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GULLAH CELEBRATION

Event leader Charles Young III dies

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Charles "CY" Young III, a longtime leader of the Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration and other programs of the Native Islander Business and Community Affairs Association, died Thursday at his home on Hilton Head Island at age 70.



Charles Young III

"He got involved, and he tried to get other people involved," said his lifelong friend Veronica Miller.

He encouraged business ownership in the island's Gullah community and used the services offered through NIBCAA in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE and the Technical College of the Lowcountry to foster his own business, C&J Landscaping.

He was a deacon and chairman of the board of deacons at St. James Baptist Church.

He served on the board of the Mitchelville Preservation Project.

He was involved with the Arthur E. Wiley American Legion Post 42 on Hilton Head.

But his greatest love was the monthlong Gullah Celebration held each February for the past 21

Years on Hilton Head