

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Julian Bond

PERSON

Bond, Julian, 1940-

Alternative Names: The Honorable Julian Bond; Julian Bond;

Life Dates: January 14, 1940-August 15, 2015

Place of Birth: Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Residence: Washington, DC

Occupations: Civil Rights Activist; ;

Biographical Note

Civil rights activist, state representative, and state senator Julian Bond was born on January 14, 1940 in Nashville, Tennessee. He and his family moved to Pennsylvania, where his father, Horace Mann Bond, was appointed president of Lincoln University.

In 1957, Julian Bond graduated from the George School, a Quaker school in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and entered Morehouse College. In 1960, Julian Bond was one of several hundred students who helped form the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). In 1965, Julian Bond was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. He was barred from taking his seat in the House because of his outspoken statements against the Vietnam War. In December 1966 the Supreme Court ruled in his favor and he served four terms as Representative and six terms in the Georgia Senate, from 1975-1986. During the 1968 presidential election, he was the first African American to be nominated for Vice-President of the United States. He withdrew his name from the ballot, however, because he was too young to serve. Later, Julian Bond was host of America's Black Forum. In 1987, Bond narrated the critically acclaimed 1987 PBS series, Eyes on the Prize.

Julian Bond continued his tradition of activism as Chairman of the NAACP. He also served as President Emeritus of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Julian Bond was a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at American University in Washington, D.C., and a faculty member in the history department at the University of Virginia.

Bond passed away on August 15, 2015.

Related Entries

George School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Morehouse College [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

America's Black Forum [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1976 to 1978]

Television Host

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1994 to ?]

Chairman

Southern Poverty Law Center [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

President Emeritus

American University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Distinguished Scholar in Residence

University of Virginia [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

History Professor

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1960 to ?]

Co-Founder

George House of Representatives [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1965 to ?]

State Representative

Georgia State Senate [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1990 to 2006]

State Senator