

WAYNE

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often visited different people's houses during Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's.

I started playing on some of the local Black leagues in my last year of junior high at Betty Lou's field and the Thomas' baseball field. We all played. My uncle umpired a lot.

I didn't date much in high school. I met my wife and that was it! We were at a party on Lee Street at Dwight Thomas' house. I was getting my coat, turned and we just looked at each other and that was it. I asked her if she remembered when we first saw each other and that was it. I asked her out later. We got married in 1979 — six years after I graduated. We got married at the Kynett Methodist Church in La Grange.

I didn't start playing basketball until seventh grade and played through high school. I didn't play football, but I did run track and cross country. I got a scholarship to play baseball at KSU but I ended up with a basketball scholarship at Sue Bennett College in London, Ky. The coach at Sue Bennett talked with Coach Coffee. We had a pretty good high school team — Gary Roberts, Dale Morgan, Bubbie Cook, Craig Ratsliff, Dereck Brown and Jimmy Williams.

Sue Bennett was a small junior college, and my coach was Bob New. It was a nice place and Coach always said to come over to his house if we were hungry or needed something. I majored in education and was going into teaching like my wife, so I went to EKU where she was. I didn't graduate from EKU and decided I wanted to go someplace different. Darlene wanted to travel as well so I enlisted in the Army.

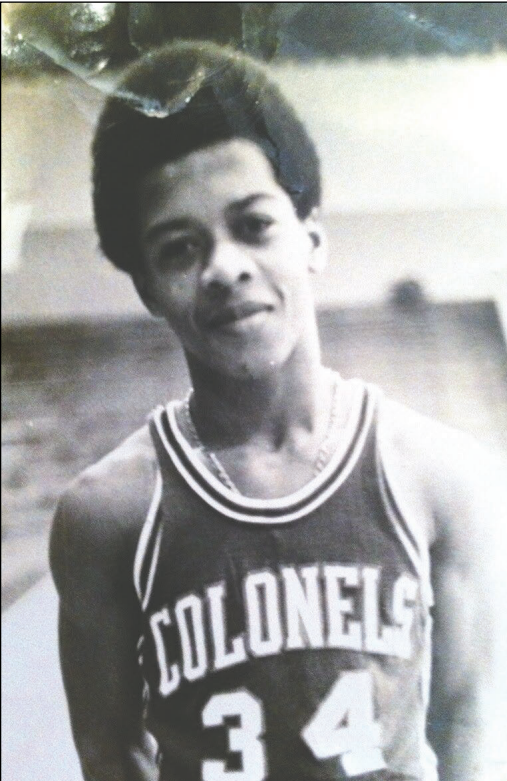
We had our first son, Marques, in 1976. Then our son, Jeremy was born in 1980 and our daughter, Schuronda was born in 1981. Our first tour of duty was at Ft. Hood, Texas. I was doing office things, accountability, evaluation, keeping people in formation, review and personal type stuff. From Ft. Hood we went to Hawaii for three years. Darlene had teaching jobs when we moved.

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Family photo

Wayne Elzy smiles for a grade school photo.



Family photo

Wayne Elzy played basketball at OCHS with Gary Roberts, Dale Morgan, Bubbie Cook, Craig Ratsliff, Dereck Brown and Jimmy Williams.



Family photo

From left, the Elzy family is pictured, Marques, Darlene, Wayne, Shuronda and Jeremy.

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did that about a year and a half, then worked on the air force base and processed people as they came in.

My family loved Hawaii. We asked for another tour of duty in Hawaii but they said no. We had a group of friends with kids the same age as ours, so we really wanted to stay. So, after we packed everything up and Darlene resigned from her job, they said we could stay but Darlene said no, we already packed everything up to we moved on to Pennsylvania. I was in a bomb disposal unit in Pennsylvania. We answered most calls off base. You would be surprised how people might have grenades; some left over from WWII. People that were in the service had explosives. Families find this stuff when they might be cleaning up an old relative's home, stuff like that.

Our final assignment was Ft. Richardson Alaska. We moved there in January 1989. We stayed until summer of 2022. I did a three-year tour there and the army told me I needed to find another assignment. They sent me to Ft. Dix in New Jersey. When the family got there, they didn't like it and wanted to go back to Alaska to



Family photo

From left, are siblings Mitchell, Nadine, Toni, Rodney and Wayne Elzy.

live. So, they did and was able to get assigned back to Alaska during my last year of duty and retired. Then I started working for the Army as a civilian for almost 20 years. I was in the Army almost 22 years and then worked as a civilian almost 17 years. Darlene kept teaching in Alaska until she retired.

Our whole family loved Alaska, even though it was cold and dark during the winter months. There is a lot of snow which helps reflect moonlight so it is not as dark as you would think during the winter. The boys played football, basketball and baseball and Schuronda did cheerleading, baton twirling and dance. The kids made friends quick and liked being in the military.

They always had so many types of things to do in Alaska. They had a big Juneteenth Celebration there. We didn't even know there were a whole lot of Blacks in Alaska. People are so friendly and open there — both on base and downtown. We did a

lot of fishing. When my in-laws visited, we took them to cabins and took them boating and fishing. My daughter caught a 65 lb. halibut on that trip.

I went bear hunting one time. We went out into heavy brush, looking for a bear. I didn't have a gun! Really you are try-

ing to sneak up on them. I didn't know at the time! Well, we didn't see any bears so the guy said we can go to another spot and I said, do you go by my house to get there? And he said yes, so I let him let me off at my house! I didn't do any more hunting after that.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Light cavalry
- 5. Coconut palms
- 10. Rounded knob
- 14. Central Japan city
- 15. Sandwiches
- 16. Shape produced by a curve
- 17. Ancient region in modern-day Syria
- 18. French modernist painter
- 19. Grandmother
- 20. Mammary gland of cattle
- 22. Rocky peak
- 23. Secret plan
- 24. Songs to one's lover
- 27. More (Spanish)
- 30. Father
- 31. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 32. Ballplayer's accessory
- 35. Together
- 37. A person's brother or sister
- 38. Evil spirit
- 39. Monetary units
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. About Sun
- 42. Group of like-minded people
- 43. After B
- 44. Seaside room
- 45. Recipe measurement
- 46. Partly digested food
- 47. Flat-faced dog
- 48. People of southern Africa
- 49. Salts
- 52. Beard lichens
- 55. Sanders is one
- 56. Fencing sword
- 60. Ethnic group of Albania
- 61. Metric weight unit
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Longtime late night host
- 65. Extremely angry
- 66. Miami mascot
- 67. Mid-month day
- 68. Marked for omission
- 69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Fat from a pig's abdomen
- 3. Romanian city
- 4. Specifies
- 5. Rounded, glaciated valley
- 6. Spoke
- 7. Collection of sacred books
- 8. Extravagantly theatrical
- 9. Very fast airplane
- 10. Forearm bones
- 11. Ancient kingdom
- 12. Legitimate: ___ fide
- 13. Semitransparent gemstone
- 21. Counsels
- 23. Head honcho
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Touch lightly
- 27. Extract money via taxation
- 28. Dyes
- 29. Cloying sweetness
- 32. Sodas
- 33. Coastal village in Guam
- 34. Chemical ring
- 36. The bill in a restaurant
- 37. Car mechanics group
- 38. One-time presidential candidate Dole
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Wise persons
- 43. Passage with access at one end
- 44. Make a wound
- 46. America's spies
- 47. Roof of the mouth
- 49. Plants of the lily family
- 50. Pinkish-red color
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Mottled citrus fruit
- 53. A place to store garden tools
- 54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
- 57. Popular Hollywood pig
- 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. A move exposing one to danger
- 61. Historic Spanish soldier
- 62. CNN's founder

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