

June is National African American Music Appreciation Month

Remembering two Ohio Players band mates



Clarence "Satch Satchell"

"Satch," as he was known, was a one time leader in the funk, soul and blues band the Ohio Players in which he played both saxophone and flute. He was a charismatic leader and helped to create the 1975 No. 1 gold record Fire and the 1976 second No. 1 gold record Love Rollercoaster.

He was born in Cleveland in 1940 but had lived in Dayton for 40 years. He graduated from Roosevelt High School, Class of 1959 and then attended Tennessee State University.

He was the leader and organizer of the Ohio Players and later Satch & Co. He produced the funk band Faze-O and started his own record label, SHE Records.



Ralph "Pee Wee" Middlebrooks

Born in 1939, Ralph Middlebrooks was a trumpeter and trombonist with the Ohio Players. The band had four gold singles, three gold and three platinum albums. The bands first big hit was a single called "Funky Worm", which reached No. 1 on the Billboard R & B chart in 1973. In 2013, the Ohio Players were inducted into the inaugural class of the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame.

During the late 1950s, Middlebrooks along with Satchell were members of a group called the Ohio Untouchables which toured as Wilson Pickett's backup band. When this band broke up in 1966, Satchell, Middlebrooks and Marshall Jones recruited several musicians to form the new band Ohio Players.

Clarence G. Satchell died on December 30, 1995 from a brain aneurysm at the age of 55. He is located in Section 308 Lot 2.

Ralph Middlebrooks died on October 13, 1996 at the age of 57. He is located in Section 301 Lot 94.

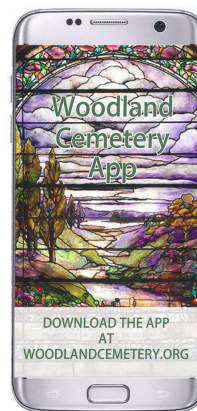
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