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David Echols, 55, dies; headed Municipal Housing Authority

David L. Echols, 55, former executive director of the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, died Monday (Aug. 16, 1993) in Yale University Hospital, New Haven, Conn., after a short illness. Since 1986, he had been executive director of the Housing Authority of the City of New Haven.

Before leaving for New Haven, he was the highest-ranking black official in the Griffin administration. His career in government began in 1972, when he joined the Buffalo Model City Agency, later becoming director.

In 1978, after spending nearly three years establishing grant programs as the city's coordinator of the Office of Federal Assistance, he became commissioner of human resources, overseeing the agency until November 1984, when he was named to head the housing authority.

He left the human resources post briefly in 1983 when he was appointed an assistant commissioner with the state Department of Social Services but returned after a few months, citing heavy travel and family considerations.

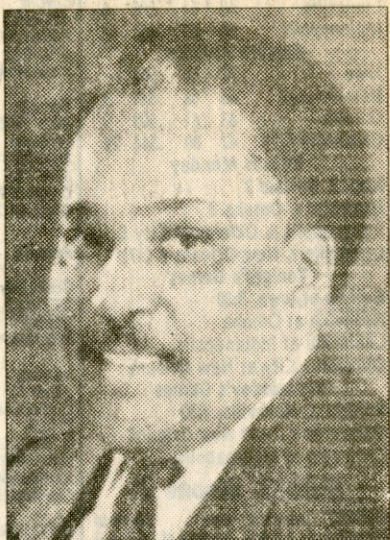
An editorial in The Buffalo News deplored his abrupt dismissal from the housing authority in 1986, citing him as "a quality city administrator sensitive to the needs of low-income residents and skilled in working with state and federal agencies."

Born in Buffalo, he was a member of one of the most prominent families on the city's East Side. His grandfather, the Rev. Elijah Echols, was pastor of First Shiloh Baptist Church from 1918 to 1961. Succeeding him was Echols' father, the Rev. Elijah Echols Jr., who headed the church until his death in 1984.

A graduate of the University of Buffalo, where he studied political science, Echols also studied management productivity at the Gibraltar Institute. He taught at UB before joining the Model Cities office. He served in the Air Force.

As commissioner of human resources, he was chairman of the city's Youth Committee and was the mayor's representative on the state Employment and Training Council.

Active in numerous civic groups



David L. Echols

here, Echols was a member of the advisory committee of the United Way and the boards of directors of Blue Shield of Western New York, Children's Hospital, Medaille College and the Buffalo State College Foundation.

He also was treasurer of First Shiloh Baptist Church and a committee chairman for the annual United Negro College Fund Telethon.

In 1983, he received the Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Last year, he returned here to be among the honorees at the 20th annual Black Achievers in Industry awards banquet.

He and his wife, the former Eleanor Neal, would have celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary today.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three sons, Byron and Brent, both of Flint, Mich., and Robert of Los Angeles; a daughter, Tanya of New York City; his mother, Kenville; two brothers, Elijah III and Paul; four sisters, Sharon Kelly of Los Angeles, Marsha, Cynthia and Judy; and three granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Services also will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in New Haven.

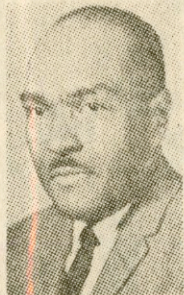
Services Set for Rev. W.M. Echols; Pastor Was a Math Prof at NCCC

Local services for the Rev. Walter M. Echols, former pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church in Niagara Falls and a retired mathematics professor at Niagara County Community College, will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Forest Lawn. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn's Garden of the Ten Commandments.

A resident of Deltona, Fla., Mr. Echols, 72, died Wednesday (Aug. 31, 1988) in Medford, Mass.

Born in Starksville, Miss., Mr. Echols came to Buffalo in 1918. He attended Buffalo schools, Morehouse College and Atlanta University in Georgia. He was a graduate of the Colgate Divinity School in Rochester.

Mr. Echols was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II.



He was ordained a Baptist minister in 1958 and served as pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Newport, R.I., from 1960 to 1963 and of New Hope Baptist Church in Niagara Falls from 1963 to 1969. He retired from Niagara County Community College in 1981.

Mr. Echols was the son of the late Rev. Elijah J. Echols and brother of the late Rev. Elijah J. Echols Jr., who were pastors of the First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Buffalo from 1918 to 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene R. of Deltona; four daughters, Diane E. Moultrie of Medford, Mass., Sandra J. Hayes of Summit, N.J., Che V. Hairston of Somerville, Mass., and Deborah T. Powell of Arlington, Va.; four brothers, Daniel E. of New York City, Ivorite L. of Deltona, Nathaniel H. and Kenneth J.; three sisters, Mattie E. Moore of New York City, Anna L. Jeter of Hampton, Va., and Dorothy J. Morgan, and four grandchildren.

ECHOLS—Thornton H.

April 4, 1982, husband of Mrs. Modesta Echols; father of Mrs. Joyce Marie Bennett (William D.); grandfather of Craig Howard and Jennifer Sharon; brother of Fred Webb (Hazel), Wesley Webb (Bertha), Lawyer Webb (Berta Lee) and Mrs. Cleo Terry (John); also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives. Friends may call at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave., where the family will be present Wed. 7-9 PM. Funeral services Thurs. 1 PM from First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St., Rev. E. J. Echols officiating. Friends invited.

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EGLETON—John E.

October 22, 1991, father of Marguerite D. Rainey, Alice M. Byers of Columbus, OH, and Mavis (John) Goss of Westminster, PA; brother of Leroi Booth of Las Angeles, CA, and Dorothy Moore of Chicago, IL; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted Friday evening 7-8 PM at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave..

ESCRIDGE—Cornelius

September 28, 1991; brother of Julia Garner; uncle of John (Leah) and Karin Garner also John III. Calling hours Wednesday 7 to 9 PM from RICHARD D. MEADOWS JR FUNERAL CHAPEL, 2528 Bailey Ave, where the funeral will be held Thursday 10 AM. Interment Bath National Cemetery.

Rites Held



Percival Bernard Evans, of 610 E. Ferry St., died suddenly, Jan. 23, 1975 in Buffalo General Hospital. He had been ailing for some time. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

A native of Buffalo, he was born May 31, 1926, son of Mrs. Marianna Evans and the late P. Bernard Evans, Sr.

He was a member of St. John Lodge No. 16, which held its Masonic service, Sunday, followed by Vespers by St. Philips Church.

Funeral service was held at St. Philips Church, Jan. 27. Burial was in Forest Lawn.

He was a postman for a number of years.

Brown's Funeral Service was in charge.

Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Annie Evans; daughters: Joann and Linda; his mother, Mrs. Marianna Evans; a brother, George of Trenton, N. J.; a sister-in-law and her husband, Harold and Estelle White; a mother-in-law, Mrs. Edna Brown, and other relatives and friends.

Arthur B. Eve, father of assemblyman

Arthur B. Eve, father of Deputy Assembly Speaker Arthur O. Eve, died Tuesday (May 19, 1992) in Conway, S.C., after a long illness.

Eve, 83, a native of Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic, was one of eight children in a family that settled in Miami.

Later, he moved to New York City, where he was employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

In 1975, Eve retired and moved to Conway, where he was active in church affairs and enjoyed riding a bicycle.

He was a member of Prince Hall Masons and Mount Olivet

Baptist Church in Conway.

Friends remembered him as a friendly, witty and caring man who was concerned about the welfare of others and enjoyed visiting with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Buffalo.

In addition to his son, survivors include his wife, Ruby Wilson Eve of Conway, and two stepchildren, Dr. Gwendolyn Wilson and Joseph Wilson of Orangeburg, S.C.

Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday in Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Conway.

FAGANS—Henry J. (Hank)

May 15, 1979, husband of Thelma Fagans; father of Henry LaValle and Donald; grandfather of one grandson; son of the late Wesley J. and Nancy Fagans; brother of Mrs. Susan (Howard) Tillman, George, Ralph, Earl (Mercedes) and Audrey Hardwick; also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives. Friends may call Friday at the Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, 995 Gene-see St. Funeral service Saturday at 2 PM from the funeral home. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

EARLEY—Joseph E. Sr.

OBITUARIES

Joshua Ferguson, owned beauty supply firm

Services for Joshua Ferguson, owner of Joshua Ferguson's Beauty Supply on Jefferson Avenue, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in Church of God Tabernacle, 526 High St.

Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

He died Saturday (Nov. 2, 1991) in Sisters Hospital.

Ferguson, 74, was born in Evergreen, Ala., and attended school

there. He learned barbering at an early age, practicing on his brothers and friends. In the 1930s, he moved to Buffalo, where he worked a short time at Donner-Hanna Coke Corp.

He started a small business from his home on South Division Street in 1950, selling a product called "SuperGroom," then

opened his first business at 609 Broadway. He moved to 565 Jefferson Ave. and to the current location, 1495 Jefferson, in 1983. His business supplied salons in the Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse areas.

He was a member of Church of God Tabernacle, the Buffalo chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Buffalo Police Benevolent Association.

He is survived by his wife, Maggie Ferguson; two daughters, Ruby Ferguson and Barbara Johnson; five brothers, Zellean of Mount Clemons, Mich.; Benjamin Oliver of Detroit; Ralph of Los Angeles, Fletcher Bowens and Hersel; two sisters, Minnie Williams of Perris, Calif., and Martha Morris of Compton, Calif.; 14 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.



Harvey B. Fletcher Succumbs

By Mrs. Mamie Garrett



Harvey B. Fletcher

Niagara District AAU official.

In 1968, Mr. Fletcher founded the Gospel Community Hour for the sick and shut-ins. He also served as President and announcer for the program which today is still broadcasted on radio station WBLK, every Sunday morning.

Mr. Fletcher's survivors are: a loving and devoted

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FLETCHER—Harvey Jr.

Nov. 12, 1984, of Buffalo, N.Y., beloved husband of Betty; dear father of Harvey III, Carl, Kenneth, Sharon, Evelyn and Lynn; brother of the late Arthur L. (Marguerite), Lawrence, Clancy, Wendell, Dorothy (Larry) Swain, Ethel Peyton, the late Darnell Kirksey, Mildred Green, Juanita (Arthur) Scales, Dolores (Al Francis) Epps; nephew of Mrs. Laura Wiggins and Sophronia Sutton; also survived by 11 grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Arrangements entrusted to BUFFALO MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC., 66 East Utica St. Friends may call Thurs. at the Mount Ararat Baptist Church, 971 Jefferson Ave. Family present 7-9 PM. Funeral services from the church Fri. 11:00 AM. Friends invited.

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Harvey B. Fletcher Succumbs

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former wife, Betty Fletcher; six children: Harvey (Lanell), Carl (DeDe); Sharon, Evelyn, Kenneth and Lynn; eight brothers and sisters: Mrs. Larry (Dorothy) Swain; Ethel S. Peyton, Clancy C. Mildred

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Green; Lawrence E. Fletcher; Mrs. Arthur (Juanita) Scales; Mrs. Alfrancis (Dolores) Epps; Wendell R. Fletcher; a dear sister-in-law, Marguerite Fletcher; two aunts: Mrs. Stanley (Sophronia) Sutton and Mrs. Laura Wiggins; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Buffalo Memorial Chapel was in charge of the remains. Interment was in Elmlawn Cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Dale Fletcher, Barrett Fletcher, Clarence Perry III; Julius Green; Jeffrey Green; and James Green.

Honorary Pall Bearers were Preston Jones and Jerry Green.

Mr. Fletcher was well-known to the Criterion and supported it very much. He also was a close friend of the late Eder Charles Beck.

Harvey and his brother, Art, worked closely with the amateur boxers.

Funeral services were held for the late Harvey B. Fletcher, Friday, Nov. 15th, from Mt. Ararat Baptist Church. Reverend W. L. Jones, Pastor, officiated.

The deceased departed this life suddenly on Tuesday, Nov. 12, (1985). He was born on Sept. 21, 1919, in Edwardsville, Virginia, and was the son of Harvey and Selena Fletcher. He moved to Buffalo, at the age of seventeen.

On December 25, 1939, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Betty J. Hopkins, and from this union, three sons and two daughters were born.

Harvey attended public schools in Virginia and Buffalo. He graduated from Boys Vocational High School in 1939. He retired from the Buffalo State Hospital as a member of the Geriatric Family Care team after 28 years of service. He later became proprietor of Fletcher's Restaurant.

Mr. Fletcher was an active member of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church for many years and was a member of the Prince Albert Hall Lodge. He was one of the founding members of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, and helped the church move from 603 Clinton St., to its present location, 971 Jefferson Ave., where he served as financial secretary, corresponding secretary and a trustee and deacon.

Over the years he won many awards and citations for his participation in community activities. Among them were awards from President Ford and President Carter, for his involvement with the Boys Club of America. As a former boxer, Harvey used his experience to help the Masten Boys Club as a

Harvey B. Fletcher Jr., 66, Is Dead; Originated Gospel Radio Program

Funeral services for Harvey B. Fletcher Jr., a therapy aide at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center for 28 years and founder of a religious radio program, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Mount Ararat Baptist Church, 971 Jefferson Ave. He was a founding member and officer of the church.

Burial will be in Elmlawn Cemetery, Town of Tonawanda.

Fletcher, 66, died Tuesday (Nov. 12, 1985) in his home on Howard Street after a short illness. He had recently returned from Englewood, Calif., where he had run a community-care home for the past five years.

Born in Edwardville, Va., he attended public schools there and in Buffalo. He graduated from Boys' Vocational High School in 1938. During World War II he served in the Pacific with the U.S. Navy.

Fletcher completed 28 years with the Geriatric Family Care Team at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center about 15 years ago. He then started Fletcher's Restaurant at Broadway and Michigan Avenue on the city's East Side.

He helped found Mount Ararat Church at 603 Clinton St. and took part in the church's move to its

present location. He had served as financial secretary, corresponding secretary, trustee and deacon. He also was a member of Prince Hall Masons.

Over the years, Fletcher was presented many awards and citations for his community activities. He received awards from Presidents Ford and Carter for his work with the Boys Clubs of America.

A former boxer, he served the Masten Boys Club as a boxing official through the Amateur Athletics Union's Niagara District.

In 1968 Fletcher founded the "Gospel Community Hour," a radio program for the sick and shut-ins. He once was the announcer for the program, which still is broadcast on Sunday mornings on WBLK.

He is survived by his former wife, the former Betty J. Hopkins; three sons, Harvey III of Los Angeles, Kenneth of Buffalo and Carl of Los Angeles; three daughters, Sharon of Pasadena, Calif., Evelyn and Lynn of Buffalo; three brothers, Clancy, Lawrence and Wendell of Englewood; five sisters, Dorothy Swain of Altadena, Calif., Ethel Peyton, Mildred Green, Juanita Scales and Dolores Epps, all of Buffalo; and 11 grandchildren.

FUNDERBURK—John Lee Sr.

June 18, 1992, beloved brother of Lucille Holle and Odessa Mitchell. Family present Sunday June 21 from 7-8 PM at THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC., 995 Genesee St. Funeral Monday at 1 PM.

GARDNER—Esther (nee Hale)

November 21, 1989, wife of Purnell Gardner; mother of Arthur William Hale of Rochester and Ms. Andrea Harmon of Philadelphia; daughter of the late Frank and Susie Hale; sister of Arthur Hale, George (Louise) Hale and Frank (Phyllis) Hale, Sr. all of Rochester, NY. Funeral service to be conducted 11 AM Saturday from First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St. Friends to be received by the family Friday evening 7-9 PM at the Church. Interment St. Matthew's Cemetery. Rev. John R. Dixon officiating. Arrangements MEADOWS BROS. FUNERAL HOME INC.

GARVIN—Artis Sr.

December 8, 1991, Of Buffalo, NY; beloved father of Susan (Henderson) Hutchins and Artis Jr.; also survived by eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. Arrangements intrusted to MEMORIAL CHAPELS OF BUFFALO, 66 E. Utica St. where friends may call Wednesday. Family present 7-9 PM. Funeral services Thursday 11:00 o'clock AM from St. Philips Episcopal Church, Sussex at Grider St. Friends invited.

GASKIN—Glennie

June 18, 1993, beloved wife of Sirlee Gas-
kin; mother of Orashio P. Jackson; sister of
Narcissus Alexander and Lumis Garrison;
also survived by a host of nieces, nephews,
aunts, cousins and friends. Family will be
present Thursday from 7-9 PM at the Pilgrim
Baptist Church, 655 Michigan Ave., where
funeral service will be held Friday at 1 PM.
Arrangements by THOMAS T. EDWARDS
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

GASKIN—Nancy L.

April 3, 1983, beloved mother of James, Raymond (Joyce), Cathleen, Fred, Carol, Christine (Donald); sister of Fred and Sirlee (Glennie); also survived by two foster children, Marcel and Andre Harris; nine grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral service Thurs. at 1 PM from Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, 641 Masten Ave. Family present Wed. from 7-9 PM at the THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC., 995 Genesee St.

Obituaries

Rites Set for Lula Gayles Of Gospel-Singing Family

A memorial service will be held tomorrow, and funeral services are scheduled Saturday for Lula Lucritia Adams Gayles, 65, the matriarch of a widely known family of gospel singers, who died Monday (March 12, 1984) in her Buffalo home.

Born in Savannah, Ga., she moved to Buffalo as a child and graduated from local schools.

She organized the Gayles Singers when her first three children were between the ages of 1 and 3. Her other 14 children were added to the group as they became old enough to sing.

The family performed in Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania and throughout New York State on a regular basis as well as on television. In addition, the group produced an album, which has been distributed throughout the United States.

Mrs. Gayles was honored often throughout her life for her civic, religious and social work, but most often perhaps as a mother who had raised 17 children.

During her lifetime she received the Xi Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority's Black Family Award, the Buffalo Urban League Family Life Award and the Var-Son Community Choir and Love Train Gang "Mother of the Year" award, among many others.

She was active in the First Shiloh Baptist Church for 50 years.

She also taught Sunday school there for many years.

During the past 10 years she spent much of her time traveling, visiting such places as Chicago, Savannah, Spain and Africa.

She also advised the family on business matters relating to its album distribution and the operation of Gayles Beauty Enterprises.

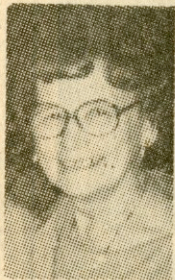
Mrs. Gayles, the widow of Edward C. Gayles Jr., is survived by eight sons, Edward, George, Frederick, Kenneth, Ronald, Gregg, Steven and Stanley; nine daughters, Eleanor Davis, Rosa Suarez, Lula Herring, Edna Kee, Pamela Taylor, Alice Floyd, Marian Shaw, Diane Brown and Vivian Bunch; four brothers, John Adams, Bennie Adams, Peter Adams and Julius Adams; two sisters, Alice Ramadahan and Edna Hopkins; 41 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow in the Thomas Edwards Funeral Home, 995 Genesee St. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the First Shiloh Baptist Church. Several of her children will participate in that service.

Honorary pallbearers will be Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve, Bishop Leroy R. Anderson, the Rev. L.T. Boyce, Rev. Bennett W. Smith and the Rev. John T. Hilliard. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Antoinette Geleszinski, Former Union Officer

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Union Road and Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, for Antoinette "Ann" Geleszinski, a former Machinists' Union officer who worked as a riveter after World War II and flew in a pontoon plane into the Alaskan interior while in her 70s.



The Mass will be preceded by prayers at 10:30 in the Urban Funeral Home, 3645 Genesee St., Cheektowaga. Interment will be in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Cheektowaga.

Mrs. Geleszinski, died Sunday (March 27, 1988) in the Erie County Medical Center after a long illness. She was 78.

The former Antoinette Oleksy went to work for Twin Coach, later

Twin Industries, in Cheektowaga in the 1940s and became one of the first female supervisors there. One of her jobs was riveting airplane wings. She was secretary of Local 1814, International Association of Machinists, for many years. She later worked for Scott Aviation, retiring in 1975.

During her retirement years, Mrs. Geleszinski was active in the Cheektowaga Senior Citizens, serving as an officer. She enjoyed pinochle and square-dancing and did volunteer work for Meals on Wheels and the Red Cross and helped distribute surplus government food.

Mrs. Geleszinski was known for the roses she grew in her garden. She loved to travel and visited Alaska several times, flying into the bush in a small plane several years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Lee Lewandowski and Irene Thomason; a son, James; 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

GIBSON—Juanita

June 12, 1983, in Detroit, Michigan, mother of Helen Benefield and Laura Norris; also survived by three grandchildren and other relatives. Friends may call Fri. at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave., where the family will be present 7-9 PM. Funeral services Sat. 2 PM at the Forest Lawn Birchwood Mausoleum.

Edward Gist, clarinet player in local bands

A memorial service for Edward I. Gist, a clarinet player who played with local marching bands when he was young, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Forest Lawn Chapel.

Gist, 69, died Thursday (June 2, 1994) in Buffalo General Hospital after an illness of four months.

Born in Buffalo, Gist who was known as Shakey, played clarinet in local marching bands, including the American Legion Band, before World War II. He also was a housing manager, running rooming houses on the East Side for many years until his retirement.

Gist was drafted and served nearly two years in the Army during World War II. He later worked as a waiter for the former New York Central Railroad for more than 15 years.

He was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a member of the American Legion and the Masonic Master Craftsman Post 110.

Survivors include his mother, Elnora, and a brother, Earl.

Interment will be in Rosewood Mausoleum Atrium Garden in Forest Lawn.

GLUNZ—Ray G.

November 13, 1987; beloved husband of the late Renilda (nee Kittlaus); dearest father of Mrs. Joan (William) Singleton and the late Jean (Robert) Wilson; grandfather of five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family will be present to receive friends Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the (Tonawanda Chapel) AMIGONE FUNERAL HOME INC., 2600 Sheridan Dr. (corner Parker), where funeral services will be held on Monday at a 2:00 PM. Friends invited. Flowers gratefully declined. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Buffalo, Inc.

OBITUARIES

Wilhelmina M. Godfrey dies; noted artist, fine-arts weaver

Services for Wilhelmina M. Godfrey, 79, a noted Buffalo artist and fine-arts weaver, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill Ave. Private entombment will be in Forest Lawn.

Mrs. Godfrey died Friday (May 13, 1994) in Buffalo General Hospital after a long illness.

Born Wilhelmina McAlpin in Philadelphia, she was raised and educated in Buffalo and told Buffalo News Art Critic Richard Huntington in 1990 that she had drawn and painted all her life.

She took all the art classes available at Fosdick Masten High School, but the Depression interrupted her art education until the mid-1940s, when she won scholarships to the Art Institute of Buffalo and the Albright Art School. Her paintings from that era documented life on Buffalo's East Side.

She began weaving after seeing an exhibit in Rochester in 1958 and produced abstract works that borrowed themes and designs from African art.

She was an artist for 11 years at AM&A's department store, leaving in 1963 to devote full time to her studio work. She organized the weaving department at the University at Buffalo and was an instructor at its Creative Craft Center from 1967 to 1970. She also was a founder and director of the Langston Hughes Center.

In 1974, she received a craftsmen's fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and earned a scholarship to the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Maine.

She served as a crafts adviser to the Buffalo Wider Horizons Craft Program, the National Endowment for the Arts and American Crafts Council seminar in 1973 and helped select finalists for National Endowment for the Arts craftsmen's fellowships in 1976.

In 1979, she presented a paper with slides titled "The Negro Slave Craftworkers of North and South Carolina" at the first National African-American Crafts Conference Symposium in Memphis, Tenn.

Her commissions included a triptych altar painting for St. Philip's Episcopal Church and a five-panel altar painting for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Buffalo. In 1990, she was recognized with the Buffalo and Erie County Arts Council's Individual Artist Within the Community Award. During that same year, a retrospective of her paintings, prints and weaving was exhibited at Medaille College, which created a gallery to display her works.

She was a life member of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, a past officer of the Albright-Knox Members Council and the Buffalo Craftsmen; a board member of the New York State Craftsmen; a member of the African-American Crafts Council, the American Sector of the World Crafts Council;



Wilhelmina M. Godfrey

the National Conference of Artists; and Arts Development Services of Buffalo.

She also was a member of the advisory board for the Arts Committee for the Erie Community College City Campus and the art advisory committee of Buffalo's Metro Rail system. She was a 70-year member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, organized its Girls' Friendly Society in 1951 and was a past president of St. Philip's Episcopal Churchwomen.

She was a past member of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York's Church Mission of Help and chairwoman of Episcopal churchwomen for the Central Erie Deanery from 1968 to 1970, during which time she moderated the group's Urban Crisis Panel at a series of community meetings throughout the area.

She was a past president of Beta Phi Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda sorority and was the sorority's journalist for the Eastern Region and assistant to its national publicity chairman.

Mrs. Godfrey was a past member of the Democratic Business and Professional Women's Club of the Niagara Frontier, the Neighborhood House Association and the NAACP.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, William; a daughter, Carol Wing of West Seneca; a brother, William McAlpin; and a goddaughter, Catherine Butler-Quarles of Dayton, Ohio.

GOMEZ—Lottie J.

Of Lackawanna, N.Y., Aug. 1, 1984, beloved wife of the late Marcos; dearest mother of Mrs. Melvin (Marguerite) Pawlak, Mrs. Barbara Nowak, Mrs. Blagoje (Anita) Karovski; survived by 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; daughter of the late Glise and Mary Glad Jovicki; sister of Mrs. Alex (Barbara) Bivolcic, Mrs. Sylvia Masters and late Ruth Yezic, Kathryn Collado Gonzales; survived by nieces and nephews. Chapel service from THE COLONIAL MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC., 3003 South Park Ave., Lackawanna, N.Y., Sat. afternoon at 12:00 PM, Rev. Trajko Boseovski officiating. Visitation 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Parastas Fri. evening at 7:30 PM.

Community Loses Prominent Minister

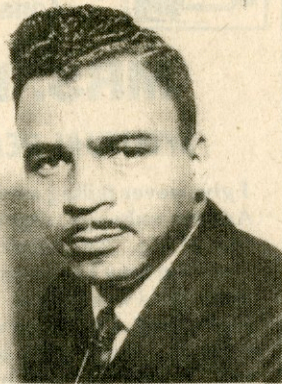
By Mrs. Mamie Garrett

Funeral services for the late Rev. Guy J. Graves were held Tuesday, April 23, at 11 a.m., from Unity Baptist Church, 183 Sycamore St., where he was pastor.

He was born March 1, 1936, to Tom and the late Elizabeth Graves, in Malakoff, Texas. He succumbed (Thursday, April 18, 1985).

He was a graduate of the St. Paul High School in Malakoff. In 1957, he married Alberta Toliver, and from this union, five children were born. He moved to Buffalo, in June of 1957.

Rev. Graves joined the Friendship Baptist



Rev. Guy J. Graves

Church, 402 Clinton St., under the leadership of the late Rev. E. D. McNeeley. He studied with the Buffalo Bible Institute and

participated in various Baptist Association workshops on the local, state and national level.

In 1961, Rev. Graves was called to pastor the Antioch Baptist Church, where he served faithfully in sickness and in health for 16 years.

He organized the Center Union Baptist Church in 1976, and in 1982, the New Light Baptist Church.

In June 1984, he was called to the Unity Baptist Church, where he pastored until his death. His Christian chores included quartet singing. He sang with the Soul Stirrers, the Bibletones and the JCS

Chorus of the Friendship Baptist Church. He was affiliated with the Council of Churches and worked with various community organizations.

Rev. Graves is survived by: a wife, Ruth; a father, Rev. Tom Graves; daughters: Sharon, (Rev. Larry) Watson; Gwendolyn (Rev. Goodloe) Brown, of Buffalo; Kimberly and Marie Graves, of Wichita Falls, Texas; sons: Guy, Jr., of Buffalo; and Rev. John Young, of Pontiac, Michigan; Stepchildren: Sawyer, Johnny Hatten, Jr., Anthony and Michael Hatten; five grandchildren and one godson, Rev. Graves — See Page 3

Rev. Guy Graves

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Ramsey Billups, of Buddlake, New Jersey; .

Other survivors are: six sisters: Tommie (Otis) Bennett; Eitherlean (Melvin) Finley of San Diego, California; Inez (Harrison) Thomas all of Buffalo; two brothers: Hugh (Aldrubie) and Richard Graves, of Buffalo, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Interment was in Acacia Park, in North Tonawanda.

Johnny Green, Golden Gloves champion

A Mass of Christian Burial for Johnny Green, 68, who won the national Golden Gloves lightweight championship in 1941, will be offered at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Broadway and Emslie Street.

Green, a native of Greenville, S.C., died Monday (May 24, 1993) in the Erie County Infirmary in Alden after a long illness.

An only child, with his mother from South Carolina to Lackawanna when he was 6 years old. In his later years, he recalled that he was a rather meek boy who shined shoes and sold newspapers to help his family.

"All the big guys would take my money," he recalled during an interview in his Jefferson Avenue apartment. He said a neighborhood boxer taught him how to fight, and the neighborhood kids soon knew to keep their distance from him and his money.

He was 17 when he won the national Golden Gloves 135-pound crown in Chicago. In an ensuing career in which he participated in more than 200 amateur and professional fights, Green was ranked as one of the top five lightweights and later as one of the top eight welterweights.

The young boxer also got to meet celebrities such as Martha Raye, Lena Horne, George Raft, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, Billie Holiday, Rocky Graziano and Dorothy Dandridge.

Fighting under the nickname "Steel City Express," Green had one of his biggest fights in 1944, when he battled Ike Williams, who became lightweight champ three years later. Williams knock-

ed out Green in the second round. Green received \$1,800 and a memory of "the only time I was knocked out."

In 1946, he was offered \$3,000 to take on Sugar Ray Robinson, for whom he had been a sparring partner, but the fight never materialized.

Green gave up boxing only to take on a bigger opponent — failing eyesight. He lost his left eye and cataracts clouded the vision of his remaining eye.

After feeling sorry for himself for a while, he said, he heard about the Blind Association of Western New York at 1170 Main St.

"I went there in '74. They taught me how to read Braille, type, get around better," he recalled. Although he was legally blind, he could discern shapes well enough to counsel and train young amateur fighters.

He taught youngsters in the Jefferson Police Athletic League, Westminster House Boxing program and Willert Park Police Athletic Youth Center. He was honored with the PAL outstanding coach of the year award and received the Mayor's Youth Award from Mayor Griffin. In 1988, he received the Rochester Boxing Association's "Courage of the Year" award.

Green also was proud of the trophies he helped to win as a member of a blind bowling team.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred Fletcher; eight sons, John Jr. of North Tonawanda, Andre of Rochester, Sherman Coleman of Lackawanna, Julius, Jeffrey, James, John and Terrence; three daughters, Joan Mitchell of Syracuse, Julie Green of Port Huron, Mich., and Shirley Stokes; his mother, Fannie Green of Syracuse; 20 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.



GREY—Dorothy J.

March 22, 1993, beloved wife of William J. Grey; mother of William A. Grey (Lessie); sister of Rose Jones; grandmother of William, Jason and Leslie; also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives. The family will receive friends Thursday 7-9 PM at H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY, INC., 968 Jefferson Ave. Funeral service Friday 10 AM at St. Vincent de Paul R. C. Church, Main & Eastwood. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

HAIRSTON—Richard

August 18, 1986, husband of Geraldine.
Services to be conducted at the convenience of the family. No prior visitation.
Arrangements entrusted to MEADOWS
BROS. FUNERAL HOME, INC.

HALL—Leon J.

Dec. 5, 1976, husband of the late Anne L. Hall; father of Mrs. Lucia L. Miller, of Memphis, Tenn.; brother of Mrs. Dorothy Westbrook of Chicago, Ill.; Willis A. Hall, of Utica, N. Y.; George Johnson of Buffalo, and Mrs. Bettye Tate of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; also survived by two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one niece, several nephews and a beloved friend Mrs. Rebecca Savage. Friends received at the Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home Inc., 995 Genesee St., Tuesday and Wednesday from 7-9. A Masonic service by St. John's Lodge No. 16 F.&A.M. will be conducted at 8 PM Wednesday evening. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 AM from Wall's Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, 455 Glenwood Ave. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Mr. Hall was a member of Hadji Temple No. 61 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc, Bison Consistory No. 29, St John's Lodge No. 16 F.&A.M. (PH), a past Potentate of Hadji Temple No. 61, past master of St. John's Lodge No. 16 F.&A.M. (PH) and past advisor of Hadji Court No. 62.

Thursday, December 9, 1976

Obituaries

Leon J. Hall, Swimming Instructor

Funeral services for Leon J. Hall, 75, a swimming instructor and former YMCA executive, were held today in Wall's Memorial AME Zion Church.

Mr. Hall, of 53 Otis Pl., died Sunday (Dec. 5, 1976) in Buffalo General Hospital after a short illness. Burial was in Forest Lawn.

A native of Syracuse who graduated from Hutchinson High School here and Cornell University, Mr. Hall worked with the YMCA in Buffalo for about 40 years.

He was a swimming instructor at the East Side and Michigan Ave. branches and formerly was physical education director at the Michigan branch.

A former swimming instruc-

tor at the BUILD Academy, Mr. Hall was a semi-retired swimming instructor at the East Side "Y" at his death.

Mr. Hall was business manager of Hadji Shrine Temple 61 and was a former potentate of the temple. He also was a member and past master of St. John's Lodge 16, Prince Hall Masons, and a member of Bison Consistory 29.

He was the husband of the late Anne L. Hall.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lucia L. Miller of Memphis, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Westbrook of Chicago and Mrs. Bettye Tate, of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, Willis A. Hall of Utica, and George Johnson; two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Arthur Hardwick Jr. Dies; Political, Business Leader

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. John Baptist Church, 184 Goodell St., for Arthur D. Hardwick Jr., the first



black from Erie County to be elected to the State Legislature and a prominent local business and civic leader for many years. Interment will be in the Birchwood Mausoleum of Forest Lawn.

Hardwick, 70, the husband of former Rep. Shirley A. Chisholm, D-Brooklyn, died Monday (Aug. 18, 1986) in his Amherst home.

A veteran of World War II, Hardwick was elected to the Legislature in 1964 representing the old 143rd District of Buffalo. He served two terms, before he was defeated by Assemblyman Arthur O. Eve.

Hardwick served on the Ways and Means, Military Affairs and the Commerce and Industry committees of the Assembly. He was co-chairman of the Joint Legislative Com-

mittee on Migrant Labor.

He worked with the late Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to expose the conditions endured by the state's migrant workers, and authored legislation for the first workers compensation bill for migrant workers. He also pushed for education for the children of migrant workers.

Before serving in Albany, Hardwick operated a successful retail liquor business in Buffalo and was the principal stockholder of H&H Delivery Service. He also served as vice president of Doris Records Inc. Active in civic affairs, he served on several mayoral committees, including those serving the elderly and combating drug abuse.

He served on the executive state board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He was honored on numerous occasions for his community work.

In 1977, he married Mrs. Chisholm, who was at that time a member of Congress.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a sister, Juanita Watson of Augusta, Ga.

HARE—Clarence M.

Oct. 13, 1984, husband of Maxine Hare; father of Terance E.; step-father of Malcolm Tillett; son of Lillie M. Hare and the late William J.; brother of Leon, Norman, Dorothy Phillips and the late Edward; also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives. The family will receive friends Tues. 7-9 PM at Calavary C.M.E. Church, Ellicott, cor. Dodge St., where funeral services will be conducted Wed. 11 AM. Rev. J. Allen Sabb, Jr. officiating. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements by H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC.

HARE—Edward

March 25, 1977, beloved father of Mrs. Sharon (Don Edward) Lewis; grandfather of Yolanda L., Don Edward Jr. and Tracey Lewis; son of Mrs. Lillie Hare; brother of Leon, Clarence (Maxine), Mrs. Dorothy (Charles) Phillips and Norman (Janice); nephew of Mrs. Rosetta Mostiller; also survived by many other relatives. Remains may be viewed Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the Buffalo House of Genesis Inc., 5 Walden Ave., at East Parade. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 AM from Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 629 East Delavan Ave. Rev. James B. Benton officiating. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

HARE—Lillie M.

March 16, 1993, wife of the late William J.; mother of Leon, Dorothy Hare Phillips of Baltimore, MD., and Norman and the late Edward, Clarence and Louise; daughter of John and Hattie Bates; sister of the late Rosetta Mostiller; also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives. The family will receive friends Friday 7-9 PM at THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC., 995 Genesee St. Funeral Service Saturday 1 PM from Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 629 East Delavan Ave. Rev. William Gillison officiating. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery.

John L. Hargrave, Sr., Attorney, Succumbs

Funeral services were held for John Lyman Hargrave, Sr., 61, at St. John Baptist Church, 184 Goodell St., at 1 p.m.

Hargrave, a resident of Summit St., died Saturday, (Feb. 8, 1986) in his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Halifax, North Carolina, the son of Annie W. Hargrave and the late Ashley S. Hargrave, Sr. He was raised in Lackawanna, attending public schools there. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943. Upon his discharge in 1946, he joined his father in the family-owned cleaning business of Hargrave and Sons, in Lackawanna, and was later expanded into the Buffalo area.

Mr. Hargrave was an accomplished musician and performed with several bands during the 1950s, including one led by C. Q. Price. He was a member of Local 92, American Federation of Musicians, and the Colored Musicians Club.

In his pursuit of a higher goal, Mr. Hargrave re-



John L. Hargrave, Sr.

ceived his Juris Doctor degree in 1975, from the State University of New York at Buffalo, which led to the formation of Hargrave, McKelvey, Flowers and Hampton, in 1977. From the firm's inception until his last days, he dedicated himself to serving the needs of the Black community.

Active in community affairs, Hargraves was Vice President of the Geneva B. Scruggs Health Center and a board member of the Health Committee of Western New York. He was also a member of the Grand

Boule Sigma Pi Phi fraternity's Alpha Kappa Chapter and St. John Baptist Church.

Mr. Hargrave was a member of the Lawyers Club of Buffalo; America Lawyers Association; Erie County Bar Association; Minority Bar Association; New York Bar Association and the American Bar

Association.

He was also a member of the UB Law School Alumni Association; U B Alumni Association and the Judges and Police Executives Conference of Erie County.

His survivors are: his wife, Rose L.; three daughters: Lynette Bro-

HARGRAVE—James

Nov. 4, 1985, husband of Aliscensa Hargrave; father of Lawrence (Gladys), Gilbert (Yvonne), Janet E. James (Arnold) and Donald; brother of Geraldine Williams (Charles), Mason, Stuart (Mary), Henry and Louis (Mary) Hargrave; also survived by nine grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives. Mr. Hargrave will lie in state at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave., Thurs. 4-9 PM, Fri. 10 AM-5 PM. A wake will be held at the First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St., on Fri. from 7-9 PM. Funeral services will be conducted Sat. at 1 o'clock at the First Shiloh Baptist Church. Interment in St. Matthew's Cemetery.

Thomas H. Henry, Baptist church founder

Services for Thomas H. Henry, 82, a founder of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 318 High St., will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Edwards Funeral Home, 995 Genesee St. Burial will be in Ridge Lawn Cemetery, Cheektowaga.

Henry died Thursday (Feb. 14, 1991) in Sisters Hospital.

A production worker for the old Curtiss-Wright Co. and its successor, Westinghouse Corp., he helped organize Electrical Workers Local 1581, AFL-CIO. He was the first black person to be an officer and steward of the local, which presented him with a plaque for distinguished service. He retired in 1974.

His employment at Curtiss-Wright was interrupted by service as an infantryman and military policeman in the Army from 1944 to 1946. He was a staff sergeant in Okinawa.

A native of Pittsburgh, he came to Buffalo with his wife, the late Bertha Henry, and children in

1929. He worked for Socony gasoline stations, first at Broadway and Jefferson Avenue, and then at Main Street and Jewett Avenue.

Henry and the Rev. S.K. Lewis organized the New Zion Church in the 1950s when it was situated at Emslie and Howard streets. Henry served as scoutmaster, chairman of the board of trustees, Sunday school teacher and choir member. His fondness for gospel music led him to organize a singing group called the Bell-Airs, who sang in churches and on radio in Buffalo and other cities.

A longtime Democratic committeeman, he also was a senior volunteer with the Erie County Social Services Department and made deliveries to shut-ins for the Meals on Wheels program.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Martha Porter of Pittsburgh, and Marguerite Fletcher and Helen Roddy Gray; a son, Charles; four stepsons, George E. McCormick of Laurel, Md., Kenneth McCormick of Seattle, Wash., Calvin C. McCormick of Baltimore, Md., and Charles Hutchins; 40 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



HILL—John

February 10, 1994, beloved husband of Mildred (nee Humphrey); father of Shirley Brown, Ernestine Moody, J. Kenneth and Jeffery Hill. Friends may call Sunday 1-9 PM at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY, INC., 968 Jefferson Ave. Wake Monday at 11 AM at First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St., where funeral is to follow at 12 noon.

Leonard Hill, from notable Buffalo family

Services for Leonard E. Hill, a descendant of one of the early black residents of Buffalo, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Peoples Community United Church of Christ, 472 Swan St. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

Hill, 72, died Thursday (Oct. 8, 1992) in Veterans Hospital after a long illness.

Hill, a retired supervisor at Bethlehem Steel Corp., served in the Navy during World War II.

In 1972-73, he was worshipful master of Paramount Lodge 73,



Prince Hall Masons.

His maternal grandfather was Robert Payton Talbert, who arrived in Buffalo shortly after the War of 1812 and was a successful businessman, at one time owning about one-third of Grand Island.

During the Civil War, the Talbert family was active in the Underground Railroad to help slaves escape to Canada.

Talbert Hall at the University at Buffalo and Talbert Mall on the East Side are named for Hill's great-aunt, Mary B. Talbert, the first black woman to receive a doctorate from UB.

He is survived by his wife, Leola, and three sons, Leonard Jr. of Los Angeles, Donald and Kevin.

HINTON—Addison

After a long illness; July 2, 1994; beloved husband of Carrie; father of Katie, Frederick, Mary, Ronnie, Theresa and the late Addison Jr. Family will receive friends on Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC., 995 Genesee St. Special Masonic Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 7:00 PM from St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill, where funeral services will be conducted Friday at 11:00 AM. Fr. Julius Jackson officiating. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made to St. Philip's Episcopal Church. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery.

Rites for Dr. Walter Holland Sr., a dentist 53 years, set Saturday

A memorial service for Dr. Walter B. Holland Sr., a Buffalo dentist for 53 years, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday in Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, 641 Masten Ave.

Holland, 84, died Saturday (May 5, 1990) in his Buffalo home.

Born in Moneata, Va., Holland received a bachelor's degree from

Virginia Union University in Richmond and a doctor of dental surgery degree from the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1935, Holland established a private practice at 360 William St. His son, Dr. Walter Jr. of Williamsville, joined him in 1973 and continued the practice after the elder Holland retired in 1988.

He was an avid golfer and bowler and was active in many professional and community endeavors. During World War II, he served on the War Manpower Board. He also served on the executive board of the Buffalo Urban League and was chairman of the board of the Michigan Avenue branch of the YMCA for two years. He was a trustee of Durham Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, a past master of Ionic Lodge 88, a member of the Elks and historian of Alpha Phil Alpha fraternity's Rho Lambda Chapter.

Holland also was a member of Alpha Omega dental fraternity and the state, 8th District and Erie County dental societies.

In addition to his son, survivors include his wife, Laura, and two grandchildren.

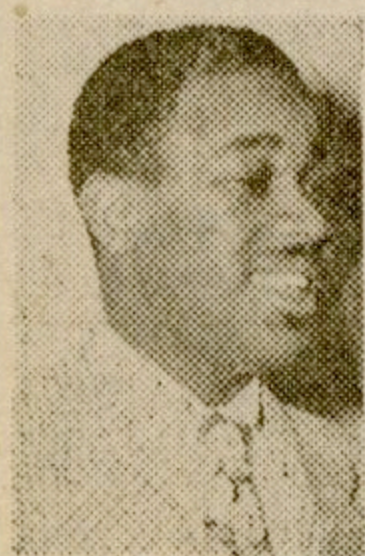
He was buried Wednesday in Forest Lawn after a private ceremony.



OBITUARIES

George Holt is dead at 68; acclaimed jazz trumpeter

A jazz funeral Mass of Christian Burial for George A. "George" Holt, an internationally acclaimed jazz trumpeter, will be offered at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Columba-Brigid Catholic Church, Eagle and Hickory streets.



— 1955 photo

Holt, 68, who played with such jazz greats as Cozy Cole, Stan Kenton and Jimmy Lunceford, died Tuesday (Dec. 19, 1989) in Buffalo General Hospital after a long illness caused by a stroke. He will be entombed in Forest Lawn.

The Rev. James C. O'Connor, pastor of St. Columba-Brigid, said members of the Buffalo Musicians Association of Local 92, American Federation of Musicians, and the Colored Musicians Club will play during the funeral Mass. Holt was a lifelong member of both organizations.

Holt reached the pinnacle of his career during a nine-year stint with the Cozy Cole Band in New York City.

Dick Batzer, who is writing a history of jazz in Buffalo, said, "Cozy Cole would be the biggest name he worked with." Batzer said Holt recorded an album with Cole based on the music of Bizet's "Carmen." It was titled "The Cozy Cole Conception of Carmen."

In 1965, Holt participated with that band in a six-month State Department-sponsored, cultural-exchange tour of Africa, playing to large crowds that sometimes filled soccer fields. Batzer said Holt called it "the highlight of my career."

Earlier, he played in the Savoy Ballroom in New York City with the Lenny Lewis Band.

Upon his return to Buffalo in the late 1960s, Holt continued his jazz career, playing with the Johnny Gibson Trio at the Anchor Bar for 10 years. He retired after suffering his first stroke in 1979.

Born in Newport News, Va., while his father was stationed there with the Army, Holt moved to Buffalo with his family when he was less than a year old.

Holt was 10 years old when he began playing trumpet at School 75.

Batzer, who interviewed Holt several months ago for his book, said Holt approached the band instructor, Jerry Tobia, about playing and was told to go to the band room and get a trumpet. Holt said he didn't know what a trumpet was but told Batzer, "I recalled

seeing paintings of the angel Gabriel. That instrument looked like a trumpet to me, so I took it home."

The next day, Holt told Batzer, Tobia asked about a mellophone missing from the band room, but Holt expressed no knowledge of it. Tobia then pointed to Holt's "trumpet" as the missing instrument.

"That was my first trumpet lesson," Holt said.

"I practiced every day with the windows open in the summer," Holt recalled. "The other kids gathered under the window to listen."

As a student at Hutchinson Central High School, Holt was one of a group of promising musicians selected to participate in a Saturday morning accelerated music program. Another member of that group was Eli Konikoff, well-known Buffalo-area trombonist and leader of a Dixieland jazz group.

After graduating from Hutchinson Central, Holt landed his first job as a trumpeter with the J. Frank Terry Band at the former McVan's Night Club.

"Long hours but good experience" was how Holt described it to Batzer.

Before getting his big break with Lenny Lewis in 1945, he played in several of Buffalo's popular nightspots, including the Moon Glow.

Holt also was an Erie County sheriff's deputy from 1947 to 1952, cooking in the kitchen of the county jail, as his father had done years before. After working that job, he would play in local clubs.

In 1979, Holt suffered the first of a number of strokes and after that didn't perform or even leave his home much. But last July, Batzer said, Holt went to hear jazz trumpeter Clark Terry at Kleinhans Music Hall, then stopped off to hear music at the Blue Note jazz club.

His wife, Velma, a church cook, was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters in October by Christ the King Seminary for the role she played in the lives of priests and seminarians serving Buffalo's inner-city parishes.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lynn M. Holt and Constance J. Coles; five sons, Arthur R. of Highland Park, Calif., Dale A. of New Orleans, Cornelius Stanford of Pomona, Calif., George A. and Marlon G., and 16 grandchildren.

HOPKINS—Charles F. Sr.

April 18, 1992; beloved husband of Vivian; father of Charles Jr., Marilyn (Ronald) Millender, Diana (Wilbert) Davis, Darryl (Beverly); brother of Evelyn (Spencer) Atkinson, Betty Fletcher; grandfather of Carla (Terry) Heard, Teri Hopkins, Stace' Millender, Darryl and Brian Hopkins; great grandfather of Cortney, Brittnae and Briana Heard; also survived by a host of other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the Free Spirit Missionary Baptist Church, 1242 Jefferson Ave. where the funeral services will be held Thursday 1 o'clock PM. Auspices, EXODUS GARDENS FUNERAL HOME.

Rev. William Horner, Former Lincoln Pastor, Dies

Funeral services for the Rev. William H. Horner, 84, former pastor of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, 641 Masten Ave., were held Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 11 a.m., in the church.

Rev. Horner was the son of the late William M. and Julia A. Horner, and was born in Greenwood, Delaware on April 1, 1902. He died on Tuesday, Feb. 10, (1987) at Beechwood Nursing Home, after a serious illness.

Rev. Horner was pastor of Lincoln Memorial Church from 1929 to 1965.

Under his leadership, the congregation purchased the Masten Avenue edifice in 1954.

He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Buffalo District Conference of the United Methodist Church for 34 years and represented it at the 1956 General Conference in Minneapolis. He was a delegate to the 1960 and 1964 General Conferences held in Denver and Pittsburgh, respectively.

While serving at Lincoln Memorial, Rev. Horner was a guest preacher at more than 70 pulpits throughout Western New York and directed the Summer Institute for Youth at Silver Lake.

He was active in community affairs and served on the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Urban League, the Equality Club, the Mental Health Association of Erie County and the old Meyer Memorial Hospital Board.



REV. WILLIAM HORNER

Rev. Horner also served as pastor of the Warren United Methodist Church in Pittsburgh and Northridge United Methodist Church in Lockport, after leaving Lincoln Memorial.

He also traveled to Alaska with the U. S. Air Force Chaplains Corps and toured South America on a trip sponsored by the National Board of Missions.

Rev. Horner was the husband of the late Emma Tindley Horner.

His survivors are: a nephew, Daniel R. Halyard, of Philadelphia; a niece, Julia Burse, of Philadelphia; a niece, Laurretta Anderson, of Buffalo; and many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: Homer Smith, Monroe Williams, John Mose, Henry Worrell, Robert Butcher and Bertron Carter.

Interment was in Trinity Cemetery, in Bridgeville, Delaware.

Rev. William H. Horner Dies at 84; Lincoln Church Pastor for 36 Years

Funeral services for the Rev. William H. Horner, 84, pastor of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, 641 Masten Ave., for 36 years, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the church.



Mr. Horner died Tuesday (Feb. 10, 1987) in the Beechwood Nursing Home, Amherst. Burial will be in Forest Lawn. Mr. Horner was pastor emeritus of Lincoln

Memorial, where he served as pastor from 1929 to 1965.

Under Mr. Horner's leadership, the congregation purchased the Masten Avenue sanctuary in 1954.

He was secretary-treasurer of the Buffalo District Conference of the United Methodist Church for 34 years and represented it at the 1956 General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Minneapolis. He was a delegate to the 1960 and 1964 general conferences in Denver

and Pittsburgh, respectively.

While serving at Lincoln Memorial, Mr. Horner was a guest preacher at more than 70 pulpits throughout Western New York and directed the Summer Institute for Youth at Silver Lake.

Active in community affairs, he had served on the board of directors of the Buffalo Urban League, the Travelers Aid Society of Buffalo and Western New York and the National Travelers Aid Association.

He also had been a member of the old Buffalo and Erie County Health Board, the Equality Club, the Mental Health Association of Erie County and the old Meyer Memorial Hospital Board.

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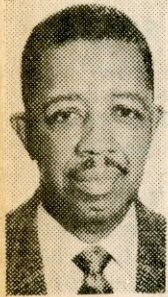
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HUGHES—Claude P.

Dec. 21, 1985, husband of the late Normerita L. Hughes; father of Diane Y. Scott, Brenda C. Hall, (Albert S.) and Randolph P. Hughes; grandfather of Diane R. and Dawn L. Scott; nephew of Irene Thomson and George Jordan. The family will receive friends 7-9 PM at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave. Funeral services Tues. 11 AM from First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Archie Hunter dies; civic leader, social worker, educator, activist

Archie L. Hunter, 66, a longtime civic leader, educator and community activist, died Sunday (March 22, 1992) in Hospice Buffalo after a long illness.



A Buffalo native, Hunter was a graduate of School 32, Hutchinson Central High School and the University at Buffalo, where he earned bachelor's degrees in sociology and anthropology and a master's degree in social work.

Hunter was retired from the Erie County Department of Social Services, where he had worked for 32 years, serving in several administrative capacities. Much of his early work was devoted to counseling troubled youth and establishing activities for them.

He also served as adjunct faculty member at Buffalo State College and other local institutions of higher learning for more than 14 years.

Hunter was a lifelong member of Trinity Baptist Church. There, he served as chairman of the board of trustees and financial secretary for more than 30 years. He was also a Sunday school teacher, Baptist training union teacher and a member of the laymen's league. Recently, he coordinated the congregation's efforts to build a new church.

Hunter was a founding member of the Phi Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and served as its president from 1984 to 1988.

Throughout his life, and most notably after his retirement, Hunter distinguished himself as a tireless and dedicated volunteer to numerous community organizations. A member of the board and

executive committee of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, he was also co-chairman of the agency's allocations committee, a member of its management assistance fund distribution, admissions and grants committees, and chairman of its minority advisory committee.

Hunter also served as vice president of the Geneva B. Scruggs Community Health Care Center and was on the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, chairman of the university/community advisory council of the Equal Opportunity Center and secretary of the Buffalo Convention Center Management Corp.

As one of the founding board members of the William-Emslie YMCA, Hunter headed the program and finance committees and was instrumental in developing the capital campaign, which eventually helped provide funds for a new building.

Hunter also volunteered his time to the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers, St. Augustine's Center, the Buffalo Urban League, the Buffalo NAACP and the Foundation of the New York State Nurses Association.

In 1991, the United Way recognized Hunter as its Volunteer of the Year and the Alumni Association of the School of Social Work at UB selected him as its Social Worker of the Year.

He served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II.

Hunter is survived by his wife, Juanita; two sons, Jeffery of Annandale, Va., and Wayne; a daughter, Gail of Salem, N.Y., and a brother, Robert.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Shiloh Baptist Church, 40 Pine St. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.