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**The Premier Book Signing at the Halifax Historical Society Museum
of**

"Metamorphosis"

From Cotton Picker to Community Leader

by

James F. Daniels

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 6 P.M.

Born in 1928 on a cotton plantation in Cordele, Georgia, the third child of Franklin and Marietta Daniels, descendants of slaves, James Daniels was a bit out of touch with the ways of the world. At age eleven James' family, which now included twelve brothers and sisters, moved out of the cotton fields to Ormond Beach, Florida. And Florida was amazing. He was treated with unexpected respect by white people, a very new experience for him. In his teens, James and his siblings worked at a variety of jobs including jobs at the grand old hotels in Ormond Beach and caddying at the country club. After graduating from High School and attending Florida A&M, James married and returned to the Halifax area.

In *Metamorphosis*, James Daniels relates his more than 80 years of growing up in the south. His book covers his being a young plantation worker in Georgia, picking nut grass at the feet of older cotton pickers through his *Metamorphosis* into being a successful adult and community leader in the Halifax Area of Florida.

A book for our time by this Daytona Beach local, James F. Daniels will have his premier book signing at the Halifax Historical Society Museum on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 6 P.M. The museum, at 252 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL, has parking in the back in the Palmetto Avenue parking lot and is wheelchair accessible. Come meet James Daniels, hear him discuss his book while enjoying good food and wine. You can buy James' book at the event and James will sign it. You don't want to miss meeting this incredible man. Reservations are recommended. Admission is \$5.

This event is sponsored in part by **Volusia County Cultural Council, State of Florida Dept. of Cultural Affairs, Brown & Brown Insurance and the Plaza Resort & Spa.**

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