

THE third of ten children, Lucy was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. Much of what she has accomplished was inspired by her parents and her maternal grandmother. When she was young, Lucy assisted her mother with her social work reports and accompanied her on visits to clients. She decided upon a similar career and attended LeMoyne College in Memphis, where she received her bachelor's degree in sociology; she also took graduate courses in social work at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Lucy moved to Prince George's County with her husband, Jesse, in 1950. Several years later she began working as a nurse's aide for the public school system, administering first aid and counseling students on health matters. Later she worked as a vision and hearing screening technician. Her involvement in education did not end at the sound of the last bell. She was active in the PTA at Beaver Heights Elementary School, where her children were enrolled, serving twice as president. She was also a delegate to the County Council of PTAs for two years.

LUCY B. WARR

Judge and Community Activist, 1922-



Lucy's abiding interest in people's welfare and her strong leadership and managerial skills were evident in her work for United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP), where she served in various administrative capacities—including executive director for a year and a half—from 1973-76. As executive director, she was responsible for all UCAP programs serving the Prince George's County model cities, including youth employment, legal services, consumer education, job referrals and cultural activities. Lucy left UCAP to become associate director

of social planning for the United Way of the National Capital Area, a position she held until 1992. In 1984, she was appointed to the Prince George's County Orphans' Court by Governor Harry Hughes, which gave her the distinction of being the first African American female judge in the county. The Orphans' Court is charged with administering the estates of deceased persons in the county. It also has concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court in the guardianship of minors and their property. In 1986, Lucy became chief judge, making her the first female chief judge in Maryland. She continued in this post through two successful election campaigns.

Lucy also accumulated a long list of volunteer activities, which includes serving as her community's coordinator for voter registration drives as well as for one of the first public polio clinics in the county. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Health and Welfare Council, the Family Service Agency, the Child Day Care Association, and the Scholarship Fund. She served on the Regional Board for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which in 1976 granted her the Brotherhood Award in the Field of Human Relations. She has been a member of the Prince George's County Women's Political Caucus, and she was honored with a life membership in the NAACP.

In 1985, she was selected Alumna of the Year by her college alma mater. She was inducted into the Prince George's County Women's Hall of Fame in 1988.

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