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PARKER—William E.

May 14, 1986, beloved husband of Zero Parker; father of Dolores Penn, Frances Tyler, Florence Parker, Virginia Blenman and William Parker Jr.; also survived by 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends Sun. 7-9 PM at the Emmanuel Temple S.D.A. Church, 300 Adams St., where funeral services will be held Mon. at 11 AM, Pastor Reginald Washington officiating. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements by THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC.

Lee Pearson, Buffalo teacher for 32 years

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Faith Baptist Church, 626 Humboldt Parkway, for Lee "Scooter" Pearson, 69, a retired Buffalo teacher. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.



He died Monday (March 18, 1991) in Veterans Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Pine Bluff, Ark., Pearson came to Buffalo with his family at an early age. He excelled in athletics and played basketball at Buffalo State College, where he received his bachelor of science degree in 1950.

He taught in the city schools for 32 years, retiring in 1984.

Pearson served as a sergeant in World War II and received a Purple Heart. He was a member of Jesse Clipper Post 430, American Legion.

Active in community groups, Pearson was an Esteemed Elk of the Pride of Western New York Lodge 1502 and a member of the 1490 Senior Citizen Center.

Survivors include his wife, Mae; six daughters, Gloria, Leetria, Betty, Lynese, Joette and Colleen; two sons, Ray and Joseph; three sisters, Rose White, Katherine Mathies and Irene Webb; 21 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

PEEPLS—Eugene

Dec. 2, 1985, devoted and loving husband of Josephine; brother of Thelma (Ulysses) Wilson, Adam (Barbara) Peeples, Coleman (Margaret) Peeples of Philadelphia, Pa., and Joe (Needie) Peeples of Buffalo, N.Y.; also survived by his mother-in-law, Cora Lowe of Buffalo, N.Y., two brothers-in-law, Walter (Lovella) Lowe and Rudolph (Ruby) Lowe of Egg Harbor, N.J.; nieces, nephews and other relatives. The family will receive friends Thurs., 7-9 PM, at the Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1526 Michigan Ave., corner of E. Ferry, where funeral services will be conducted Fri., 1 PM. Rev. Eugene McAshan officiating. Interment in St. Matthew's Cemetery. Arrangements by H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC.

PEEPLS—Josephine

June 12, 1986, wife of the late Eugene Pee-
ples; daughter of Cora Lowe and the late
William; sister of Walter (Novella) and
Rudolph Lowe; also survived by other
relatives. Friends may call at the H.
ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968
Jefferson Ave., where the family will be
present 7-9 PM. Funeral services Mon. 11
AM from Bethel A.M.E. Church, E. Ferry,
corner of Michigan Ave. Interment in
Egg Harbor City, N.J.

PEOPLES—Arthur

Suddenly December 4, 1987. Devoted husband of Mary; father of Marion, Maurice and Iris; brother of King Peoples (Lula); also survived by two grandchildren, Shawneeka Jones and Maurice Jr. other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends 7-9 PM at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY, INC., 968 Jefferson Ave. where funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 PM. Rev. E. E. McAshan officiating. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

PETERSON—Samuel H.

May 2, 1992, father of King W. (Jannie M.); grandfather of Kenneth, Lawrence (Patricia), Lorraine (Mack) Rue; survived by six great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren. Family present Wednesday, 7-9, at First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St., where funeral services will be held Thursday, 11 AM. Auspices EXODUS GARDENS.

DDTYRYSKI—Bernard J.

PITTS—Hattie

April 9, 1974, beloved mother of Mrs. Lillie (the late William) Hare and Mrs. Rosetta (the late Carl) Mostiller; also survived by 18 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral service will be held Saturday, April 13 at 10 A. M. from Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 629 E. Delavan Ave. Rev. James B. Benton officiating. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, 995 Genesee St., Thursday and Friday. The family will be present from 7-9 Friday. Friends are invited.

PLEASANT—Charles

May 15, 1993; brother of T. Arthur (Daisy), James and Leonard (Laura); dear devoted friend of Mary E. Hendricks; also survived by an adopted daughter, Barbara Ann Walker, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Friends may call Monday from 7-9 PM at New Covenant Church, 459 Clinton St. where fraternal service will be conducted. Funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11:00 AM from the Church. Arrangements by THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME.

Kydson F. Powell Jr.

Funeral services for Kydson F. Powell Jr., 74, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Blvd.



Powell died unexpectedly Thursday (July 30, 1992) in his Buffalo home.

Powell was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, serving as deacon and in other capacities. In

January 1991, he was honored by his church with the Philip Melancthon award of the Lutheran Coordinated Ministry of Buffalo in recognition of his many years of dedicated service.

A Navy veteran of World War II, Powell was a member of Medallion Post 13, Amvets, serving as chaplain and post commander. In 1985, he was named Chaplain Emeritus by the Erie County Council of Amvets.

Powell retired in 1979 after 30 years of service at Veterans Hospital, where he was dietary department supervisor.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, the former Queen Esther Friday; a son, Lawrence of Atwater, Calif.; a daughter, Lois Shearer of San Jose, Calif.; two sisters, Marion Powell and Margaret Martin; a brother, Howard Powell; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

REED—SFC Alice L. (nee Robinson)

May 20, 1989 of Buffalo, NY, beloved mother of Kevin Tracy Robinson of San Francisco, CA; sister of Ruth L. of Newburgh, NY, Harold, Nathaniel (Cecelia) Robinson of Philadelphia, PA; niece of Mrs. Bessie Knight; also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Arrangements are entrusted to BUFFALO MEMORIAL CHAPELS, INC., 66 E. Utica St. Friends may call Thursday at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Blvd. Family present 7-9 PM. Funeral services Friday 2 PM from the Church. Friends invited. Flowers are gratefully declined. Contributions may be made to the Organ Fund, c/o Music Committee, Lutheran Church of Our Savior and/or to World Vision, Child Care Office, account #15746928. Violet Achieny, Pasadena, CA 91131.

REESE—Mary C.

June 30, 1992. Friends may call Monday 12-9 PM at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson. The family will be present 7-9 PM. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday 11 AM at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 878 Humboldt Pkwy., Rev. T. L. Ransom officiating.

REESE—William R. (Billy)

July 8, 1984, beloved husband of Mary; father of Charles (Loreda); also survived by eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Arrangements by H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave., where the family will be present 7-9 PM. Funeral services Thurs. 1 PM from Bethel A.M.E. Church, E. Ferry corner of Michigan Ave., Rev. Thomas A. Moore officiating. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

REID—Carroll O.

Nov. 14, 1980, son of the late John A. and Mary Reid; father of Dr. Ruth (Aliman) Neal of North Augusta, South Carolina; brother of Graham (Kaye) Reid, Victor (Sara), all of Buffalo, and Ivan (Irene) of Bronx, N.Y.; also survived by one grandchild, nieces and nephews. Memorial services Thursday 10 AM from the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 26 Brunswick Blvd. Friends are invited. Arrangements by H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary Inc. Mr. Reid was a retired faculty member of Bryant & Stratton Business Institute and Erie Community College, also a veteran of World War II.

Cleo G. Brown Reid, long-time civic leader

Services for Cleo G. Brown Reid, a long-time civic leader, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Our Savior Lutheran Church, 26 Brunswick Blvd. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.



Mrs. Reid, 74, died Thursday (Dec. 20, 1990) in the Erie County Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

She was a recreation leader for senior citizens in the Erie County Department of Parks and Recreation, retiring Oct. 19, 1984.

Mrs. Reid received many awards and honors for her achievements in forwarding the cause of African Americans. She also supported the causes of youth, was widely acclaimed for her role with the elderly, and was known for her work in the political arena and with action agencies and civic, social and fraternal groups.

A graduate of School 6 and Lafayette High School, Mrs. Reid also attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., from 1936 to 1939.

She was honored for outstanding community service by the Masten Republican Committee and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Erie County Republican Party. She was an unsuccessful candidate for the Common Council in the Ellicott District several times.

She was appointed by Gov.

Nelson Rockefeller to the state Social Welfare Board.

Mrs. Reid was a member and parliamentarian of the Buffalo Club National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She was a volunteer for the Community Action Organization and a member of its board of directors. She also promoted the grandmother program and pushed for observance of the week of the young child.

Mrs. Reid served on the advisory committee for the DART program on drug addiction and promoted three state halfway houses for delinquent youths.

Mrs. Reid was given the president's award for 20 years of service to Community Action and the National Sojourner Truth Meritorious Service Award from the National Association for Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She received a recognition award as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

An avid bowler and excellent golfer, Mrs. Reid played at city and county golf courses for many years.

She lived on South Division Street for 30 years before her home was destroyed in a propane explosion in 1983.

Mrs. Reid is survived by a daughter, Valerie McLeish; a son, Graham E. of Nashville, Tenn.; two brothers, Lewis D. Rogers Jr. of North Tonawanda and Joseph Rogers of Boston; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

REID—Kenneth L.

September 16, 1991, beloved husband of Vera; father of Jennifer; brother of Noel of Jamaica and Vivian of Bronx, NY; also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Arrangements are entrusted to MEMORIAL CHAPEL OF BUFFALO, 66 E. Utica St., where friends may call Wednesday. Family present 7-9. Funeral services Thursday 11 AM from New Hope Baptist Church, 543 Richmond Ave. Friends invited. Interment Acacia Cemetery.

REID—Victor D.

Sept. 18, 1981, beloved husband of Mrs. Sara Nicholas Reid; father of Mrs. Laughton Thomas (Pamela), Mrs. William Billups (Patricia), Victor D. Jr. (Lynne) and Paula E.; brother of Graham E. and Ivan B.; also survived by seven grandchildren. Friends may call at the H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary Inc., 968 Jefferson Ave., where the family will be present Tuesday 7-9 PM. Funeral services Wednesday at 11 AM from Our Savior Lutheran Church, 26 Brunswick Blvd. Pastor Robert Wilson officiating. Interment in Acacia Park. Friends invited.

Isaiah Richardson Dies at 61; Leader in Community and Church

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Isaiah Richardson, 61, owner of an East Side photography shop, who was active in several Catholic organizations, at 11 a.m. Friday in Blessed Trinity Church, 317 Leroy Ave. He died Monday (June 18, 1984) in his Northland Avenue home.

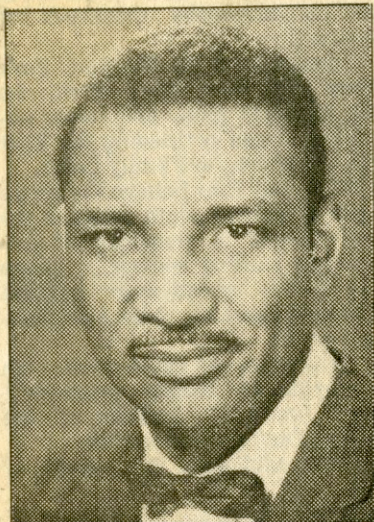
Mr. Richardson was a native Buffalonian and worked at Chevrolet's Delavan Avenue plant for 30 years before retiring in 1978. He was the first black foreman at the plant and received several awards for his lengthy service to the company.

For 34 years, Mr. Richardson also operated Richardson's Photos at 192 Northland Ave.

A member of Blessed Trinity Church, Mr. Richardson was involved in a variety of church organizations. He was an extraordinary minister and a member of the Holy Name Society and had been active in several other church groups when he was a member of St. Francis DeSales and St. Benedict the Moor parishes.

Mr. Richardson also was the co-founder of the St. Peter Claver Youth Center, recipient of the Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker, Father of the Year award and the For God and Youth award.

He was lifetime member of the



Isaiah Richardson

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Buffalo Urban League, Fourth-Degree Knights of Columbus and the East Side Tennis Club.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Stephanie Lloyd; three sons, Lynn E., Rodney and Maurice; a sister, Bernice DeLeon of Washington; and eight grandchildren.

The Mass will be preceded by prayers in the Buffalo Memorial Chapel, 66 E. Utica St. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

ROGERS—Adaline

June 17, 1979, wife of Leonard Rogers; mother of Mrs. Joyce Dade, Jerome and Roland; sister of Mrs. Florence Leonard and the late Ruby and L.A. Brunson; also survived by six grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives. Friends may call at the H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary Inc., 968 Jefferson Ave., Wednesday until 6 PM after which Mrs. Rogers will lie in state at the Bethel A.M.E. Church, E. Ferry, corner Michigan Ave. where family will be present from 7 to 9 PM. Funeral service Thursday at 1 PM. Rev. James K. Baldwin officiating. Interment in Ridge Lawn Cemetery. Friends invited.

RUDD—Earl C.

March 1, 1986, beloved husband of Bernice Lee; brother of Edward J. Rudd II; also survived by nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Friends may call at the H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY INC., 968 Jefferson Ave., where vesper services will be conducted Tues. at 7 PM. Funeral services Wed. at 11 AM from St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, 16 Sussex St. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be sent to the St. Phillip's Memorial Committee.

Marjorie Rudd

Services for Marjorie Rudd, 60, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 15 Fernhill Ave., where she had been active for many years. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Mrs. Rudd died of cancer Friday (Feb. 12, 1993) in her Buffalo home.

She was employed by L.L. Berger's for 13 years until its closing and had since worked for J.C. Penney Co.

A Buffalo native, she was a graduate of the former Girls Vocational High School.

Mrs. Rudd was first chairwoman of the Western New York Episcopal Diocese of Women and a board member of United Black Episcopalians.

At St. Philip's, she designed and made altar cloths and vestments, as well as draperies for the parish hall.

Mrs. Rudd and her family provided a home for foreign exchange students, and she was active in the American Foreign Students and Parents Association in the 1960s.

Survivors include her husband, Edward; two daughters, Donzell Tyree and Crystal Williams; two sons, Edward Jr. and David; a sister, Eleanor Barnes of Niagara Falls; three brothers, Everett Smith, George Smith and Alfred Edwards Jr., all of California; and 10 grandchildren.



Mrs. Iola Sanlin Passes



Iola Sanlin

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Iola D. Sanlin, 86, a native of Camden, S. C., was held Wednesday, August 17th, at 11 a.m., at the Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home. Rev. Jerry Stover, officiated.

Mrs. Sanlin, who resided at 413 E. Utica St., died peacefully at her home, August 12, 1983. She was the daughter of the late Jack and Orrealie Duren.

Her survivors are: two daughters: Marie (Dave) McCray; and Willeen (Howard) Minney; a son, Martique Watts; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; ten great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Burial was in Concordia Cemetery. The Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, was in charge of the remains.

Juanita M. Scales, pioneer woman cabbie

Services for Juanita M. Scales, one of the early black woman taxicab drivers in Buffalo, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday in Mount Ararat Baptist Church, 971 Jefferson Ave. Burial will be in Elmlawn Cemetery, Town of Tonawanda.

Mrs. Scales, 59, died Monday (March 27, 1989) in Buffalo General Hospital follow-

ing an illness of several months. She drove a cab in Buffalo for Broadway Taxicab Co. for the past 20 years.

Born in Lackawanna, she attended public schools in Buffalo.

She was a life member of Mount Ararat Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur; a stepdaughter, Patricia White; three sisters, Dorothy Swain of Los Angeles, Mildred Green and Dolores Epps, and two brothers, Lawrence and Wendell Fletcher, both of Los Angeles.



SCOTT—Preyful, Jr.

January 22, 1994, beloved brother of Vivian Naomi Wilson, Albert A. Scott, Rev. Samuel T. Bridgefourth; son of the late Thelma and Preyful Scott Sr. Family will receive friends Saturday, January 29 at First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St., for wake at 10 AM and funeral following at 11 AM. Arrangements by THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME.

CELEBRATED Robert E

Joseph Leon 'Scotty' Scott Dies; Jazz Player Was Ellington Student

A Mass of Christian Burial for jazz musician Joseph Leon "Scotty" Scott, whose musical career spanned more than half a century,



will be offered at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, E. Utica and Welker streets. He died Saturday (May 21, 1988) in Deacons Nursing Home.

Scott, 88, was born in Washington, D.C. and was a neighbor of Duke Ellington, who gave him his first piano lessons.

Scott went into vaudeville as pianist and tap dancer. Glaucoma eventually sidelined him from dance but "Scotty" continued to play. He was booked with the Theatre Owners Booking Association

(TOBA), known to many black musicians as "Tough on Black Artists", which hired primarily black performers. The agency is famous for the old minstrel traditions of singing spiritual and ragtime songs between major vaudeville acts.

Scott performed with such acts as The Step Brothers and The Mills Brothers. He also performed at the Cotton Club with such legends as Josephine Baker and Lena Horne.

He belonged to Buffalo's Colored Musicians Club and played at the Federal Gardens on Genessee Street and various other clubs throughout the area during the 1940s and 50s. He was also a member of the Blind Association.

He is survived by two daughters, Patricia Lewis and Brenda McCall, and a son, Joseph Leon Scott Jr. of Los Angeles, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. L.A. Scruggs Dies; Rights Activist

Geneva E.B. Scruggs, 74, a longtime local civil rights activist, volunteer in various community projects and the past director of the JFK Recreation Center on Clinton Street, will be buried in Forest Lawn after a Mass of Resurrection at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 18 Sussex Ave.



Mrs. Scruggs of Loring Avenue died Friday (Jan. 9, 1981) in Deaconess Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Scruggs, who was affectionately known to many on the East Side as "Mother Scruggs," had been honored many times for her community service work, which involved educating and inspiring the city's youth.

A past co-chairman of the Buffalo Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, she was presented with the group's Brotherhood Award in 1979, which cited her as a "mother to all children of Buffalo."

Mrs. Scruggs, who started work with the Buffalo Recreation Department as an instructor in 1948, had been physical education instructor at St. Mary's Parochial School and a group worker in the Westminster Community House.

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LATER, SHE became supervisor for field trainees from three local colleges and was named the first director of the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center, a post she retired from in 1967 after nearly 20 years.

Much of Mrs. Scruggs' volunteer work centered around her church, St. Philip's. After her retirement from the city payroll, she became the director of the St. Philip's Church Community Center, a position she held until 1974.

Involved with the church since 1950, Mrs. Scruggs was the first woman elected to the vestry and served in many capacities in several church organizations.

and activities, including: the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Board of Education; a consultant on human relations for the Buffalo and Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda schools; the Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County; the United Way; Travelers Aid, 4-H of Erie County, the services committee of Veterans Hospital; board of Westminster Community House; the Board of Finance Committee of St. Augustine's Center and the Office of the Aging.

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SHE ALSO was a member of Paramount Chapter 57, Order of Eastern Star; a founding member and past president of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority; past secretary of the local Pan Hellenic Council; and a member of the Bison Assembly 48; Order of the Golden Circle.

She was the recipient of numerous other awards and had been named a distinguished citizen by The Buffalo Evening News.

Surviving are three daughters, Yvonne Scruggs Perry of Washington, D.C.; Harriet S. Lewis of Copper Hill, Va.; and Roslyn S. Foreman; a son, Leonard A. Jr.; two sisters, Olivia B. Smith, and Anna B. Wheaton of Concord, Va.; and seven grandchildren.

SHE WAS a member of the Commission on Ministry and the Society of the Companion of the Holy Cross, a nationwide organization. Mrs. Scruggs also was a church school teacher, a member of the Episcopal Church Women and held several offices with the Acolyte Mothers Guild.

Last February more than 2,000 members of the 32nd annual Joint Legislative Mobilization of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus and the state chapter of the NAACP honored Mrs. Scruggs with their Community Service Award.

Mrs. Scruggs had played an active role in local politics since her arrival in Buffalo in 1938. She once nominated former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey at a state convention and served as a Republican committeeman in the 5th Ward.

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MRS. SCRUGGS was born in Winfall, Va., in 1906 and was educated at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va. She came to Niagara Falls in 1930 and married the late Leonard A. Scruggs Sr., a mortician, in 1932.

She worked at the College Croft Nursery School in Niagara Falls before coming to Buffalo.

Mrs. Scruggs served in and led many community groups

Russell N. Service, black Republican leader

Russell N. Service, 78, a longtime Buffalo resident who became known as the dean of Long Island's black politicians, was buried last month after services in Hempstead, L.I.



Service died Dec. 22, 1991, in Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre.

Service, who came to Buffalo with his family in 1926 and was reared and educated here, was the first African-American elected to public office in Nassau County and for years served as its highest ranking black official.

Born in Boston, Mass., he attended Hutchinson Technical School and graduated from the University of Buffalo. He held a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree in education. At UB, he excelled in sports as a member of the football and wrestling teams.

For some 20 years, Service was executive secretary of the former Michigan Avenue YMCA. He directed activities at the YMCA, a central meeting and recreation place for youths in the Ellicott District.

He left that post in the early 1960s to take a similar position at a YMCA in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of New York City. He

was then appointed to the metropolitan staff of the New York City YMCA before retiring and beginning a politician career that spanned nearly 50 years.

Service was a member of the Hempstead Republican Club for 13 years and for many years pushed to get more blacks involved in the Republican Party. In recent years he was involved in efforts to recruit more black officials in Nassau County.

Appointed to the Hempstead Village Board in 1968, he was elected to that position several months later and became the first African-American elected official on Long Island. He was re-elected several times before stepping down in 1987.

He was appointed deputy Nassau County executive in 1974 and served in that position as well as a number of other top county administrative positions until 1988, when he retired to spend more time with his family.

A Republican committeeman for the 38th District of Long Island, Service was chairman of the Black Leaders Council and the Hempstead Village Black and Hispanic Voters League.

Surviving are two sons, Michael B. of Brentwood, L.I., and Russell Jr. of Columbia, Md.; a brother, Cleon; a sister, Erna Clark of California, and five grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Bessie R. Shearer, Food Bank volunteer

Services for Bessie R. Shearer, an active Food Bank volunteer, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Faith Baptist Church, 626



Humboldt Parkway. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Mrs. Shearer, 77, died Thursday (July 18, 1991) in Buffalo General Hospital after a long illness.

Two months earlier, her family took its annual reunion to Buffalo General because her illness would have prevented her from attending the one they had scheduled for August in Washington, D.C.

"This was all arranged to give her the will to live," her daughter, Barbara J. Shearer, said at the reunion.

Her mother commented then: "When I was told I had cancer, it made me think, 'If it's God's will, let that will be done.' In doing so, it has helped relieve me of all the anguish other people in my situation have felt."

Mrs. Shearer was a founding board member of the Western New York Food Bank and a volunteer for about 12 years. Food

Bank administrators said that for years she made every meeting, regardless of weather or health. The organization presented her a distinguished service award in June.

She also was the former manager of Sattler's Bargain Square at 998 Broadway, retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Shearer was active in her church and community, teaching Sunday school and volunteering with senior citizens' groups and the YMCA. She taught her children the values of community service, said her daughter, Ms. Shearer.

Born Oct. 9, 1913, in Loudon County, Ala., Mrs. Shearer was the youngest of nine children. She married Eddie L. Shearer in 1932, and the couple moved to Lackawanna in 1950. In the late 1950s, they moved to Buffalo.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by five sons, Eddie L. Jr., Glenwood of San Jose, Calif., Theotis L., Michael C. of Lockport and Ronald J. of Cleveland; another daughter, Carlene Shearer-Long of Rochester; two sisters, Alma Miller of Cleveland and Louise Avery; a brother, Joseph Watson of Bessemer, Ala.; 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



Last Rites Held for Lorenzo Skinner

Memorial services for the late Lorenzo Skinner, Sr., will be held Thursday, April 18th, at 7 p.m., at Promiseland Baptist Church, High and Streets. Friends are invited.

Mr. Skinner was Worshipful Master of Lester Lodge #4 A. F. & A. M. Omega Grand Lodge, State of N. Y.; and Worthy Patron of Golden Gate Chapter #13, O. E. S.

He retired from the Linde Division of Union Carbide in 1982, where he was an honorary member of Local #8-215, in the Oil

Chemical and Atomic Workers Internaitonal Union.

Mr. Skinner's survivors are: his wife, Ida M. (White) Skinner; his children: Lorenzo, Jr., Lovell Wells, Darlene Beasley, Clark, William, Maceo, Jacquelynn,, Jeffrey, Kevin and Stacey; a step son of Mrs. Annie Johnson; a sister, Mrs. Georgia DeJesus, of Detroit, Michigan; 30 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

SLAUGHTER—Gerald

Feb. 14, 1979, husband of Harriete; father of Mrs. Genevieve Turner, Mrs. Charles (Dolores) Smith, Mrs. William (Shirley) Griffin, Mrs. Frank (Irene) Gibson, Mrs. Lloyd (Patricia) Hargrove, Miss Andrea Slaughter, Gerald and Bobby Slaughter; stepfather of Mrs. Harriet Berkley, Francis and John Johnson; also survived by other relatives. Friends may call at the Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home Inc., 995 Genesee St., where a Masonic service will be held Sunday at 7 PM and funeral service Monday at 1:30 PM. Deceased was a 33rd Degree Mason. In 1930 he became a member of Tyre Lodge No. 43 F.&A.M. Later, he became a member of Bison Consistory No. 29, and Hadji Temple No. 61.

SLAUGHTER—Manuel H.

August 2, 1993; husband of Susan; dearest father of Manuel, Charlene, Diana, Sherilyn and Vivian; brother of Raymond, Vivian and Henry; nephew of Annie Scrutchins; also survived by 17 grandchildren,, 21 gvreath grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to attend Memorial Services Thursday at 3 PM from the THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HNE, INC., 995 Genesee St. No prior visitation.

Alfred Smith, retired restaurant operator

Alfred Smith, 95, a retired restaurant operator who originated recipes for short rib gumbo and porky burger, died Friday (Jan. 10, 1992) in Veterans Hospital after suffering a heart attack Tuesday.



A Mississippi native, he grew up in New Orleans and came to Buffalo after serving in the Army during World War I.

He and his late brother, John, opened the Panama Lunch Room on Jefferson Avenue at William Street.

Smith did his own cooking during the 41 years he owned and

operated the restaurant, which was best known as "Smitty's."

One of the favorite items at the restaurant, which had five seats, three booths, three tables and a Wurlitzer jukebox, was his porky burger, a specially prepared meat patty with gravy on a hard roll. Another item was a concoction he called "short rib gumbo."

Smith, whose wife of 55 years, Minnie, died about five years ago, kept his restaurant open 24 hours a day, seven days a week until he retired 23 years ago.

Services will be held Tuesday morning at a time to be announced in Memorial Chapel, 66 E. Utica St. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

SMITH—Carlton M.

February 2, 1990, husband of Evelyn; father of Rasheed (Najeyah) Sultan, Kameylah (Musa) Hakim, Deborah (Paul) Neal, Malik Sultan and Douglas (Janice) Smith of Baltimore, MD.; brother of Everett (Alice) and Melvin Smith Sr; grandfather of 12. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 PM at the RICHARD D. MEADOWS JR. FUNERAL CHAPEL, 2528 Bailey Ave., Friends will be received 7-9 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 26 Brunswick Blvd., where the funeral will be held Thursday 11 AM.

SMITH—Clifford

March 22, 1992, beloved husband of Louise (Creighton) Smith; father of Francis and Cynthia. The family will receive friends Wednesday 7-8 PM at the THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC, 995 Genesee St. where funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 AM.

SMITH—George W.

September 4, 1986, beloved brother of Sarah McCracken and Charlean Williams of Milwaukee, WI; also survived by a host of other relatives and friends. Masonic services will be conducted at St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church, 314 East Ferry St., Tuesday 7-9 PM. Funeral services 11 AM Wednesday at the church. Arrangements by the THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME, INC.

SWETT—Horace S.

Feb. 22, 1985, of Buffalo, N.Y., beloved husband Ida V.; brother-in-law of Henry VanLandingham and James E. Hunter Det. Sgt. retired; also survived by other relatives and friends. Arrangements entrusted to THE BUFFALO MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC., 66 East Utica St., where friends may call Mon. Vesper Services 7 PM. Funeral services Tues. at 11 AM from St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Sussex at Grider St. Friends invited. Flowers are gratefully declined. Contributions may be made to the St. Philip's Men's Club, c/o St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

SWETT—Ida

March 2, 1985, of Buffalo, N.Y., beloved wife of the late Horace; sister of Henry L. Van Landingahm (Hazel) and James Hunter; also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Arrangements entrusted to BUFFALO MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC., 66 E. Utica St., where friends may call Wed., family present 7-9. Vesper services at 7 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thurs. at 11 o'clock AM at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, 18 Suffolk St., friends invited. Flowers are gratefully declined. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Phillip's Altar Guild.