IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

(A. R. Snowden Photo)

HONORS OTHERS—Dr. Charlene B. Griffin, retired city school administrator, shown with her husband, C. Kennard Griffin, at testimonial in her honor where she turned the tables on guests. See details in If You Ask Me.

Smile Orchids

Smile - of - the - week orchids to **Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blanchard, (Joyce),** very pleasant good neighbors we observed this week. He is assistant principal at School No. 242. She's master teacher at School No. 32.

We watched them while they were dining with two grandchildren — **Nicole,** 10, and **Edwin,** 8, a true delight. (And they're such young - looking grands, too.).

Cuff note: **Mrs. Blanchard** is superintendent of the Grace Presbyterian Church Sunday School.

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Plenty of sunshine in the voice of **Harry (Berry-Berry) Bernstine.** He's the friendly salesman who delights with stories about "my Black brothers." Many know him at Burlington Coat in Reisterstown Plaza. He's a former Social Security employee who has been a salesman at a number of clothing stores in Baltimore.

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Smile orchids to Ms. Nina Brown, the executive secretary at City Jail who possesses a voice full of sunshine . . . makes your day when you talk with her on the telephone. She's been at her post for 17 years. Isn't it nice to meet public servants like this!

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Lots of love and joy in the voice of **Joseph Neal.** He's the Deacon at St. Edward's Catholic Church, where he sings and accompanies himself on the organ.

Impressive, his rendition of "His Eyes Is On The Sparrow," and his "One Day At A Time," which we heard a Saturday ago when he appeared at rites for **Arthur J. (Spider) Mackay,** the longtime Druid Hill Ave. resident, painter and serviceman — he was drafted twice — in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy. He died Jan. 3 at the age of 63.

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Mailbag: Mrs. L. D. Jones writes: "Please include Miss Betty Williams in your smile salute. She is truly a good neighbor who is always about the business of helping others. She is a retired school principal and a good person to know . . . she helps so many people. . . ."

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Editor's note: Share the name of a person for whom you'd like to honor with orchids because their smile made your day. Write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md., 21201, and smile, please.

Salute of week

Salute of the week to **Dr. Charlene Buckner Griffin.** She's the personable Baltimore city public school administrator who retired recently after 33 years service.

She turned the tables on the 200 friends, relatives and associates who gathered to honor her — presented them with gifts and gave them a party at the Regency Terrace.

The pink programs handed guests on arrival, explained the honoree, mandated a different kind of activity — a party "to thank you for being a vital part of my life."

Paul Smith, the music man, was fantastic, promoting the evening's fun — which included several sessions of the "Electrc Slide." The honoree singled out guests with birthdays and surprised fifteen of them with gifts.

There were also cash awards to St. James Episcopal Church rector, Father Michael Curry, and for Coppin State College, "where I got my start."

The hall was alive with laughter, fellowship and fun — a fitting tribute to a lady who is noted for her leadership ability, her friendship, her good humor.

Carey Street

Dr. Griffin grew up in the 500 block of N. Carey St., in west Baltimore, the oldest of five daughters of the late **Beulah and Charles Buckner.** Her dad was a postal employee.

She attended city public schools, beginning first at Elementary School No. 140. She finished Booker T. Washington Junior High, Douglass High, and earned degrees at Coppin State College, Morgan State University, Johns Hopkins and Temple University.

She began her teaching career in 1956 at Cherry Hill Elementary School. She became an assistant principal, principal, executive director and executive assistant to then Superintendent Alice Pinderhughes. She was associate superintendent in the school management division when she retired last year.

Did she dream growing up in Baltimore when schools were Jim Crow that she would become one of the top officials in the city schools, since integrated?

No, she said, she never thought she would get to that level. What gives her greatest satisfaction of her 33 - year career? "It was most rewarding, especially when I was able to work with children and help them achieve."

Cuff note: The honoree's program also praised her husband, **Charles Kennard Griffin,** "for his patience, kindness, understanding and love . . ." The couple marks its 17th wedding anniversary Feb. 14.

Also present for the celebration were **Dr. Griffin's** sisters, **Mrs. Beulah Fogle** and **Mrs. Florence Pulley.**

About people

Cheer to these good neighbors who have been hospitalized this last week, **Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Royal Weaver** in Union Memorial; **Harry Macer** in Md. General Hospital; **Charles (Buck) Lynch** in Good Samaritan. **Dr. George Woodland,** who had surgery at Howard County General, is on the mend, recuperating at home.

Cheer to Dr. Benjamin Quarles, the noted scholar and historian, who has been ailing. Address your cards to him at 10450 Lottsford Rd., No. 2115, Mitchellville, Mr., 20721, which is in the life care community where he and his wife, **Dr. Ruth Brett Quarles** now reside.

Remember

Remember, please, the family of **Mrs. Mattie Brown,** who died Sunday at the age of 85.

She was the widow of the Rev. W. M. Brown, pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

Funeral services for **Mrs. Brown** were held on Thursday at Sharon Baptist Church, where she was active in a number of organizations for many years.

Survivors: daughter, **Mrs. Williemae Gray,** sons, **Ocie L. Brown and Fred D. Brown,** all of Baltimore; and several grandchildren, including **Dr. Darrell Gray.**

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Remember the family of **Joseph G. Thomas, Sr.** He was the retired head of science in the city schools when he retired two years ago.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary the Virgin Church on Walbrook Ave., where services by fellow members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will also be held.

Survivors: his wife, **Ethel;** daughter, **Cheri Connor;** sons, **Gregory and Joseph Thomas, Jr.,** and three grandchildren.

And do remember the family of **Mrs. Joni Tyler,** who died Friday at Md. General Hospital after a short illness. She was 65. She was for many years a saleslady at Hutzler's, the Baltimore-based department store and was among the first Blacks employed in the sales department. She was also a dressmaker. During World War I.

She served in that capacity with the Pauline Brooks Salon.

Mrs. Tyler was the daughter of the late **Etha and John Gross.** She was a graduate of St. Frances Academy, Dunbar Junior High and Douglass High, class of 1939.

Survivors: Her husband, **McAllister Tyler;** daughter, **Donna Hollie;** Baltimore; son, **Brett M. Tyler,** Gaithersburg; granddaughters, **Cynthia** and **Rhonda Hollie,** and grandson, **Damon M. Tyler;** and a sister, **Mrs. Mae Locks,** the mortician, who handled arrangements. Funeral serviees were held Thursday morning at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Dear Lucille

And remember the family of **Mrs. Lucille Johnson Williams.** She was the longtime home economics teacher in city schools who was department head at Lake Clifton High when she retired in 1961.

She was noted as a dedicated and untiring worker in her church — St. James Episcopal, where she was active for years in the Sunday School, served as the church registrar, was a member of the vestry, the Parish Council and belonged to St. Veronica and St. Martha Guilds.

She carried this same kind of devotion into her membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and in the D.A.Z. and the Scatterbrain Clubs of which she was a member for over 40 years.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. James. Beautiful - some 50 Delta Sorors were present for Omega Omega rites.

Survivors: daughter, **Marsha W. McIntosh;** son-in-law, **Ronald McIntosh;** grandchildren, **David, Dario, Daria, Delano and Kim;** and an aunt, **Mrs. Lucille Johnson;** and an uncle, **Harry Johnson.**

For Merita

Thinking-of-you cards to the family of **Merita Kelson Stokes.** She was the lovely Baltimore matron who lost her long battle with cancer on Thursday morning. She was 65.

She was for many years physical education teacher in the city schools, who retired at an early age on account of disability.

She was admired by many because despite her illness, she kept a smile and took an interest in other people. She was active in a number of social and civic clubs. She served on the board of directors of CEBO, formerly served on the board of St. James Episcopal Church Terrace Homes, and belonged to the church's Altar Guild.

She was a charter member of the Baltimore chapter of the Epicureaus, formerly served the national women's club as president. She also belonged to the WNM's, the Cuckoos, the Club, and several bridge clubs. For many years she was an official referee for the Girls Basketball Association of Md.

A native of Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late George G. Kelson and Rupert Kelson. She was a graduate of city public schools and Hampton Institute.

Survivors, her husband, **John Earl Stokes, 3rd;** son, **Dr. John Earl Stokes, 4th;** granddaughter, **Camille Stokes,** Baltimore; and first cousins, **Alice Carroll, Charlee Jones Williams,** and **Thomas Kelson, Jr.,** N.Y.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, January 25, 10 a.m. at St. James Church.

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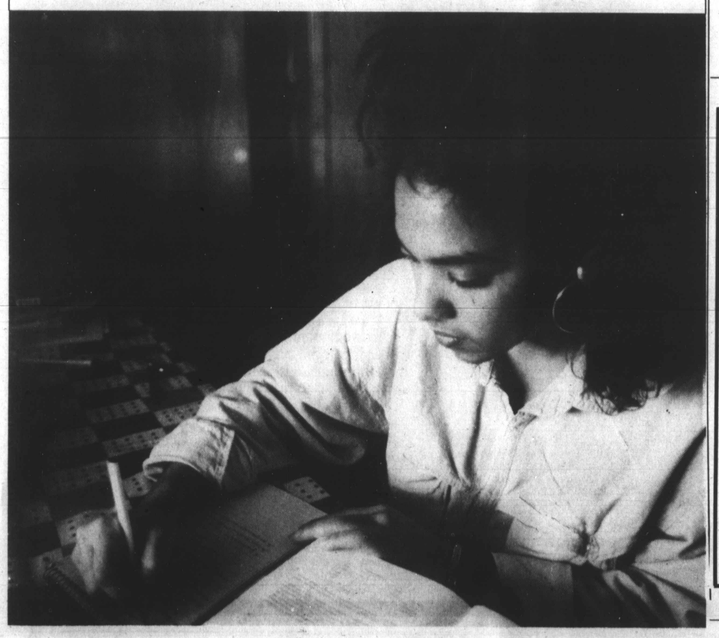

THE LORD'S CHURCH

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CONFIRMATION SERVICES
JANUARY 22-28, 1990

The Lord's Church will hold week-long confirmation services on January 22-28 nightly at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). The services will be held at First Corinthian Baptist Church, 3512 Powhatan. The following churches will join the Lord's Church and its founder, Pastor Kevia Elliott in fellowship:

Monday, January 22nd
Patterson — Asbury AME Zion Church
Rev. Leslie B. Davis
Tuesday, January 23rd
Calvary Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Haywood Robinson
Wednesday, January 24th
Bread of Life Baptist Church
Rev. Quay Rich
Thursday, January 25th
First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church
Rev. Oscar Brown
Friday, January 26th
Shiloh Baptist (Edgemere, Md.)
Rev. Heber Brown
Saturday, January 27th
Victory Christian Center (Alliance, Ohio)
Rev. Hollis Neal
***Sunday, January 28th**
Shiloh C.C. Church
Rev. Jimmy Baldwin
*Note: This service starts at 6:30 p.m.

AREA OBITUARIES

Mrs. Dora A. Gregg

Mrs. Dora Agnes Howard Gregg, the second daughter of Orlando and Eleanor Howard was born Aug. 28, 1926 in Cockeysville. Her early Christian life began in the Gough United Methodist Church at an early age, starting in Sunday School. She remained at Gough until her marriage.

She attended the Baltimore County Schools and was a graduate of Carver High School in Towson. In 1947, she married Mr. Melvin Gregg. They became parents of two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Gregg was a quiet, concerned person, devoted to her parents, her family and her neighbors. In 1981, she entered the Meridian Nursing Home and was a resident there until Dec. 28. She was then taken to Baltimore County General Hospital in a critical condition. She died Dec. 30.

Funeral services were held Jan. 3 at Gough United Methodist Church, Cockeysville.

In addition to her husband, other survivors include two sons, Messrs. William and Robert Gregg; two daughters, Ms. Elaine Gregg and Mrs. Patricia Jenkins; four grandchildren; one great grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Grace Thoms; two brothers, Messrs. Harrison and Donald Howard.

Interment in Gough United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Paul Wise

Final rites for Mr. Paul Wise were held Jan. 4. He died Jan. 1 at Liberty Medical Center.

Son of the late James Wise and Ida B. Hart Wise, he was born Jan. 28, 1926 in Baltimore

Mr. Wise was educated in the Baltimore public schools. After leaving school he worked as a laborer out of local 104; later becoming the business representative. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was married to his wife, Juanita for 31 years.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Vallorie Sharp; two sons, Mr. Nathaniel Wise and Mr. Freddie Wise; one sister, Mrs. Emma Cooper; one brother, Mr. Clarence Wise and five grandchildren.

Interment in Garrison Forest Cemetery.

Mr. Curtis J. Berry

Final rites for Mr. Curtis Jerome Berry were held Jan. 3. Mr. Berry, son of the late Mary Ellen and Wheeler Berry, was born Jan. 23, 1917 in Harford County. He died Dec. 29.

Mr. Berry was educated in the Harford County public schools. He served time in the U.S. Army with the infantry.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 842, Towson Good Guys, The Pride of Towson Marching Unit and the Gun and Rod Fishing Club.

Survivors include his wife, Louise; one son, Curtis W.; two daughters, Barbara and Roxanne; five grandchildren two great grandchildren; three sisters, Mesdames Mayfield Williams, Elizabeth Johnson and Gladys Tucker and two brothers Messrs. Benjamin and Roosevelt Berry.

Mrs. Esther Overton

Final rites for Mrs. Esther Gladstone Overton were held Wednesday, Jan. 3 at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Mrs. Overton, daughter of the late John Edward and Mary Upshur died Dec. 30.

Her life span, which began on March 16, 1911, encumbered many years of goodwill and love, never to be forgotten by anyone who knew her.

At a very young age, she joined Bethel Baptist Church in Franktown, VA. After moving to Baltimore, she joined Morning Star Baptist Church and in 1972, she joined Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Mr. George B. Overton and niece, Ms. Barbara L. Gude.

Interment in Maryland National Cemetery.

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The Sermon
8:00 A.M.
Mr. Paul F. Scott, Speaker
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Vernon N. Dobson, Guest Minister
4:00 P.M.
Anniversary Celebration
ORGAN PRELUDE
Sonata No. 1 in F Minor
Allegro moderato e serioso
Adagio
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8:00 Anthem(s)
Behold the Star of Jacob Shining (from "Christus")
Felix Mendelssohn
Solo — Come Ye Disconsolate
Mr. Leon Bridges
11:00 Anthem(s)
Praise
Alec Rowley
Solo — O, Rest in The Lord
Felix Mendelssohn
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8:00 a.m. ..... PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL — Deacon William Nelson, Director
9:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH/COMMUNITY HOUR — Dr. Cynthia Neverdon-Morton
TOPIC: "Bridging the Generation Gap"
SPEAKERS — Youth of Morning Star Baptist Church of Christ
11:00 a.m. ..... MUSIC THE INTROIT: "Where Shall I Go, But Unto Thee" ..... Owens
THE ANTHEM: "Great and Marvelous" ..... Kirkpatrick
THE SPIRITUAL: "My Lord, What a Morning" ..... Burleigh
Sis. Shirley E. Thomas, Directress
PREACHING: "Celebrating God's Power" ..... Pastor Ray
1:00 P.M. — Dinner Served
3:30 P.M. — Birthday Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the celebrated humanitarian. Mr. Harlow Fullwood of the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise will be our guests. Program sponsored by the Family Life Committee.
Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 P.M. — The Martha W. Preston Bible Class
MINISTERS: Dr. Samuel Ray, Senior Minister
Reverend Clarence E. Fowler

Mrs. Elsie N. Valentine

Final rites for Mrs. Elsie Natalie Valentine were held Jan. 9 at St. Peter Claver's Catholic Church. She died Jan. 4 at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mrs. Valentine, the fifteenth child of the late John Thomas and Mary Lucas, was born Sept. 15, 1905 in Baltimore.

She was educated in Baltimore public schools. She met and later married the late Frank Valentine and from this union, four children were born, Frank, Jr. (deceased), Harry, Kathleen and Anita.

Once employed at City Hospital as a Nurse's Assistant, Mrs. Valentine also worked at the Department of Recreation.

A devoted mother, grandmother and friend, her religious training began at an early age. Mrs. Valentine attended Psalmist Baptist Church, Riggs Ave. and Woodyear St., under the late pastor, Rev. Junius Gray. Later in life, she moved her membership to St. Peter Claver's Catholic Church where she was a devoted and faithful member until her health failed.

Survivors include her son, Mr. Harry Valentine; two daughters, Mesdames Kathleen Myers and Anita Fields; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

Interment in Baltimore National Cemetery.

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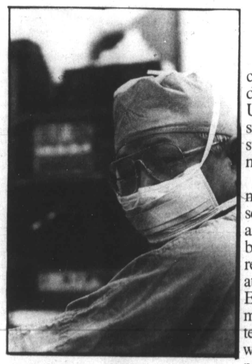

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