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A Service in Celebration
— of the life of —
James Patterson
1923 1988

Tuesday, October 4, 1988
5:00 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial United
Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York

The Rev. Melba V. Chaney, Pastor
JAMES PATTERSON
Professional Engineer

Mr. Patterson died suddenly October 2nd 1988 at Buffalo General Hospital. He was 65 years old.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he attended Lincoln University, then served as sergeant in the United States Army, 9136th Technical Service Unit. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Civil Engineering. He held professional engineering licenses in New York and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Patterson, one of Buffalo’s first black engineers, was called to the city from Great Falls, Montana, to serve as chief of the Rivers and Harbors Section of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. In this capacity, he was involved in several major projects, among which were the St. Lawrence Seaway Project and the de-watering of Niagara Falls.

Upon retiring from the Corps of Engineers, he became Director of the Housing Development Division of H.U.D. and later joined the engineering firm of Eugene S. Richards and Associates. He was a professional photographer, taught Computer Science at Erie Community College, and was a Certified Club Director of the American Contract Bridge League and the American Bridge Association.

Recently appointed to the Architectural/Engineering Selection Team of the Facilities Development Corporation, Mr. Patterson served as Chairman of the Selection Team for the Rochester Psychiatric Center.

He was president of the Buffalo Negro Scholarship Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association. Formerly a Sunday school teacher at Westminster Presbyterian Church and a member of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Museum of Science, Westminster House and Friendship House, he also held memberships in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Les Treize Couples Club.

Survivors include his wife, Vernette Coles Patterson; two sons, Gregory (Yvonne), Kevin (Charlene); grandchildren, Kisha and Craig Patterson, and Judy Flowers; step-father, Thomas D. Dorsey of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude......................Mrs. Joyce Mathis
Congregational Hymn.............“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
                                      (Verses 1 & 2) p. 20
Prayer..............................Rev. Melba Chaney
Selection
“In Bright Mansions Above”........Senior Choir
Memorial Tribute
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity...Mr. Eugene Richards
Presentation of Colors.....Bennett Wells Post 1780
The American Legion
Solo “Ordinary People”......Mrs. Lauretta Anderson
Eulogy..............................Mr. Kevin Patterson
                          Mr. Leland Jones
Solo
“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”....Mrs. Lauretta Anderson
Scripture
Proclamation and Blessing
Psalm 84.........................Rev. Melba Chaney
Benedictory “Close To Thee”.........Senior Choir
Postlude
Contributions, in lieu of flowers, should be made to the

Buffalo Chapter of the Links Scholarship Foundation

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