

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Crain Woods

PERSON

Woods, Crain, 1932-2017

Alternative Names: Crain Woods;

Life Dates: December 14, 1932-March 5, 2017

Place of Birth: Due West, South Carolina, USA

Residence: Myrtle Beach, SC

Occupations: High School Teacher; City Council
Member

Biographical Note

Educator and politician Crain Woods was born in Due West, South Carolina, on December 14, 1932. The youngest son of a farmer and a housewife, Woods attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, following his graduation from high school. Woods earned a B.S. in 1957, and later returned to school, attending South Carolina State University for an M.S. in education and graduating in 1970.

After earning his bachelor's degree, Woods began his teaching career in 1959 in the Clarendon County Department of Education, where he was a teacher and a coach. Three years later, Woods was hired by the Horry County Department of Education, where he served as a teacher and school administrator. Woods continued on with Horry County until his retirement. In 1994, Woods became involved in the city government of Myrtle Beach after winning a City Council seat, and served as a city councilman until 2002.

Woods remains active with the local government today, serving on the Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel Corporation board of directors and the All Aboard Committee, which is taking measures to have the Myrtle Beach railroad station placed in the National Registry of Historic Places. Woods sits on the board of the Myrtle Beach Housing Authority. He has also been active with the Horry County chapter of the American Red Cross for more than twenty-five years and currently serves as chairman of the organization. Additionally, Woods is a charter member and sits on the board of the Children's Museum of South Carolina. Woods and his wife, Julia, have been married since 1959.

Woods passed away on March 5, 2017 at age 84.

Related Entries

South Carolina State University Lab School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.S.

Benedict College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.S.

Clarendon County Department of Education

[EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1959 to ?]

Teacher

Horry County Department of Education [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1962 to ?]

Teacher

Myrtle Beach City Council [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1994 to 2002]

Councilman

Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel Corporation
[MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Myrtle Beach Housing Authority [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Horry County Chapter of the American Red Cross
[MEMBEROF]
[from 1997 to ?]

Chairman

Children's Museum of South Carolina [MEMBEROF]
[from 2000 to 2003]

Charter member and Board Member