I will be in touch. Deepest sympathies.*
Bill E. Leavell

Bill E Leavell - December 02, 2020 at 01:34 PM

DI

“ George was my classmate from Morgan State University. We had several classes together, that the memory made me laugh while viewing his virtual service today. Two of which were German and Anatomy & Physiology. We were all silly teens, and George and other football team members would mark the German teacher in her face, and the A & P teacher would slam the door the minute they ran from across the campus to be to the class on time...I would see George when he exhibited his outstanding art work at the Art Scape in Baltimore..I was also proud of him as the running back for the NY Jets, and the Washington Redskins..Sending my Sincere Condolences and Prayers to the Nock's family. He will most certainly be missed, especially at Baltimore's Art Scape.
God Bless

Dr. Estella Ingram-Levy

Dr. Estella Ingram-Levy - December 02, 2020 at 12:55 PM

EJ

“ Mary, I was so sorry to hear that George had passed. He was a great man and loved by all who knew him. You may remember me, I was the only Iota to stop by the Timbuktu Restaurant when the Pied Pipers were having a "private" lunch with their wives during the 50th Anniversary weekend in Baltimore. You gave me your Business Card and you met my wife Cynthia at several Morgan Homecomings at the Iota tent and the Gala.
I know you will always cherish fond memories of George. If possible, can you send me George's Funeral Program.
Edgar Johnson, 13604 Hebron Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774

Edgar A. Johnson - December 02, 2020 at 12:53 PM

Chris
Paige

“ *Sending love and light to the entire family. It's so hard to be grieving in this pandemic, too far from one another. I pray you will feel the comfort of so many who love you.* ”



Chris Paige - December 02, 2020 at 12:46 PM

RH

“ *We were teammates since high school (Ben Franklin, North Philadelphia), Afterwards we attended Morgan State. I was never that good as an athlete. But George always encouraged me. For myself and my family: he was a blessing. He is truly missed.* ”

Ralph E. Hawkins - December 02, 2020 at 12:45 PM

GS

“ *Gertrude Stones lit a candle in memory of George V. Nock* ”



Gertrude Stones - December 02, 2020 at 12:44 PM

LL

“ *George You were a Big Brother to Me and I'll treasure Our conversations laughs and kidding. I think often of Our times in Atlanta , here in Maryland and in Jamaica! What a Life well lived.* ”

Lloyd Chet Lewis - December 02, 2020 at 12:40 PM

LF

“ Dear Mary,

You and your family are in my thoughts as you grieve this loss of George. I'm sending all my love your way. Linda Moore-Figueroa

LINDA MOORE FIGUEROA - December 02, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JB

“ Mary and family,

We are praying for you, sympathizing in your loss, sharing your grief, and offering a helping hand when and where needed. 🕊️

Jan and Tyrone Bryant 🙏🙏

Janet Bryant - December 02, 2020 at 12:26 PM

EM

“ My deepest Condolences to the family during this time. George was a good friend of mine. I use to stop by his shop in Lawrenceville & Stone Mountain to chop it up with him as well as purchase artwork from him. We really enjoyed each others company during our monthly meetings of the NFLPA. From one NYJ Legend to another, "Nock Nock" will truly be missed by me! RIP "Nock Nock." Job well done!

*Respectfully,
Erik "Emac" McMillan*

Erik C McMillan - December 02, 2020 at 12:16 PM

SR

George made the journey to our Father house blessings to you Mary he was a great friend soon and very soon we're going to see the king Steve Reese

steve Reese - December 02, 2020 at 04:21 PM

RD

“ To the Lowe Nock family With Heartfelt sympathy, we the Pinkett family wish your family strength in these difficult days and hoping that with time, peace will heal and comfort your hearts.
Love the Pinkett family

Remell Pinkett Douglas - December 02, 2020 at 12:05 PM

FN

“ Mary and family,
I am praying for your comfort and peace, now and in the days ahead!
Faye Nock

Faye M. Nock - December 02, 2020 at 11:46 AM

MT

“ Mr. George thank you for opening your heart and your home to my husband and me. The time spent is forever etched in our memory and our hearts. Ms. Mary, stand with you today and always. We are praying for your peace and comfort. May you be wrapped in the tender love and care of our Heavenly Father. Love Always. - Terry and Michelle Tindall and Family

Michelle Teralisa Tindall - December 02, 2020 at 11:46 AM

PW

“ Patricia Way lit a candle in memory of George V. Nock



Patricia Way - December 02, 2020 at 11:13 AM

PW

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Uncle George you were always the biggest smile in the room. Your kind hearted personality always stood out. We love you and will miss you greatly. R.I.P. .
Darin & Patricia Way & Family

Patricia Way - December 02, 2020 at 11:11 AM

SN

“ Standing with you today Mary if only in spirit
❤️



Sandra Nock - December 02, 2020 at 11:03 AM

FB

“ Frederick Blow
My condolences to the family of my dear friend. I was shocked to read the newspaper to learn that he had passed. I met George at MSU and we quickly became close friends. He was always there for me and my young family. I have fond memories of our times together when I traveled to NYC to see him play when he was with the Jets and will always cherish those moments. I followed him as he grew as a artist and saw how he excelled as a sculptor. Although. we would usually see each other once or twice a year, it was good to spend that time catching up. He will be surly missed.



Frederick Blow - December 02, 2020 at 10:54 AM

KA

“ Rest peacefully Mr. Nock. Thank you for the kindness you showed me 30 years ago. My prayers of comfort for your family and your friends.

Kay



Kay - December 02, 2020 at 10:47 AM

RG

“ George, from the time we met, I always said that you were “good people”. We were a great team and it’s going to be difficult to fill the void going forward. Let it be know however, we will keep on keeping on, while you’ve gone to a deserved rest. We will keep the memories that we shared alive in our hearts and minds and your masterful works front and center. Much love ❤️ my brother.

Richard L Gant - December 02, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of George V. Nock.



December 02, 2020 at 09:24 AM

MR

“ More than fifty six years of friendship...and gone in a blink of the eye. George was the kind of friend that everyone should have. His talent was authentic, whether on the field or with a brush, his personality was comforting, and his smile and laugh were huge. George will be greatly missed and his art will be an ever present reminder of a gentle soul. May his family find a way to heal their fractured hearts.

Muriel White Roberts

Muriel White Roberts - December 02, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George V. Nock.



December 01, 2020 at 01:53 PM

CH

“ Mary, please accept our prayers and deepest condolences. George was a good friend. We met years ago at the National Black Arts Festival and remained close since then. We will miss his creative spirit, his exceptional artistic talent, energy and sense of humor. It seems like only yesterday that we were at his new studio making future plans. May God be with you at this time of loss. We will miss him so much, but his legacy will live on.

Joyce and Curtis Halyard at Heritage.

Curtis Halyard - December 01, 2020 at 12:25 PM

RN

“ Royce And Glenda Neal lit a candle in memory of George V. Nock



Royce and Glenda Neal - November 30, 2020 at 06:11 PM

KM

“ Kelvin and Merilyn Henderson, Suitland, Maryland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George V. Nock.



Kelvin and Merilyn Henderson, Suitland, Maryland - November 30, 2020 at 04:16 PM

BT

“ The eye of an artist matches his spirit! George was truly a gifted, spirited, and compassionate person. He embodied the fullness of life in his smile and laughter. As we honor his life and work, his legacy shall remain in our hearts. My deepest condolences to Mary, the entire Nock family, the arts and NFL communities. - Brenda M. Tillman, author and fellow artist

Brenda "BMichelle" Tillman - November 30, 2020 at 05:50 AM

FN

“ Faye Nock purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of George V. Nock.



Faye Nock - November 29, 2020 at 06:15 PM

EF

“ *Expression of sympathy for your family.
May your memories console you and may God sustain you with his
precious promise to someday soon reunite us with our love ones.
Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - November 28, 2020 at 10:48 AM

DF

“ *Mary, please accept my condolences, I am so happy that you and
George were able to spend some time with us, and it was then, that
I got to know George. I will always remember this smile and
kindness and the great breakfast that he cooked. You and the rest of
the family will be in my prayers. Take care of yourself.*

Deloris Fields-Jones - November 27, 2020 at 01:04 PM

AL

“ *George Nock possessed a great personality and kind spirit. He
loved everyone and everyone loved him. His friends, the Brother's
of Iota Phi Theta and the entire Morgan State University community
will miss him. We wii think of him whenever we walk across that
campus. I thank the Lord for his friendship.*

Art Lawson - November 27, 2020 at 05:24 AM

LM

“ *LTC David F. Mack & Linda Mack purchased the
Enchanted Cottage for the family of George V.
Nock.*



LTC David F. Mack & Linda Mack - November 26, 2020 at
11:05 AM

DI

“ I was so saddened to have heard of the transition of my fellow Morganite and Classmate, George Nock. We had several classes together during our tenure at Morgan. He was such a respectable nice person. The last time I saw, and talked with him was at the ArtScape in Baltimore City. Sending my Sincere Condolences and Prayers to the Nock's family.
May God Bless all of you during this your time of bereavement.

Dr. Estella Ingram-Levy, Class of 1970 (MSU)

Dr. Estella Ingram-Levy - November 25, 2020 at 11:14 PM

JH

“ I loved George Nock as a fraternity brother and as a friend. He took the time to show concern when I was going through some personal physical problems. He was an amazing man with talent that was god given and god driven. We both matriculated at Morgan State College and Morgan State University about a decade apart but nevertheless seeing his art in home gave me strength and I will always take my friendship with George Nock with me the remainder of my days here on earth.

Joseph Hall - November 25, 2020 at 07:51 PM

IS

“ I'll always cherish the fond memories of George! It was August 1964 at Morgan State College where we met as freshmen attempting to become members and players on the Morgan football team! We later met up in Baldwin Hall, that famous freshman college dormitory, where I and several other teammates, along with George began to bond and form an unbreakable lasting friendship! This friendship was later developed into Brotherhood as we became brothers of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, along with other teammates! This friendship and brotherhood has lasted for more than fifty-five years! I thank God for allowing me the opportunity of knowing this wonderful and talented man! Rest In Peace My Teammate, My Friend, My Brother! Without a Doubt, CHAMP, we will meet again!

Ike Jackson 17A67

isaac jackson sr - November 25, 2020 at 06:06 PM

EH

“ I first met George in 1964 at Morgan State College. We became friends and fraternity brothers of Iota Phi Theta. George was truly an amazing person and nothing he excelled at was a surprise. I am truly blessed to have the pleasure of knowing him, being in his presence for over 55 years and calling him my brother. Rest In Peace oh Gentle Giant. 19A67

Earl J. Holmes - November 25, 2020 at 02:07 PM