

# **Woodrow “Woody” Poitier Biography and Profile**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

**Woodrow Johnson Poitier, affectionately known as “Woody” was born November 5, 1947. He is a graduate of Blanche Ely High School, attended Morehouse College for 2 years and holds an Associate of Science in Mortuary Science from Miami-Dade College. Poitier is a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer at L.C. Poitier Funeral Home in Pompano Beach, Florida a company started by his parents, Llewellyn (L.C.) and Nellie Poitier, of which he has been entrusted to own and operate for over 48 years.**

**Woody Poitier has given relentless hours to the community as its local funeral director, a community activist and through his 24 years of dedicated service as a Pompano Beach Firefighter and Paramedic, where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. He is the first African American Firefighter for the City of Pompano Beach and a respected retired City Commissioner; having represented District 4 Pompano Beach Northwest Community for 6 years and 2 months. He was named Firefighter of the year in 1986.**

Poitier has a strong commitment to his community through the support of many local churches and organizations. He is a member and serves on the Trustee Board of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Poitier has also served as chairman of the Pompano Beach EMS Advisory Board, the Tiger Roar Club and the Blanche Ely High School Class of 1965 Alumni. In addition, Poitier has served as the Chairman of the Pompano Beach Housing Authority and was instrumental in providing new and affordable housing opportunities for the Northwest area of Pompano Beach. One of his celebrated projects is the Golden Acres Apartment which was introduced to accommodate low to moderate income families.

Poitier is a public servant and freely gives his time through various community activities while providing many services to help benefit his community. He has received numerous accolades and awards for his service. He attributes the respect of the community for entrusting him as its City Commissioner as one of his greatest honors. He is presently back on housing authority board as a member. He is also on the EMS advisory board for the City of Pompano Beach.

Woody Poitier is happily married to Cynthia Poitier for over 51 years. They have proudly raised their two children, Brion who is presently a Captain on Broward County Fire Rescue, and Stephanie who is up for position of Major in the Broward Sheriff's Department, and he has four wonderfully privileged grandchildren.

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### **PROFILE**

**Personal:**      **Age 75, Married 51 yrs. 2 children; 4 grandchildren.**

**Education:**    **Blanche Ely High School (diploma) Class of 1965**  
                         **Morehouse College (2 Years)**  
                         **Miami-Dade College, School of Mortuary Science (A.S.**  
                         **Degree, 1970)**

**Profession:**     **Retired Lieutenant, Paramedic & Firefighter, City of**  
                         **Pompano Beach (24 Years). Owner/Mgr. L. C. Poitier**  
                         **Funeral Home, Pompano Beach, Fl.**

**Political:**        **Retired City Commissioner, Dist.4 Pompano Beach, 6**  
                         **Years and 2 months.**

**Civic:**

**NW. Kiwanis Club (Member)**

**Tiger Roar Club (President)**

**Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Trustee Bd. Member**

**Pompano Beach Housing Authority Member**

**Pompano Beach EMS Advisory Board Member**