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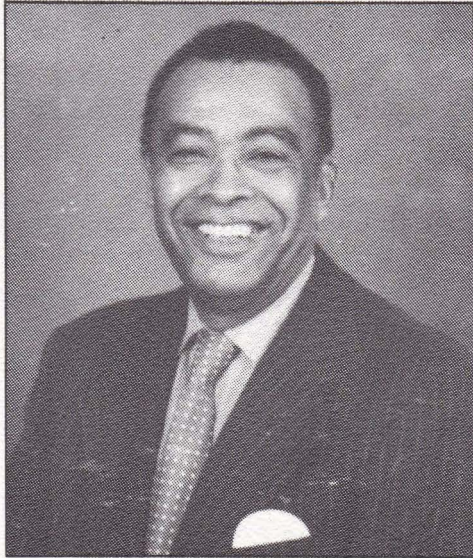
IN MEMORY

— of the late —

Benjamin Franklin Long

March 27, 1917

January 11, 1987



THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1987

1:00 p.m.

**LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

641 Masten Avenue

Buffalo, New York



Pastor Melba Varner Chaney

OBITUARY



Benjamin Franklin Long, son of the late Frank and Mary Long, was born in Talladega County, Alabama, the sixth of seven children. He attended Talladega College and West Virginia State Institute.

While attending college, he obtained his pilot's license and was inducted into the United States Army. He served overseas during World War II. While recovering from a war injury, he studied at the University of Florence in Italy.

He returned to the states and married the former Virginia Hickerson on April 6, 1946. They made Buffalo their home, shortly thereafter.

Benjamin and Virginia became the foster parents of Mary Green Carter. Thereafter, their union produced two children: Charles Benjamin and Debra Lynn.

Benjamin's service to the United States government did not end with his discharge from the Army. He held employment with the Veteran's Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and he became the first Black inspector for the United States Customs. Before his retirement from Customs in 1983, he held the position of supervisor and also served as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

Benjamin Long is survived by his devoted wife: Virginia; his son: Charles of Columbia, Maryland; a daughter: Debra Long-Doyle of Washington, D.C.; a foster daughter: Mary Carter of Buffalo; a sister: Bessie Smith of Buffalo, New York; two sisters-in-law: Laura of Buffalo and Helen of Cleveland, Ohio; a granddaughter: Michaela M. Doyle; foster grandchildren: Terence, Daryl and Dawn Carter; a son-in-law: Robert W. Doyle, Jr., many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE



Procession of the Family Organ Prelude
Mrs. Zelmer Gary

Hymn Abide With Me (p.289)

Prayer of Hope Reverend Robert O. Bailey
Agape A.M.E. Church

Old Testament Scripture II Sam. 12: 15 -23
Reverend Gerald Hesson

"Ben Long", My Father Debra Long-Doyle

"Ben Long", My Friend Milton McClellan

New Testament Scripture Rev. Gerald Hesson
John 14: 1-11

Eulogy and Meditation Melba Varner Chaney
Pastor

Solo Robbie Wildman
"How Great Thou Art"

Recession of the Family

... Pall Bearers ...

Active

John Gary Jackson

Jackie Evans

Derrick Powell

James H. Lyons, Jr.

Bennie Scruggs

Monroe Williams

... Honorary ...

Honor Guard of United States Customs

... Rejoice! ...

*Earth's ties, though dear,
Can't stay the onward flight;
Faith's wings uphold
And guide the traveler home;
In Spirit's cloak,
With strength found in Christ's light,
Ben stands before God's throne.*

Rejoice!

From His Devoted Family

(written by Doris Givens)



Arrangements:

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.

968 Jefferson Avenue

Buffalo, New York

Interment:

Acacia Park & Resthaven Cemeteries