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# James Adams, UAW trustee, church leader

Services for James L. Adams, 73, a former trustee of Local 1173, United Auto Workers, will be held at noon Thursday in Bethel Tabernacle Church, 668 Clinton St., following visitation in the church at 11. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.



Adams died Sunday (Jan. 17, 1993) in Hospice Buffalo, Alden, following a brief illness.

A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., he came to Buffalo as a boy with his parents and settled in the area of William and Pine streets.

Adams, who retired from General Motors' Tonawanda plant in

1982, was a former constitutional convention delegate, committeeman and officer in the credit union of his local.

For 20 years, he was a teacher's aide in Buffalo schools, including the former Fosdick-Masten High School and McKinley High School.

He was a member of the deacon board of Bethel Tabernacle Church, the trustee board and the senior usher board. He was a former treasurer of the congregation.

Survivors include two sons, Donald and James F.; five daughters, Irene Brown, Lorraine Page, Kathlyn Powell, Gloria Adams McMillon and Linda Adams; 22 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**ALBERT—Arlingston S., Sr.**

January 19, 1988, husband of Bessie; father of Arlingston, Jr. (Adah) and Kathleen (Frederick, Sr.) Franklin; grandfather of Vivian, Michelle and Karen Albert, Freddy Jr., Frederick and Nakia Franklin and the late Kenneth Albert; father-in-law of Justine Albert; brother of Richard A. Bailey (Agnes); also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The family will be present Sunday 7-9 PM at Bethel AME Church, 1525 Michigan Ave. Masonic service will be conducted from 7-9 PM. Funeral service Monday at 1 PM at the Church. Arrangements by THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME, INC.

# Fred W. Anderson Is Dead at 79; Community Volunteer for 50 Years

Funeral services for Fred W. Anderson, 79, active for 50 years with the Boy Scouts of America and other community organizations, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill Ave. Burial will be in Buffalo Cemetery, Cheektowaga.



Anderson died Monday (Dec. 15, 1986) in Buffalo General Hospital

after a lengthy illness.

Anderson had a long association with local transportation companies and retired from Downing Container Services in 1973.

He served in the leadership of the Boy Scouts for half a century, as Scoutmaster of the Buffalo Urban League's Troop 103 and later as organizer and scoutmaster of Troop 266 at St. Philip's Church. He received Scouting's Silver Beaver Award for outstanding leadership.

An avid league bowler, he was secretary of the Traveling Bowling League, frequently participating in tournaments in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Following retirement, he became an enthusiastic volunteer for 13 years at the Greater Buffalo Chapter of the American Red Cross. He served in transportation, volunteer training, blood services and data processing. In 1984, he was given the Red Cross Clara Barton Award, the highest award given for outstanding volunteer service.

Anderson's awards for community service also included a special citation in 1975 from the City of Buffalo Division of the Aging for service to the handicapped.

A 40-year member of St. Philip's Church, he served on the altar as a lay leader and trained youth who later served as acolytes.

Survivors include his wife, Lauretta Duncan Anderson, and a sister, Theresa G. Evans.

**Helen Rose Lee**



## **ANDERSON—Maxwell**

Sept. 7, 1980, husband of Mattie, father of Judith Badger and the late Michael and Gerald Anderson; son of Anna Mae Anderson and the late Leo Anderson; brother of Allie Hugh (Myrtle); grandfather of James Frank Byers and Michael Leo Anderson; nephew of Mamie Patterson (Ralph); cousin of Barbara Maddox (James) and Claude Rosenberg (Anna Mae) of Detroit, Mich. The family will be present Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home Inc., 995 Genesee St. Funeral service Thursday at 1 PM from Humboldt Pkwy. Baptist Church, 790 Humboldt Pkwy. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Anderson was the owner and operator of the Anderson Bowling Lanes for 15 years at 698 Northland Ave.

## **ARMSTRONG—Elizabeth**

Feb. 16, 1984, wife of Robert Armstrong; dear mother of Carlynn Browder Skye of Calif; sister of Carlton A. Gowie; grandmother of Carlton Green; aunt of Gail Alonzo and Kimberly Gowie; niece of Mrs. Dudley Marshall and Mrs. Althea Beckles of Toronto, Ont.; also the Browne family in Bermuda and a host of friends. Rev. James D. Manning will hold memorial Eucharist services at St. Phillips Church, 16 Fernhill St., Buffalo, N.Y. on Feb. 25, 1984 at 10 AM. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made to St. Phillips Church, in memory of Mrs. Armstrong.

# Henry Armstrong Dead

Henry Armstrong, the tenacious fighter known as Hammerin' Hank who battered opponents in three weight classes to claim three world boxing titles simultaneously, died of heart failure in Los Angeles.

Armstrong, 75, was considered by many ring analysts as the best fighter, pound-for-pound, in boxing history.

Armstrong squandered most boxing purses during a 15-year professional career, and he and his wife were reduced to living on an \$800 monthly Social Security check.

Armstrong suffered from pneumonia, anemia, cataracts, persistent infections and malnutrition, said Dr. Abe Green.

Armstrong won 152 of 181 bouts as a pro, 100 by knockout, according to the Ring Record Book. In 1937, he won the world featherweight title by defeating **Petey Sarron** in New York. He added the world welterweight crown on May 31, 1938, when he decisioned **Barney Ross**, then later that year, added the lightweight crown with a 15-round decision over **Lou Ambers**.

**ASHLEY—William**

February 22, 1993; former husband of Dorothy Ashley and Carrie Ashley; father of Verna Lewis and Norris Ashley Duncan. Family present Friday 7-9 PM at THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC., 995 Genesee St. Funeral Saturday 11 AM, Mt. Zion Church of God Holiness, 32 Oakgrove Ave.

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# Dr. H. E. Askerneese Dies

Memorial services for former Buffalonian, Dr. Herman Eugene Askerneese, of Los Angeles, California, was held Wed., May 24, 7 p.m., at The Lutheran Church Of Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Blvd. He died May 16, (1989) after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Askerneese was born March 5, 1921, in Sharon, Pa., and a few years later, moved to Buffalo, with his family, where he attended Public School #32 and Hutchinson-Central High School.

In both high school and college, he excelled as a "three-letterman" athlete and scholar. At Virginia Union University, where he received his bachelor's degree in General Science, he was captain of the football team.

After being awarded a

Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree by Howard University's School of Dentistry, he opened his practice in Buffalo in 1946, but it was interrupted from 1951 to 1953, by a tour of duty in Germany with the U. S. Air Force.



Dr. Herman Askerneese

In his service unit, he held the rank of Captain.

To resume his practice, he moved to Los Angeles,

where he maintained it from 1954 until retiring in 1985.

Dr. Askerneese was a charter member of the Los Angeles County Dental Society; a member of the Angel City Dental Society, and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Included among his Buffalo affiliations were memberships in the Jesse Clipper Post Sons of American Legions; the American Legions; and the Athlos Athletic/Community Service Fraternity, of which he was a charter member.

Surviving are his wife, Althea Byrd Askerneese; two daughters: Michelle Askerneese and Cheryl St. Clair; two sons: Herman, Jr., and Claude O.; and two grandchildren: Reginald and Brione St. Clair, all of Los Angeles.



## Old Friends Met

The late Dr. Herman E. Askerneese, at left, a dentist, is shown at the home of his long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Leeland Jones, Jr., in June, 1986. Askerneese, now of Los Angeles, died May 16 [1989] in Los Angeles, after a lengthy illness. See story on this page.



Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Blvd., for Dr. Herman



E. Askerneese, 68, a former Buffalo resident who established a dentistry practice here and who was an exceptional high school and college athlete. Burial will be in the Los Angeles area, his home for the past 31 years.

Askerneese died Tuesday (May 16, 1989) in Los Angeles after a lengthy illness.

Born in Sharon, Pa., he moved to Buffalo as a child. He graduated from Hutchinson Central High School, where he earned letters in football, cross-country and baseball.

Askerneese was captain of the football team at Virginia Union University, where he received his bachelor's degree in general science. At Howard University's

School of Dentistry, Askerneese received his doctor of dental surgery degree and opened his practice in Buffalo in 1946.

During World War II, Askerneese served in the Army Air Forces. He was stationed in Germany from 1951 to 1953 and attained the rank of captain. He resumed his career in Los Angeles and practiced dentistry from 1954 until his retirement in 1985.

He was a member of the Los Angeles County Dental Society, the Angel City Dental Society and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He frequently visited Buffalo and was a member of the Jesse Clipper Post Sons of America Legions and the American Legion. He was a charter member of the Athlos Athletic/Community Service fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, the former Althea Byrd; two daughters, Michelle Askerneese and Cheryl St. Clair; two sons, Herman and Claude C., and two grandchildren, all of Los Angeles.

# Mother Isabelle Atchison, church leader

A service for Mother Isabelle Atchison, 76, a state supervisor of the Western New York Diocese of the Church of God in Christ, who helped her husband, the Rev. Claude, build up the Old Landmark Church of God in Christ, will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the church at 896 Jefferson Ave.

A service will also be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in McCoy Convention Center, 653 Clinton St., followed by a burial service in Forest Lawn.

The former Isabelle Davis, 76, died Friday (June 3, 1994) at home after a long illness.

The native of Calhoun Falls, S.C., came to Buffalo at an early age and attended School 75, Hutchinson Central and Bennett high schools and the University of Buffalo. She was saved in 1942 at Holy Temple Church of God in Christ and two years later discovered a gift for playing the piano.



She subsequently played with and directed two choirs and played for the Pastors' and Ministers' Wives Circle for about 10 years.

Known affectionately as "Doll," Mother Atchison assisted her husband at Old Landmark Church, where he served for 34 years.

In 1979, she was appointed state supervisor of the Women's Department, Western New York Diocese, Jurisdiction 2, by presiding Bishop Charles H. McCoy. She also had been district missionary for 11 years and state secretary of the women's department for 10 years. Mother Atchison also worked for the Buffalo Board of Education for seven years.

In addition to her husband of 55 years, survivors include a daughter, Diane Jenkins; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Williams of Indiana, a foster daughter, Sheila Bryant; two brothers, Wilbur Rabb of New Jersey and General Bass; three sisters, Irene Smith of South Carolina, Clydean Amaker and Beatrice Stemson; two grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and two foster grandchildren.

**BARNES—James A.**

October 12, 1991. Friends may call at the  
**EXODUS GARDENS FUNERAL HOME**  
**INC., 605 Masten Ave, Tuesday 7 to 9 PM.**  
Funeral service Wednesday 11 AM from the  
funeral home.

**BARTON—Daniel C.**

April 29, 1985, of Buffalo, N.Y., beloved husband of Alic I.; father of Deborah, Daniel Cecil, Richard K. and Vincent S.; dear son of Mrs. Sylvia Barton of California; brother of Paul, Betty, Mrs. Mary Vanlandingham, Mrs. Sandra Lindsey and Mrs. Phyllis Wollwine; also survived by five grandchildren, one niece, two nephews, other relatives and friends. Arrangements entrusted to the BUFFALO MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC., 66 East Utica St., where friends may call Fri. Vesper Services 7 PM. Family present 7-9 PM. Funeral services Sat., 10 AM from St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Sussex at Grider St. Friends invited. Flowers gratefully declined. Contributions may be made to the St. Philip's Memorial Fund in memory of Mr. Barton.

**BELL—William E.**

July 8, 1990; beloved husband of Ocie (nee Blanton) Bell; father of William, Lynn, Donald and Lisa; brother of Rev. George F. (Elizabeth), James W. (Evelyn), Robert E. (Rosemarie), Clifford Helaine) and Rosemarie Buckner; also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. The family will be present to receive friends Wednesday 7-9 PM at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave. Mass of Christian burial Thursday July 12 at 10 AM At St. Anne's R.C. Church (Broadway and Emslie). Interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery.



**BILLUPS—Dr. William Henry**

Oct. 19, 1985, in Houston, Texas, husband of Patricia Billups (nee Reid); father of Mrs. Debra Lynette Riddick of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Amire, Alysia, Angela, and Aaron. Also survived by his mother, Doris Poole Woods, 3 half-sisters, and other relatives. The family will receive friends Monday 7-9 PM at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Avenue. Funeral services Tuesday 11 AM at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Boulevard. Interment in Acacia Park Cemetery.

**BIRCHETTE—George Alexander  
MD.,**

September 3, 1978. Husband of Mrs. Verna Birchette; father of Mrs. Kathleen Shelton and George Alexander Birchette Jr.; son of Mrs. Grace White; brother of William J. Birchette Jr.; grandfather of Leslie C. Shelton; also survived by a son-in-law Dr. Clarence Shelton Jr.; nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends. The family will be present Wednesday evening from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home Inc. 995 Genesee St. Funeral service Thursday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. from Our Savior Lutheran Church, 26 Brunswick Blvd.

## Obituaries

# David N. Bishop Dies at 80; Was Real Estate Executive

Funeral services for David N. Bishop, 80, executive director of the Towne Gardens housing units, and an expert on roses, will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill Ave.

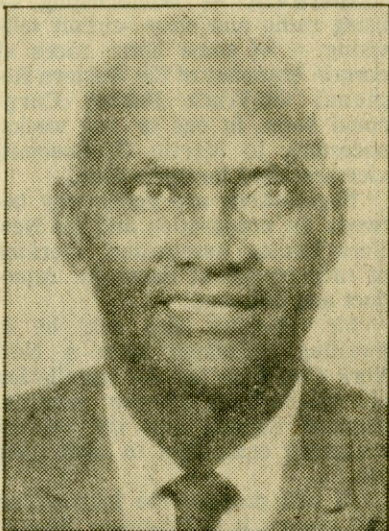
Mr. Bishop died Wednesday (Aug. 8, 1984) in his Buffalo home.

Mr. Bishop had been executive director and a housing consultant for the Ellicott Community Redevelopment Foundation Inc., which owns the Towne Gardens, since 1966. Prior to that, he had been with the Victory Mutual Life Insurance Co., serving as an agent, a manager of the Buffalo office and on the board of directors.

Mr. Bishop also served on the city's Urban Renewal Board, was an active member of the Martin Luther King Park Task Force, a member of the city's Charter Revision Commission and a member of the advisory committee to the Board of Transportation.

In addition, Mr. Bishop was a vice president of the Buffalo Rose Society as well as chairman of its membership committee. He also was active in the Republican Party.

A native of Georgetown, Guiana, Mr. Bishop graduated from Rhodes



**David N. Bishop**

*1966 Photo*

Preparatory School and New York University in New York City and came to Buffalo 44 years ago.

He is survived by a son, Dr. David R. Bishop of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Wilhelmina Jeffry of Manchester, England; and three grandchildren. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.



# Dr. George Blackman, Prominent Physician, School Activist, Dies

Dr. George E. Blackman, a member of the Buffalo Board of Education and a prominent physician who was the first black ever elected to the American College of Surgeons, died today (Jan. 2, 1985) at his home in Buffalo.

The victim of an assault and robbery in his East Side offices in 1984, Blackman had been in declining health and had been hospitalized several times in recent weeks, colleagues said today.

He was a veteran school board member, and served as its vice president and president from 1970 to 1973. His current three-year term as Ferry District representative was due to expire this May.

Blackman, a native of Charlotte, N.C., moved to Buffalo in 1954 to continue his medical studies at Roswell Park Memorial Institute. His long record of posts and honors in Buffalo include leadership of the Western New York Medical Society, the Buffalo Urban League and the Jesse E. Nash Community Health Center as well as the school board, and he was the founder of the Buffalo Negro Scholarship Fund.

He was a former member of the Buffalo Urban Renewal Board, a medical examiner for the Buffalo Civil Service Commission, and one of the first two blacks to join the Buffalo Athletic Club.

His service with the Buffalo Board of Education dated to the 1960s, and he was unanimously elected president of the appointed board — the first black to serve in that post — in 1970. After subsequently serving a term as vice president, Blackman left the board following the conversion to elected offices in 1974. He returned to school board service when he won election to the Ferry District seat in 1978.



**Dr. George E. Blackman**

Blackman practiced medicine from offices on Michigan Avenue since 1958, and formerly was the chief of colon and rectal surgery at Roswell Park Memorial Institute.

He was appointed to the Buffalo Urban League in 1961 and chaired its board of directors in 1971, and was the medical director of the Nash health center.

He has received several honors, including the National Conference of Christians and Jews brotherhood award and the Urban League's Evans-Young Award for "dedication to the causes of human dignity, equal opportunity and total community understanding."

Blackman, survived by his wife Bettye and a son, was a 1941 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in his native Charlotte. He graduated from the Howard University Medical School in Washington, D.C., in 1944, and from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Surgery in 1953.



Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 128 Pearl St., for Dr. George E. Blackman, 63, a prominent physician and member of the Buffalo Board of Education, who died Thursday (Jan. 2, 1986) at his home in Buffalo.

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✓ **Mrs. Blackman in running for board.** **PAGE C-1**

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A native of Charlotte, N.C., Blackman moved to Buffalo in 1954 to continue his medical studies at Roswell Park Memorial Institute. He was the first black elected to the American College of Surgeons. His list of honors in Buffalo includes leadership of the Western New York Medical Society, the Buffalo Urban League and the Jesse E. Nash Community Health Center as well as the School Board, and he was the founder of the Buffalo Negro Scholarship Fund.

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## **BLENMAN—Lloyd**

May 16, 1986, husband of the late Helen Abbott Blenman; father of Norris (Minnie) Blenman, Daisy E. Blenman, Brontie Blenman and the late Orman Blenman and Muriel (Carl) Mostiller; also survived by nine grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren and other relatives. The family will receive friends Tues., 7-9 PM, at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave. Funeral services Wed., 9:30 AM from St. James R.C. Church, 496 Terrance Blvd., Depew, N.Y. Interment in Buffalo Cemetery.

**BLOCK**—Clayton M., June 5, 1975, of Kenmore, N.Y.; beloved husband of Vivian T. Block; brother of Owen E. Block of Attica, N.Y.; also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral service from the Lester H. Wedekindt Inc. Funeral Home, 3290 Delaware Ave., Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends are invited. Interment at the convenience of the family. Family will be present from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Mr. Block was a member of the T.C.A. and T.T.O.S.

**BOSSMAN—Margaret Owens**

July 13, 1993; wife of the late George L.; dearest mother of Dr. Owen G. (June), Fr. David Bossman OFM and Carolyn (Jay) Conniff; grandmother of seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sister of Albert of Cincinnati, Thomas of West Seneca, William of Buffalo and James of Fairfax, VA. and the late Myron. Friends may call Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the REDDINGTON FUNERAL HOME, 657 Abbott Rd., where services will be held Friday at 9 AM and at St. Martin of Tours Church at 9:30 AM. Mrs. Bossman was a member of NYS Retired Teachers Assoc. and Buffalo State Alumni Assoc. Flowers gratefully declined. Contributions may be made to the Franciscan Retirement Fund, Holy Name Province, 58 West 88th St., New York, NY 10024

# James Bridges, bowling alley owner

Funeral services for James Paul Bridges, a former industrial worker and owner-operator of a Buffalo bowling alley, were held in Los Angeles. Burial was in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, Calif.



Bridges died Oct. 20, 1991, in a Los Angeles hospital after a long illness. He was 72.

Born in Athens, Tenn., he came to Buffalo with his parents as a child. He served four years with the U.S. Army.

He worked for several industri-

al plants in Buffalo before opening the Washington Bowling Alley on Washington Street in the early 1950s. He was a member of Cold Spring Baptist Church here.

In 1965 he moved to Los Angeles where he operated a wholesale meat business and was an active member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church. He was an active Mason, both here and in California.

He is survived by his wife, Isabelle Nichols Bridges; a son, Kenneth of Southfield, Mich.; four sisters, Gwendolyn G., Frances B., Alice and Carmen Bridges, all of Buffalo; and three grandchildren.

**BRIMM—Henry W.**



February 21, 1994, husband of Mamie Carter; father of Louise Penn and Phyllis Dixon; grandfather of Wanda Haggins; great-grandfather of Holly Viverette; brother of Olga Day, Elsie Estrada Pacheco and Richard Brimm. Family present at Antioch Baptist Church, 1327 Fillmore Ave., Monday, 7-9, where funeral will be held Tuesday 11 AM.



# Samuel L. Brown Sr., Ex-Teacher, GM Aide

A memorial service for Samuel L. "Samed Ali" Brown Sr., 67, a former teacher and General Motors supervisor, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Deliverance Temple Church of God in Christ, 177 Sherman St.

Also an artist and astrologer, Brown died Saturday (Sept. 12, 1987) in Columbus Hospital after a long illness. He will be buried in Forest Lawn.

Since 1973, Brown had run Creative Communication Consultants, an astrology reading and counseling business. He previously worked as assistant supervisor of employment for the General Motors Chevrolet plant in the Town of Tonawanda and as a counselor for the former federal Model Cities Jobs, Education and Training Project.



Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Brown came to Buffalo as a child and lived here until 1946, when he moved to Petersburg, Va. He returned here in 1966.

In Petersburg, he worked as a teacher of mentally retarded children at the Petersburg State Colony. For about 15 years, he was employed as a civilian artist-illustrator at the U.S. Army Training Aids Center, Fort Lee, Va. He held a degree in fine arts from Virginia State College and in recent years taught silk screening at the Langston Hughes Center.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lula Mae Gregory; six sons, William and Hughy, both of Petersburg; Peter, Michael, Christopher and Paul; four daughters, Sandra Stewart of Baltimore, Beverly Wyatt of Petersburg, Annette Russell and Sharon Brown; a sister, Gladys Walker of Petersburg; 31 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

## **BROWN—Arthur**

Suddenly, December 29, 1986, son of Lucy Brown and the late Rev. Noah Brown; brother of Verlie B. Walton (Raymond), Vivian Craddock (late Charles) and Evelyn Williams (Willis); also survived by one niece and six nephews. The family will be present Friday from 7-9 PM at the THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME, INC., 995 Genesee St., where funeral service will be held Saturday at 11 AM. Burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

# Dr. Osmond H. Brown Dies; Rector Emeritus of St. Philip's

Leader in Improving Race Relations Was First  
Negro in U. S. to Be Honorary Canon of Cathedral

Dr. Osmond Henry Brown, 78, rector emeritus of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and honorary canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, died Friday evening (Dec. 22, 1961) in Buffalo General Hospital after a long illness.

He was a recognized leader in Buffalo, a worker for the improvement of race relations, and an adviser to persons of many races and faiths.

In 1956, upon his retirement as rector of St. Philip's after 33 years of service, he was the guest of honor at a testimonial dinner attended by more than 300 persons in Kleinhans Music Hall.

In 1950, the Rt. Rev. Lauriston L. Scaife, Episcopal bishop of Western New York, appointed Father Brown an honorary canon of St. Paul's, the first Negro clergyman to be so honored in the history of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America.

## His Influence Widespread

While he served a congregation of 500 members, his influence extended throughout the community. He believed "only the love of God and neighbor" can bring about solidarity of the human race.

He worked to increase understanding among peoples. About desegregation, he once said:

"It is something that has to come about gradually—force will not do it, but human understanding will."

Dr. Brown was born in Jamaica, British West Indies. He attended Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Oskaloosa (Ia.) College, and City College of New York. He received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1916 from General Theological Seminary.

After his ordination he served in several churches before coming to Buffalo in 1923. He attended Hartford, Conn., Foundation School of Religious Education where he received a master's degree of pedagogy.



DR. OSMOND H. BROWN

Grand Lodge of New York State and a member and past chaplain of St. John's Lodge 16, F&AM.

## Funeral on Wednesday

In 1951 he presented for ordination in the Episcopal Church his son, Osmond H. Brown Jr.

Dr. Brown's first wife, the former Mary H. Nichols, died in 1944. In 1946 he married the former Grace L. Fisher who survives him.

Other survivors are: Three sons, the Rev. Osmond H. Brown Jr., director of public relations, Albany State College, Albany, Ga., Dr. Allen N. Brown, a physician in Augusta, Ga., and John D. Brown, Buffalo, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being conducted by Meadows Bros. Funeral Home, 466 E. Utica St. The body will lie in state in St. Philip's from 9 o'clock Tuesday until the funeral service there at 10 o'clock Wednesday. A vespers service will be conducted at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.



## Worked "Quietly, Effectively"

His honorary doctor of divinity degree was conferred in 1930 by Hood Theological Seminary, New York.

In 1956, Dr. Brown was cited by The Buffalo Evening News as an outstanding citizen.

His citation was granted "because of his work in teaching his people their civic responsibilities and how to become good citizens."

It read in part:

"Dr. Brown has quietly and effectively worked for improved educational opportunities and living conditions for Negroes, always stressing that his race can achieve such benefits only through the acceptance of their accompanying responsibilities."

In 1957, the third annual Award of Merit of the Katharine Pratt Horton Buffalo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was given to Dr. Brown.

He was active also in the United Negro College Fund drives, the Michigan Ave. YMCA, and the Ministers Alliance of Buffalo & Erie County.

He was grand chaplain of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall

## 'Irreparable Loss,' Says Bishop Scaife

The death of the Rev. Osmond Henry Brown, rector-emeritus of St. Philip's Church, was termed an "irreparable loss" today by the Rt. Rev. Lauriston L. Scaife, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Western New York.

He called Father Brown "a dedicated priest, teacher and a power for all that is good."

Bishop Scaife said: "I turned to him constantly for counsel and support." He added that Father Brown was "a tower of strength to his own flock; his advice was often sought by persons of all faiths."



## OBITUARIES

# Lucille E. Brown is dead at 74; screen actress was area radio host

Bahai memorial services for Lucille E. Brown, a professional entertainer whose movie credits included the "Our Gang" series and "Stormy Weather," and who later was host of WBFO-FM radio shows, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in Memorial Chapel, 66 E. Utica St.

Burial will be in Elmlawn Cemetery, Town of Tonawanda.

Ms. Brown died Friday (Aug. 21, 1992) in Hamlin Terrace Health Care Center after a long illness. She was 74.

Known throughout her career by the stage name, Babe Barlow, Ms. Brown started her career when she was 5 years old, appearing for about a year as Farina in the "Our Gang" movies.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, her mother was a vaudeville dancer. Hollywood director Hal Roach met the girl when she was living in an orphanage and cast her as the second Farina in the "Our Gang" movies.

"I don't like to talk about the Farina part of my life," she told a Buffalo News columnist in 1976. "There were no laws protecting child stars then. I never saw a penny of what I made."

Later in life, Ms. Brown was a dancer in the movie "Stormy Weather," starring Lena Horne and was an angel in "Green Pastures." For many years she sang and danced on stage as the headliner of Babe Barlow and the Sugar Drops.

Throughout her career she billed herself as "197 pounds of pure brown granulated sugar."

While singing and dancing in Memphis, Tenn., Ms. Brown would collect spare change people threw at a young singer with a pompadour who sang after the finale in the theater where she worked. Years later, she realized the young singer was Elvis Presley.

She married saxophone player Oscar Barlow in 1942, and they divorced in 1958.

Ms. Brown was host of a daily



Lucille E. Brown

blues radio show at KWEM in Memphis. Some of the greatest names in blues appeared on her show, including B.B. King and Howlin' Wolf. She was the first black woman in the South to earn her engineer's license to work the radio controls. She also traveled throughout Europe and the Pacific, entertaining servicemen during World War II.

Ms. Brown often performed in Buffalo, appearing in the Moon Glow nightclub on William Street and Michigan Avenue. In 1956, she moved to Buffalo with her husband.

She started college when she was 54 years old, earning her bachelor's degree in communications from Buffalo State College and her master's degree in liberal arts in 1978 from the University at Buffalo.

"I knew it would be rough," she said in 1976. "But I needed the degree. I had a lot more things I want to do in this world."

Ms. Brown was host of two blues radio shows for WBFO from 1974 to '76.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Borders, and a grandson.



# Troy Burton, Real Estate Broker, Store Owner

Funeral services for Troy L. Burton, a Buffalo real estate broker and former owner of Troy's Confectionery, will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill Ave. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Burton, 75, died Thursday (Aug. 27, 1987) at Millard Fillmore Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Raleigh, N.C., Burton spent most of his adult life in Buffalo. He worked as a waiter for New York Central Railroad until the 1940s and was a timekeeper with Alcoa Aluminum.

In 1947, Burton started Troy's

Confectionery on East Ferry Street. He then became a real estate broker and salesman at Newton Realty and Century 21 All Pro.

He was counselor and supervisor at Conners Children's Center and the House of Good Shepherd in Utica. Burton was active in St. Philip's Church and was a member of the men's club, senior choir, vestry and the community center board.

Surviving are his wife, the former Thelma Craddock; two daughters, Florence Thompson and Marcia Jones; a son, Troy A., 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Guy E. Cameron Sr.

Funeral services for Guy E. Cameron Sr., 65, the third black appointed to the Buffalo Police Department, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, Masten and Northland avenues. Mr. Cameron had been a member of Lincoln Memorial for 50 years and was a former church trustee.

Mr. Cameron died Sunday (Dec. 12, 1982) in his Northland Avenue home.

Mr. Cameron was first assigned to the old Precinct 4 at Sycamore and Ash streets, following his appointment to the force on Nov. 1, 1945. He retired as a desk lieutenant in 1970, after holding that position for 12 years.

## **CAMERON—Guy E.**

Dec. 12, 1982, husband of Helen Cameron; father of Guy Jr., Iphrene, Robert and Lorna; brother of R. James (Eleanora), Junita DeBerry (John), Joyce Petties (Lowell); also survived by nieces, nephews, one great-nephew and other relatives. Friends may call at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave., Wed., 10 AM-9 PM, Thurs. 10 AM-5:30 PM, after which Mr. Cameron will lie in state at the Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, Northland and Masten Ave., where the family will be present 7-9 PM and where funeral services will be conducted Fri. at 2 PM. Interment in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

**CAMERON—R. James**

March 17, 1991, beloved husband of Eleanor E.; dear father of David Wayne, Elizabeth Ann and Lenon James; grandfather of Andre Amos; brother of Juanita DeBerry and Joyce Mathis. Family will be present to receive friends at the THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME, INC., 995 Genesee St., Thursday from 7-9 PM. Funeral service Friday at 2:30 PM from Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, 641 Masten Ave. Interment Birchwood Mausoleum Forest Lawn cemetery.

**CAMPBELL—Catherine A.**

In Sebring, FL, formerly of Alden, NY, March 18, 1990; wife of the late Allen Campbell Sr; mother of Thomas (Pauline) and the late Allen Campbell Jr; dear friend of Robert Hubbard; sister of Goldie Snyder, Victor (Grace) Neff, Hester (Donald) Pawlaczyk, Martha Montonda and Danny Neff; also survived by seven grandchildren. Funeral services from the CHARLES MEYER FUNERAL HOME, INC., 13228 Broadway, Alden, NY, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Family will be present Tuesday 7-9 and Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM.



## Kenneth B. Carter

Services for Kenneth B. Carter, 54, retired Scott Aviation machinist, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, 995 Genesee St. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Carter, who was born in Niagara Falls, died Tuesday (June 6, 1989) in Sisters Hospital after a long illness. He was a graduate of Trott Vocational School in Niagara Falls and had lived in Buffalo for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lula Feaster; a son, Kenneth Jr.; his mother, Laura Davis; three brothers, James of Brooklyn and Curtis and Donald, and a sister, Arvonne Carter.

## **CASTLEBERRY—Frances Hargrave**

Dec. 26, 1985, formerly of Buffalo, N.Y., beloved wife of Edward J.; mother of William A. Jr., Michael E., K. Paul, and Martin E. Hargrave; sister of Edward Bassett; also survived by two grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Arrangements entrusted to the BUFFALO MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC., 66 E. Utica St., where friends may call Sun. Family present 7-9 PM. Funeral services Mon. 11 AM from St. Bartholomew's R.C. Church, 335 Grider St. Friends invited.

# Gladys M. Chapman, former deputy sheriff

Funeral services for Gladys M. Chapman, 72, a former deputy sheriff and active church worker, will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in



Emmanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church, 300 Adam St. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Mrs. Chapman, a Cleveland native, died Thursday (Jan. 9, 1992) in her Buffalo home after a long

illness.

A deputy sheriff for several years, Mrs. Chapman had been a guard at the former E.J. Meyer Memorial Hospital and former Erie County Jail. She was a nurse's aide at Buffalo General Hospital for 12 years and later was a fire survival coordinator with the city's Senior in Community Service Program.

In addition, she worked for various periods with the University at Buffalo Center for the Study of the Aging, the Biblical Library and the Geneva B. Scruggs Health Center.

Mrs. Chapman's also did volunteer work with the East Side Food Pantry, the Mayor's Council on Aging, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Urban

League. She was a past president of Schwaab Terrace Tenant Council and a co-founder of Northhampton Street Boys Club.

At Emmanuel Temple, Mrs. Chapman was former head deaconess, a member of the church board, a Sabbath school teacher and worked with the church's insurance program.

Last year, she was named "Mother of the Year" by the Atlantic Union Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She also was honored by her church for her work in religious education and was a recipient of the distinguished service award from UB's Center for the Studying of the Aging.

Mrs. Chapman was a member of the Republican Women's Club, an adviser to the Young Republican Club and was an Erie County elections inspector.

She came to Buffalo as a child and attended Public School 6 and the former Hutchinson Central High School.

When she was 40, Mrs. Chapman earned a high school diploma and then attended Erie Community College, graduating with a degree in laboratory science.

Survivors include a daughter, Junell Vance; three grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

## CHARLES—Clifford H. Sr.

Suddenly April 24, 1968, of 69 Donaldson Rd. Funeral services Saturday, April 27, at Sherman L. Walker Funeral Home, 168 East Delavan Ave., at 10 A. M. Dean Kenneth Curry officiating. Survived by Thyra M., wife; Clifford Jr., son; Mrs. W. Hepburn Charles, mother; Earl H., brother; Mrs. Marie Gonzales, Florence Yeldell, Miss Camille Charles of New York City, Mrs. Ethel Forbes of Los Angeles, sisters; and many other relatives. Friends are invited.

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# Thyra M. Charles Dies; Was Pioneer Among Black Women in Nursing

A funeral service for Thyra M. Charles, 65, a registered nurse and educator, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church at 641 Masten Ave. Mrs. Charles died unexpectedly Friday (Jan. 16, 1987) at Erie County Medical Center.

Born in Houston, Mrs. Charles attended Buffalo School 32 and Hutchinson Central High School. Her father, the late Frank E. Merriweather Sr., was the editor of the Criterion Weekly.

She was the second black nurse to graduate from Meyer Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1941, and was the first black nurse to receive a bachelor's degree in public health nursing from the State University of Buffalo in 1949. In 1950 she received a master's degree in supervision and administration of public health nursing from New York University. She also attended Hunter College and Columbia University. She worked at Harlem Hospital and Metropolitan Hospital in New York City.

Mrs. Charles was the first black public health nurse for the Erie County Health Department in 1948. Three years later, she became the area's first black college clinician, teaching maternity nursing at Children's Hospital for D'Youville College.

She was named associate director of Public Health Nursing at the former Meyer Memorial Hospital in 1952 and held that post until 1970. During that time she was also a clinical associate professor at UB. She became assistant professor of nursing at D'Youville in 1970, and the first black person to be named assistant director of the Visiting Nursing Association of Buffalo. She was a hospital and nursing home

consultant and surveyor for the Erie County Health Department and retired in 1979. Also in 1979, she set up the community health nursing program at Daemen College.

In 1948 Mrs. Charles co-founded the Registered Nurses Social Club, a group concerned about the status of black nurses. She served as first president of the club, which later became the Practical and Registered Nurses Association. She was elected chairman of the Human Relations Committee of District 1, New York State Nurses Association. Throughout her career, she served as a nursing consultant to minority nurses.

Mrs. Charles was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League, the Buffalo Negro Scholarship Foundation and the alumni associations of Meyer Memorial and UB schools of nursing and New York University. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church and Church Women United. She was active in Republican women's groups.

She was the recipient of many community service awards, including the Sojourner Truth Award of the Buffalo Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She was honored with the Black Heritage Service Award by Alpha Kappa Alpha, and was a finalist for the American Nurses Association Mary E. Mahoney Award. In 1985, she was recognized for outstanding community involvement by the Jesse E. Nash Community Center.

She is survived by a son, Clifford; a brother, Frank E. Merriweather; and a sister, former City Court Judge Barbara Sims.



**CLARKE, Ursilla Dorothea** (Member of Board of Governors, Doctors Hospital) — On Monday, September 15, 1986, at Scarborough Centenary Hospital. Ursilla Lovell Clarke, beloved wife of Ernest James Clarke and loving mother of Janice and Chester Searles. Devoted daughter of Mrs. Claudina Lovell and the late Joseph Augustus Lovell. She will be sadly missed by two sisters, Sylvia (Mrs. Albert Uhiara) of Nigeria, Joyce (Mrs. Roland Hayes) of Victoria, B.C., one brother Lionel Lovell of Toronto, five nephews, four nieces, one Godson and a host of friends. The family will receive friends at the "Humphrey Funeral Home — A. W. Miles Chapel", 1403 Bayview Avenue (at Davisville Avenue) from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday. Funeral service on Wednesday at 1 p.m. from Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church, 23 Soho Street (Spadina and Queen). Interment Mount Pleasant Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Doctors Hospital, 45 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto M5S 2M1, or in her honour, the Memorial Fund at Grant Church would be greatly appreciated. "His grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

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**COLEMAN—Thomas**

January 11, 1992. The family will receive friends Thursday 12-1 PM with funeral service immediately following at 1 PM from the THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME, INC., 995 Genesee St.

announced later.

**COLES** — Alex, July 22, 1977; husband of Dorothy E. Coles; beloved friend of Lillian Reed and Thomas Gray (Sport); dear father of Alvin of Pittsburgh, Betty, Clayton, Robert, Paulette, and Glenn Coles, all of Buffalo; also survived by other relatives and friends. Arrangements by the Buffalo Memorial Chapels Inc., 66 E. Utica St., where vesper services will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. Funeral service Monday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill. Friends invited. Flowers are gratefully declined. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alex Coles Memorial Fund, c-o St. Philip's.

**CONRAD** — Karl P., of Strykersville,

# Henrietta Cox, social services supervisor

A funeral for Henrietta Clarice Cox, a retired state social services supervisor for area day-care centers, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in New Covenant United Church of Christ, 459 Clinton St. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Mrs. Cox, 72, died Thursday (Oct. 15, 1992) in Erie County Medical Center after a long illness.

A graduate of School 75 and Hutchinson Central High School, the former Henrietta Givens earned a bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute in Virginia and a master's degree from the University of Buffalo.



Starting her career as a social worker, she supervised the development and licensing of day-care centers in Western New York from 1975 until her retirement in 1981. She was a leadership volunteer for 25 years with the Buffalo YWCA.

Mrs. Cox remained active during the four years she lived in the medical center's skilled nursing facility. There, she was a member of the Life Skills Group and was elected president of the Residents Council and representative to the Volunteer Board and the Quality Assurance Committee. She also wrote many articles for the facility's newspaper.

Survivors include two brothers, Cravane Givens of Amherst and Walter Givens.

**CRAWFORD—Thomas E. Sr.**

March 3, 1987, of Buffalo, NY, beloved husband of Bessie L. Crawford; dear father of Diana C. Perry, Gloria C. Volious and the late Minister Thomas Crawford Jr.; dearest granddaddy of Aubrey (Kerry) Volious of Chicago, IL, Rodena Perry, Cozetta (Samuel) Washington and Vance Volious, all of Buffalo; also survived by six great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends Friday 7-9 PM at the Trinity Baptist Church, 41 Spruce St., where funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 AM, the Rev. Joseph Davis officiating. Arrangements by THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC.



**CRAWFORD—Bessie Lee (Hello World)**

November 27, 1993, wife of the late Thomas E. Crawford, Sr.; mother of Diana C. Perry, Gloria C. Volious and the late Min. Thomas E. Crawford, Jr.; grandmother of Aubrey (Kerry) Volious of Chicago, IL, Rodena E. Perry, Cozetta (Samuel) Washington of Buffalo, NY and Vance (Bonnie) Volious of Columbia, SC; great-grandmother of Koby, Santina, Latiya, Vance, Jerod, Prentiss, Tene, Vaughn and Quincy. Family will receive friends at Trinity Baptist Church, 41 Spruce St., Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 PM, where services will be held Friday 11 AM. Rev. Leslie Braxton officiating. Arrangements by THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME.

# OBITUARIES

## Clyde 'Bemo' Crockett, top jazz promoter

A memorial service was held today in the Richard D. Meadows Jr. Funeral Home for Clyde "Bemo" Crockett, 70, Buffalo's first black jazz promoter.

Crockett died Sunday (May 17, 1992) in Erie County Medical Center after a long illness.

He was best known as the genial, deep-voiced operator of the Revilot, a nightspot on East Ferry Street near Jefferson Avenue, where he drew audiences from throughout Western New York as he presented some of the greatest names in jazz during the early '70s.

"Bemo is a self-confessed, dyed-in-the-wool, bedrock capitalist," News Critic Jeff Simon wrote in 1974. "He has also brought more high-quality jazz to this city and over a longer period of time than anyone else."

Among those who performed at the Revilot were Herbie Hancock, McCoy Tyner, Pharoah Sanders, Yusef Lateef, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Freddie Hubbard, Bill Evans, Ahmad Jamal, Art Blakey, Houston Person and Grant Green.



Crockett also opened his stage to local players who went on to illustrious careers, such as Grover Washington Jr. and Ronnie Foster.

An associate remembers that one night, when Johnny Lytel was performing, comic Bill Cosby showed up at the door with an entourage, insisted on paying the cover charge, then spent the rest of the evening playing cowbell with the band.

Crockett moved to the Bley Poyntt on Michigan Avenue in 1974, then to the Main Event on Kensington Avenue and Eduardo's on Bailey Avenue before retiring from the music business in the early '80s. He also promoted concert hall shows with performers such as the Four Tops, the Ohio Players and Nancy Wilson.

Born in Lancaster, S.C., he came to Buffalo as a child and graduated from Hutchinson Central High School. Shortly after graduation, he began promoting musical shows in clubs. He got into jazz in the '50s, bringing the first racially integrated bands to clubs on Main Street.

Survivors include a daughter, Lisa Barlow; three sisters, Irene Younger, Arwillis Easley and Almeda Phillips, and two grandchildren.



# Rev. Kenneth Lee Curry dies; former city human relations chief

1970 photo

Services for the Rev. Kenneth Lee Curry, 65, Buffalo's former human relations commissioner and former rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the church at 18 Sussex St.

His body will lie in state from 2 to 9 p.m. today in the church.

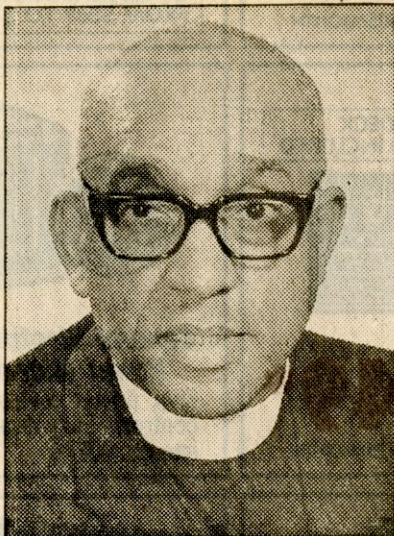
Father Curry died Tuesday (Feb. 27, 1990) in the Episcopal Church Home's nursing facility.

Born in Canton, Ohio, he graduated with honors from McKinley High School there and attended Wilberforce (Ohio) University and Seabury Western Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in the Diocese of Chicago.

He served as a priest in Detroit and was rector at St. Mark's in Suffolk, Va., before coming to Buffalo, where he was rector at St. Philip's for 17 years. While there, he was dean of the Central Erie Deanery and a chaplain at the former Emergency Hospital.

Father Curry took a leave of absence in 1970 to become the city's human relations commissioner and in 1973 resigned to serve as executive director of the Buffalo Human Relations Department, a post he held until 1978 when he was replaced three days after Mayor Griffin took office.

He was a substitute teacher in the Buffalo schools during the



Rev. Kenneth Lee Curry

1960s, served on the Board of Managers of the Towne Gardens Development Corp., a housing development that includes Curry Walk, which was named for him, and was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

In 1958, he established the St. Philip's Community Center, which continues to serve youth in the community.

He is survived by a son, the Rev. Michael B. Curry of Baltimore; a daughter, Sharon Elliott of Cincinnati; three sisters, Lillie P. Smith and Lena N. Bryant, both of Detroit, and Carrie MacNeal of Sacramento, Calif., and three grandchildren.

# Robert S. Daughtry Dies at 65; Ex-Basketball Star, UB Counselor

Funeral services for Robert S. Daughtry, 65, a Buffalo native and former counselor at the State University of Buffalo, will be held Thursday in Richmond, Va. Daughtry died Saturday (Sept. 6, 1986) in Richmond.

Daughtry was an All-State basketball player during high school in Buffalo and attended Virginia Union College in Richmond. He was a member of the school's renowned "Dream Team" and played with the Harlem Globetrotters organization after college.

Daughtry was a former counselor and administrator at UB and was associated with the university's Ur-

ban Center and Educational Opportunity Center. After retiring several years ago, Daughtry and his wife, Carolyn, returned to their alma mater in Richmond, where Carolyn Daughtry, the first black first deputy commissioner of the Department of Social Services in Buffalo, became the interim president and Daughtry served as assistant dean of men.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Robert S. Jr. and Dexter of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Lanelle and Lauren, also of Washington; a brother, Clarence of Buffalo, and three grandchildren.

Burial will be in Richmond.

## **DAWKINS—Hezekiah**

October 30, 1986; father of Binnie of Greenwood SC; brother of Gertrude Hamilton of Charlotte NC and Phillip of Philadelphia PA; Uncle of Minnie Blenman of Buffalo N.Y, and other relatives and friends. Friends may call Monday 7-9 PM at the H.ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC, 968 Jefferson Ave. Funeral services Tuesday 1 PM at the First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St, Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery.



**DAY—Ernest Sr.**

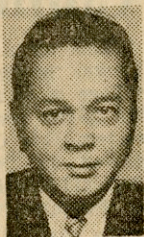
March 31, 1980, of Buffalo, N.Y.,  
father of Ernest (Joe) Day;  
grandfather of Donna Day;  
nephew of Mrs. Ann Weston;  
also survived by other relatives  
and friends. Arrangements by  
the Buffalo Memorial Chapel  
Inc., 66 East Utica St., where  
funeral services will be held  
Thursday at 1 PM. Friends may  
call Wednesday. Family present  
7-9 PM.

# Obituary

## ADRIAN L. DeLEON JR.

A Mass for Fire Investigator Adrian L. DeLeon Jr., 47, first black appointed to the Buffalo Fire Dept. Fire Investigation Bureau, will take place at 10:30 on Saturday morning in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill Ave. A Fire Dept. honor guard will be at the church. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. DeLeon, of 45 Donaldson Rd., died on Wednesday (Feb. 19, 1966) in Buffalo General Hospital after a brief illness. He went onto the hospital on Feb. 2 for a physical checkup and suffered a heart attack there on Feb. 5.



Former Fire Commissioner Robert Howard detailed him to A. L. DeLeon the eight-man Investigation Bureau on Feb. 10, 1966. Earlier, he was assigned to Hook & Ladder Truck 9 at 309 Jersey St. He was appointed to the department on Jan. 2, 1958, after working as a machinist.

### Youth Board Post

From 1965 to 1968, Mr. DeLeon was also a detached work-supervisor for the Buffalo Youth Board.

Born in New York City, Mr. DeLeon was a graduate of the former Hutchinson Central High School. He attended Howard University, Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Buffalo Chapter of Omega Phi Psi Fraternity.

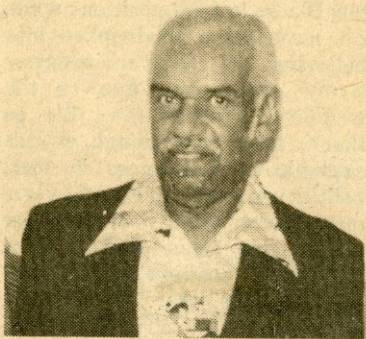
Surviving are his wife, the former Bernice Richardson; a son, Adrian D., a student at Hampton (Va.) Institute; a daughter, Denise M., at home; his mother, Mrs. Elsie Sparks of Buffalo; and his father, Adrian L. Sr., of New York City.

## **DIAMOND—Herman**

May 16, 1984, husband of Reather Diamond; father of Kent Diamond and son Shontay Bernay; brother of Lula Peoples (King) and Frinzella Peoples (the late Morris); also survived by five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and other relatives. The family will receive friends Fri. 7-9 PM at H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave. where funeral services will be conducted Sat. 10 AM. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

# IRA DIXON PASSES

FORMER CHALLENGER  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Ira Dixon

Funeral services for Ira Dixon will be held on Thursday, December 30, 1976 at 10 a.m. at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill, Father Taylor, pastor.

Mr. Dixon, prominent photographer and for many years, one of the Challenger staff photographers, died Sunday, December 26th.

Mr. Dixon is survived by his wife, Mable; children: Darryl and Dana; mother, Mrs. Christina Dixon; brother, Roy; sister, Mrs. Genevieve Gilbert, nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

A masonic Service was observed Tuesday evening and a Vesper Service will be observed on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Buffalo Memorial Chapel located at 66 E. Utica Street, is charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Dixon was affectionately know as "Soap" to his close friends, who had known him for many years.

**DuBARD—Raphael (Ray)**

September 6, 1987 of Buffalo, NY, beloved husband of Mary Alyce; father of Mrs. Marcia (Dr. William) Mayes and Raphael Jr. of Boston; brother of Raymond C.; also survived by five grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Arrangements entrusted to BUFFALO MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC., 66 East Utica St. Friends may call Wednesday after 12 Noon at The Evangelistic Temple Community Church, 92 Hedly Pl. Family present 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Funeral services Thursday 11 AM from the Evangelistic Temple. Friends invited. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery. Flowers are gratefully declined. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society of Erie County.



# Raphael Du Bard Dies, Ex-Leader Of Local NAACP

By TOM ERNST

Raphael Du Bard, former president of the Buffalo chapter of the NAACP and longtime community activist and labor leader, died Sunday (Sept. 6, 1987) in Buffalo General Hospital after a long illness.

Du Bard, 67, received many awards for his community activities and in 1950 won the local Voices of Tomorrow Competition, a singing competition sponsored by WBEN radio.

He later was awarded a fellowship to the Chautauqua Music Insti-

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# Du Bard

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tution and studied voice at the Juilliard School of Music. He toured Europe with a performance of "Porgy & Bess" and was a guest soloist with the Wheeling (W. Va.) Symphony in 1954.

Born in Columbia, S.C., Du Bard came to Buffalo as a youth and graduated from Hutchinson Central High School. He also attended Hastings (Neb.) College.

He recently retired as a senior investigator for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

During the late 1950s, Du Bard became active in the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and was elected local president in 1960. He became active on the state and national levels, serving as program chairman for the state conference and as regional vice president.

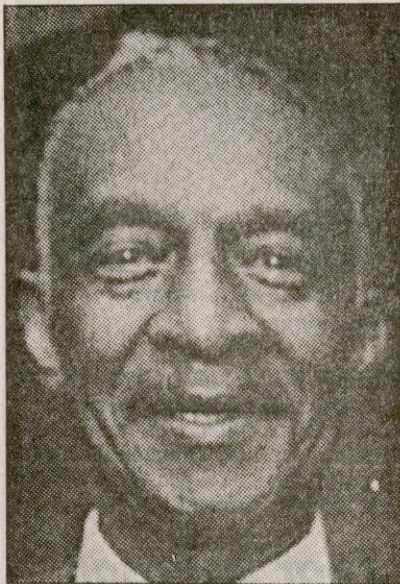
In 1970, he was named director of the city's Concentrated Employment Program.

He also was former secretary and board member of the Buffalo-Erie County Legal Aid Society, former chairman of the Board of Sheehan Memorial Hospital and local liaison between the U.S. Labor Department and the state Employment Service.

In 1980, he was named to the newly formed citizens committee to review the salaries of elected city officials.

In March 1986, he helped found the Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Association of Western New York, which was formed to examine minority hiring programs in the public and private sectors.

He received numerous awards for his community involvement. Last February, the Citizens Council on Human Relations presented him the Conable/Goldfarb Award for distinguished service to the cause of racial justice.



Raphael Du Bard

In 1973, the NAACP presented him the Medgar Evers Award for outstanding accomplishment in civil rights.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Alyce Daniels; a daughter, Marsha Mayes of Amherst; a son, Raphael Jr. of Boston; a brother, Raymond, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Evangelistic Temple and Community Church Center, 92 Hedley Place. Arrangements are being made through Buffalo Memorial Chapel, 66 E. Utica St.