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A goodbye to McArthur Myers

“ Few people loved Alexandria as much as McArthur Myers, who wanted Alexandria’s complete history told, ‘the good and the bad,’ as he often said. ”

Historic Alexandria was saddened by the Dec. 4 passing of McArthur Myers. “Mac,” as many people who knew him, was both a witness to and a custodian of Alexandria’s history from the middle of the 20th century through the first quarter of this century.

He was famous for his quote, “Alexandria: one city, many stories.” Few people did as much to bring those stories to other Alexandrians than Mac.

In honor of Mac’s desire for people to do something to make Alexandria better, the Office of Historic Alexandria and the African American Heritage Trail Committee, on which Myers served, invite the public to join in a week of remembrance. Through Sunday, we invite the public to place bouquets at the 23 historical markers that MacArthur Myers championed.

Readers can find the locations of those signs at tinyurl.com/mcarthur-myers.

Few people loved Alexandria as much as McArthur Myers, who wanted Alexandria’s complete history told, “the good and the bad,” as he often said. Two of his many efforts to share that complete history were the two waterfront trails that memorialized the history of Black Alexandrians over the course of centuries.

Other projects that Mac helped bring to reality were the annual memorials for Benjamin Thomas and Joseph McCoy, the two recorded lynching victims in Alexandria, new historic interpretation signs in the Alexandria African American Heritage Park and two granite benches in the city commemorating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Myers also played a key role



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MacArthur Myers leading the 2022 Joseph McCoy Remembrance.

in the realization of two state historic highway markers, one on Third Baptist Church, and the other on Universal Lodge No. 1, the oldest Prince Hall Lodge in Virginia.

Alexandria will miss you, Mac!

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