Tribute to Rudy Nimocks Sr.
1929 – 2021

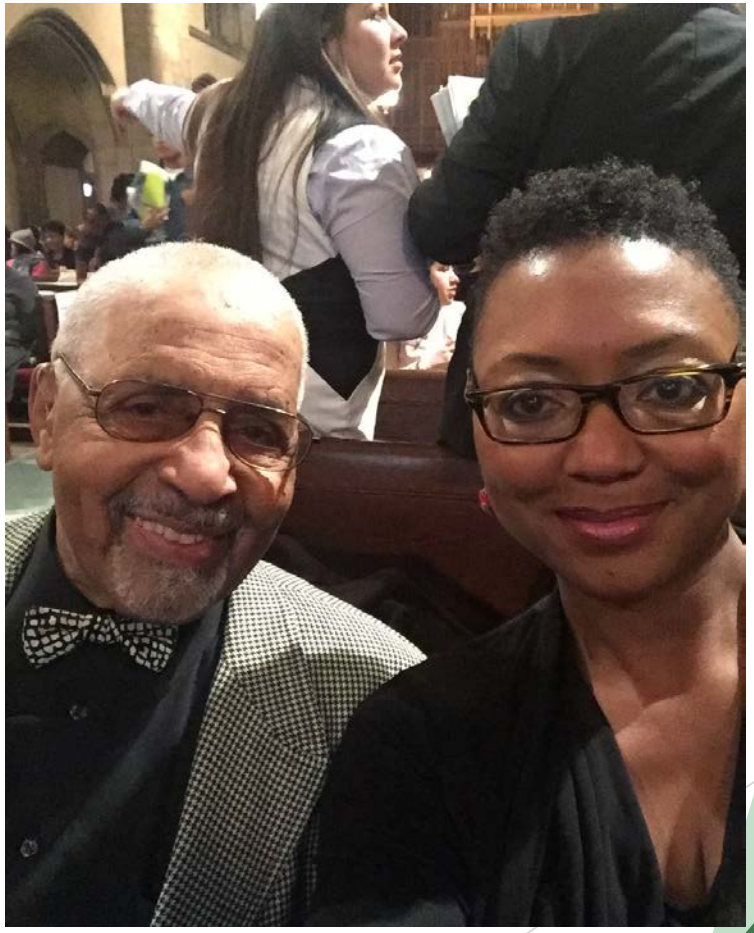
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Timika Hoffman-Zoller

Rudy was a dear friend. We met when I worked for him at UCPD. He was such a wonderful person and a true class act.

Years ago, I recruited Rudy to serve on the board of the HPKCC where his contributions were plenty. Rudy served on multiple boards and has always given back to the community.

2 years ago I was fortunate to interview Rudy for an hour in his home for the Hyde Park Historical Society's Oral History Committee. Once the video is edited and everything is transcribed I will share it with you.



Gary Ossewaarde

I first met Rudy in person about the middle of his long and distinguished service as Chief of the University of Chicago Police Department, where he always worked to professionalize the service and for respectful and responsible relations with and amidst the University and communities. He was equally devoted to Woodlawn, where he lived, as to HPK and Bronzeville. Rudy was a great socializer and raconteur. He worked to bring organizations together for common causes, whether it was in Woodlawn, Greater Hyde Park Kiwanis, South East Chicago Commission, or HPKCC. He reached out to connect these organizations with youth and others in need, particularly in continuing the legacy of Larry Hawkins with the Chicago Youth Program and with the UC summer programs for at-risk youth.

I will always remember the bi-monthly Kiwanis board brunches at the Lakeside motel.

Louise McCurry

Rudy believed that educating community children living in poverty and having them mentored by U of C faculty was the way to achieve some measure of equity. He organized winter Saturday classes and summer school programs for our poorest community kids. He never hesitated to ask me for money, soccer scholarships, to teach a class, or lead a tour for his students. Rudy kept the U of C safe by day and inspired and educated the least able and impoverished kids in the surrounding communities on weekends and summer. Rudy was my community organizing hero !!

Rudy understood the importance of community engagement , so he engaged the whole community. He was on multiple community committees and member of many organizations. He was always measured but hopeful in his responses to issues.

Fylynne Crawford

My husband, Darryl and I met Rudy through his service to the community. His leadership of the UC Police Department came with real and significant changes that benefit the community to this day. We worked with him as board members of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference where he served for many years even as he battled illness. I also worked with him as a member of the Hyde Park Kiwanis Club. His dedication to the Hyde Park community and to Chicago at large was obvious and will be greatly missed.

Rest in Peace, Rudy. Your work is done.

Anita R. Hollins

Rudy Nimocks was an asset and inspiration to the HPKCC board of directors. He was a wealth of knowledge and highly supportive during his tenure on the board.

Joy Clendenning

I so appreciated Mr. Nimocks' dedication to the community, commitment to the HPKCC, and especially that we could disagree but continue the conversation about fundamental neighborhood issues. RIP Mr. Nimocks.