



Tribute to BILL PINKNEY, D.F.A. Hon.

"Like fine art, great music stays with us through the years to enjoy and to share."

A Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Legend and Rhythm & Blues Foundation Pioneer,

DR. BILL PINKNEY

of The Original Drifters, has joined the celestial choir. He was one of only a handful of Artists with a legitimate claim of helping to invent the Rock and Roll music genre.

From his work on seminal Atlantic sides starting in 1953 with "Money Honey", to his groundbreaking work as an advocate for Artists' rights and fair business practices, BILL PINKNEY has blazed one of the deepest and most unique trails in music history. Generations recognize his *basso profundo* on the 1954 version of "White Christmas" used in "Home Alone". With PINKNEY on lead, it is the all time best selling Drifters' song.

Music's Drifters represent more than the story of a single group's success. PINKNEY, honoring his promise to The Drifters' organizer Clyde McPhatter, kept alive with dignity the sounds of the 1950s for 54 rewarding years.

We also honor entertainment industry Living Legend PINKNEY as an American Treasure for his World War II service to our country, garnering him a Presidential Citation with five Bronze Stars, and as a Negro Baseball League sandlot pitcher.

As chronicled in "Drifters 1: Bill Pinkney", his life was full, truly blessed, and well lived. Bill Pinkney's Original Drifters will continue his great legacy with pride and respect.

"It is well!"

Maxine Porter
Manager/Partner

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