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Pallbearers

Louis Small

Kevin Troupe

Louis Collier

E.J. Rozek

Michael Rozek

Peter Rozek

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Acknowledgement

The family of Willie R. Evans wishes to express their gratitude for the kind expressions of sympathy and support during this difficult time.

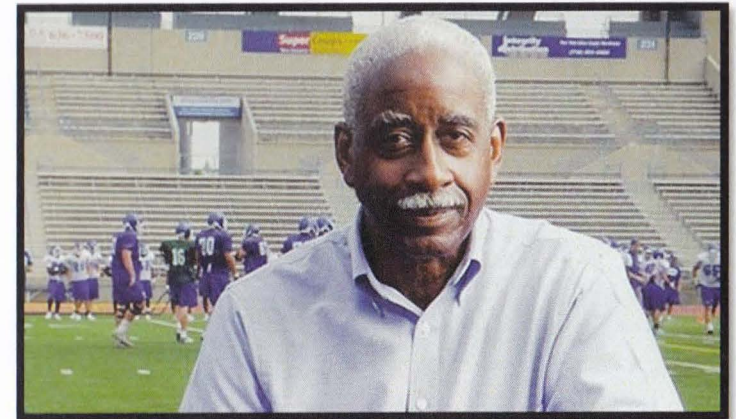
Interment and Commendation
Forest Lawn Cemetery

Arrangements
Amigone Funeral Home, Inc.
1132 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Celebration of Life

For

Willie R. Evans



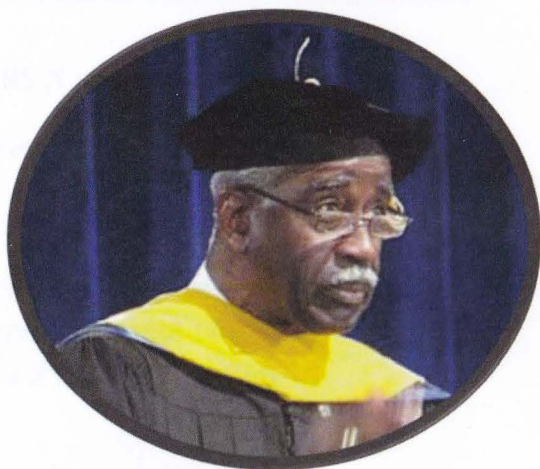
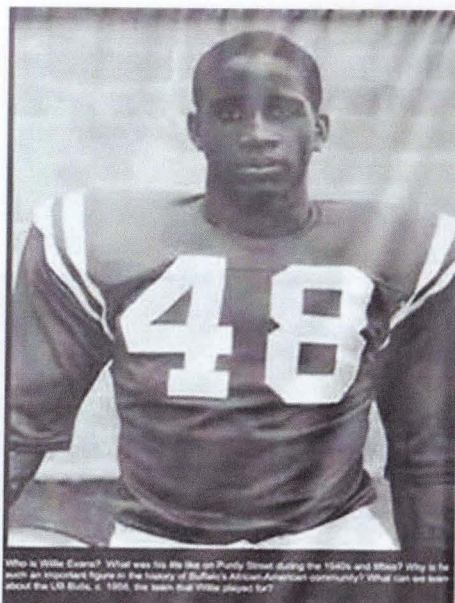
Saturday, January 7, 2017

Wake: 11:00 AM

Service: 12:00 Noon

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Officiating
Pastor George F. Nicholas, Senior Pastor



Willie R, Evans

December 1, 1937 - December 4, 2017

Willie R. Evans was born December 1, 1937 in Buffalo, NY. to the late James R and Anna York Evans.

He attended School 17 from 1942-1951 where he played basketball and softball; ran track during 7th and 8th grade, was Captain of the basketball and softball teams and Class President of the 1951 graduating class. He attended Emerson High School where he received Major Letters for Cross-Country, Basketball, Track and Football. He attended the University at Buffalo where he received a Bachelor of Education in 1960, and a MS in Educational Administration 1988. He played Freshman Football, and was leading rusher in 1957 and 1958. In 1960 Willie was recruited by the inaugural Buffalo Bills team of the AFL.

At UB he distinguished himself with collegiate stats and honors including: President of the PE Majors Club; Member of Lambert Cup Team; UB Most Outstanding Back; Most Outstanding WNY Athlete (WNY Sportswriters Association); Chairman, Student Section of 22nd Annual Conference to the NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Buffalo, NY.

Willie dedicated his career to education where he taught in the Buffalo public school system for over 30 years. and retired as the Director of Physical Education for the city of Buffalo. Willie's professional career included Basketball and Softball Coach in the Buffalo Public Schools District and later the Buffalo Public School's Director of Physical Education, the position from which he retired.

Willie Evans had an impressive organizational background. He began his organizational activities with the Michigan Avenue Branch of the YMCA, where he was a charter member of Humboldt YMCA's Men's Club, and a member of the Humboldt YMCA Board of Managers. He also was a member of the Parkside Community Association Board of Directors and others. He was a member of the Harvard Cup Hall of Fame, Inaugural Class.

His professional organizations include the Buffalo Teachers Federation where he served in numerous capacities, the New York State Teacher's Association, the National Education Association, New York State United Teachers, the American Federation of School Administrators and others. He remained active in the UB Alumni Association where he served as Vice President for Administration, Vice President for Athletics, and Executive Committee Member. Mr. Evans introduced a proposal to establish the UB

Alumni Trophy for Most Outstanding Woman High School Athlete. The first trophy was presented to the Buffalo Board of Education in 1976.

He received numerous awards from the University at Buffalo including being inducted into the UB Athletic Hall of Fame, the UB Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the UB Community Leadership Medal. He was a member of the UB Foundation President's Associates. He served on numerous University committees including UB Search Committee and numerous Standing Committees including the Hall of Fame Committee. Mr. Evans was an outstanding UB Alumnus and his oral history, at the request of President Robert Ketter was presented and preserved in the UB Archives in 1993. His dedication to the University at Buffalo will live on through the Willie R. Evans Legacy Scholarship and the 1958 Lambert Cup Team Scholarship.

He was a lifelong member of the Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church.

Willie leaves behind wife Roberta, children Alan, (Kimberly) Neal, (Christen A. Lloyd) Rachel, Rebecca, and Rodrick (with the late Ethel "Jean" (nee Darkins) Evans); grandchildren Kalen Evans, Lilah Evans and Zephyr Peters;; brother of Clara Small, Brenda (Willie) Kendrick, Antoinette (Robert) Sims, Paula (Lothell Blackmon) Evans and predeceased by the late Dolores Collier, Eleanor Troupe, Jewel Evans, James (late Betty) Evans, Jr., Irvin (Sarah) and Wallace Evans.

Order of Worship

Prelude	Janet Barnes Minister of Music	
Gathering		
Word of Grace		
Opening Hymn	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH #140
Opening Prayer		
Old Testament	Psalm 27	
New Testament	Corinthians 9: 24 -27	
Congregation Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	UMH #77
Acknowledgments & Obituary		
Ministry of Music	<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i>	
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 2:13-15	
Homily	Pastor George F. Nicholas	
Commendation		
Recessional		