

MaVynee Oshun Betsch

1935-2005

"The Beach Lady": Ardent protector and conservationist of American Beach; extraordinarily generous conservation donor; eccentric, witty historian.

Betsch dedicated her life to protecting American Beach, a safe vacation haven for Black Americans during the Jim Crow era.

Her work lives on - Nana sand dune, the tallest in Florida, is now under National Park Service protection; the American Beach Museum opened in 2014.

