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### **Short Bio**

#### **Noble V. Blackwell**

Noble V. Blackwell was educated in the Nashville school system, he attended Tennessee State University and served a tour of duty in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Noble's broadcast career started in high school when he was hired as a part-time disc-jockey at WVOL. He held various positions in Florida at WTMP in Tampa, and WFEC in Miami. He became very knowledgeable and developed skills to successfully operate a radio station. He returned to WVOL as a Sales Account Executive eventually being promoted to Assistant Sales Manager. When management refused to promote him to Manager he accepted a position at Meharry Medical College as the Executive Secretary and Director of Alumni Affairs. He was responsible for creating innovative fundraising programs for the sixty six million dollar expansion.

Under his production company NB Productions, Inc. He produced, hosted, and sold the commercial spots for the Night Train Late Night TV Show. The first black syndicated program by Viacom throughout the United States and abroad. The show was recorded at midnight at CBS affiliate WLAC-TV Channel 5 studios and featured local artists, highlighting prominent recording artists such as: Little Richard, Otis Redding, Jimmi Hendrix and Gladys Knight.

Noble was asked by the owner to return to WVOL after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. He was given the position of Vice President and General Manager to diffuse the angry mob who wanted to burn down the white owned radio station. Noble had a calm and respected voice, and he possessed the leadership skills required to convince those angry young men that the station was their voice, their connection to the community.

He continued to climb the CBS corporate ladder as the Director of Broadcasting responsible for full operations of WCAU-TV in Philadelphia. At CBS New York headquarters he was promoted to Division Director of Community Relations responsible for FCC compliance for all 5 CBS owned and operated TV stations: WCBS- NY; WCAU- Philadelphia; WBBM- Chicago; WMOX- St. Louis; KNXT- Los Angeles. He was then promoted as Director of Corporate Staff Services as the liaison Officer representing CBS to the community.

Noble returned to his first love as the Vice President and General Manager of WNJR radio in Newark, NJ. After all the major radio stations in the NY market refused to debut Sugar Hill Gang's Rapper's Delight it was Noble who approved commercializing the new genre of music now referred to as Hip Hop. Noble realized his dream in 1981 by purchasing WDCL- AM Contemporary Hit Radio format and WLSP Contemporary Country format in north Pennsylvania.

In the Twilight of his life Noble was dedicated to ministry. He served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board at Mt.Zion Baptist Church. He produced the TV show Urban Contemporary Gospel picked up by JME for syndication. Co-founder of Strategic Ministries Group, Inc .producing creative young adult events throughout the northeast. September 10, 1994 Noble departed this life to take his eternal rest with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.