AREA OBITUARIES

Mertina J. Reed

Mertina J. Reed was born July 21, 1907 in Baltimore. She died July 10 after a short illness.

She received her education at Dunbar High School and worked for a time at the foundry during depression years to support her family. Later, she married Edward Reed, and out of this union one daughter was born.

Funeral services were held July 13 at March Funeral Home - East, 1101 East North Ave.

Survivors include: one daughter, LaFrance Figueroa; grandson, Dionisio Figueroa; great grandson, Rivera Figueroa, and other relatives and friends. Interment was held in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Joseph Valentine McNeill

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 20 at Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church for Joseph Valentine McNeill, 71. Mr. McNeill died July 16.

"Joe," as he was known to family and friends, was employed with the U.S.P.H.S. Hospital until his retirement in 1979.

He is survived by wife, Audrey; one stepson, Arnold; two grandchildren; two brothers, Neal and Clarence; and other relatives and friends.

Interment in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Garrison Forest was arranged by March Funeral Home - East.

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by Nancy S. Pihl, C.S.

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Howard Baker Lewis

Funeral services were held for Howard Baker Lewis July 19 at Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Avenue. The Rev. William C. Calhoun, pastor, officiated.

Son of the late John Robert Lewis and Susie Banks Lewis, Mr. Lewis was born October 30, 1905, at Brays Post Office, Essex County, VA.

He received his early education at the Tappahannock, Virginia school, and attended Virginia Union University. As a young man, he worked in several prominent private clubs and later as maitre d' of the Suburban Club of Maryland and the Centre Club of Baltimore. Since 1950, he operated his own real estate business, the Lewis Realty, 1932 West North Ave.

Mr. Lewis was a member of Trinity Baptist, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Nomads Travel Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Gwynn Lewis; granddaughter and grandson; one great granddaughter; devoted niece, Jacqueline Williams; other relatives and friends.

James Henry Ford, Sr.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 21 at Church of St. Cecilia, 3300 Clifton Ave. for James Henry Ford, Sr. Father Donald Sterling was celebrant.

Mr. Ford, who was born March 29, 1897 to the late John Henry and Virginia Frances Ford of Govans, died July 17 at Liberty Medical Center.

He was educated at Rock Castle School in Virginia and entered the Army, World War I, in 1914. He was discharged in 1918 and on April 30, 1919 married Edna R. Buchanan, until death took her away 68 years later. Mr. Ford worked at the United States Post Office and later went to Social Security, and retired in 1965.

He is survived by two daughters, Lucille Ford, Baltimore and Christine Ford Douglass, of New Jersey; three sons, Russell, Howard of Philadelphia, and George Ford; one sister, Frances Dudley; 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Interment was held in Woodlawn Cemetery and was arranged by March Funeral Home - West, 4300 Wabash Ave.

Johnnie Mae Hill

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Hill, 65, member of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Baltimore, died July 15 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services took place at March Funeral Home - East, July 21.

Daughter of the late John and Nell Dennis, Mrs. Hill was born in Cincinnati, OH. She was married to John Douglass, and out of this union were seven children.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, James Antonio Mays, Brent Braxton Mays and Johnny McDaniels, Jr.; three daughters Terry Teresa Savage, Johnnie Maria Thomas and Mary Loreleia Wellington; one brother, Bernard Dennis, 15 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Interment was held at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Garrison Forest, Owings Mills.

Alberta M. Backus

Alberta M. Backus, daughter of the late Alice and Will Davis was born May 4, 1917 in Chase City, VA. She died July 15 after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Backus received her education in Chase City. As a young adult, she began employment in New York. Later, she moved to Baltimore and during that time, she was employed by Bickford Donut Company.

In 1949 she married Israel Backus and moved to Flint, MI. In 1950, they relocated to Baltimore. An employee of

Baltimore Laundry and Cleaning Company, Mrs. Backus retired in the spring of 1987.

As charter members of Sharon S.D.A. Church, Mr. and Mrs. Backus were very active. Mrs. Backus served as choir member and as Sabbath School superintendent for many years. She was a faithful and devoted church member until her death.

Funeral services were held July 19 at Sharon Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1100 North Calvert St.

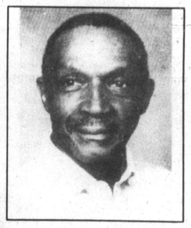
In addition to her husband, other survivors include two daughters, Patricia Montabe and Dorothy Gardner; two grandchildren and host of other relatives and friends.

Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery was arranged by March Funeral Home - West.

Clarence W. Corbin

Clarence W. Corbin, son of Julia and the late Henry Corbin, was born Feb. 7, 1928 in Baltimore. He died July 15 at Sinai Hospital. Mr. Corbin was married to the late Naomi Corbin.

He received his education in the Baltimore public schools. Clarence was employed with Washington Aluminum Company for 28 years and was a member of the United Steel Workers Union of America.



Funeral services were held July 20 at March Funeral Home - West.

In addition to his mother, other survivors include one sister, seven daughters, one son, 18 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews.

Interment was held at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Hubron R. Blackwell

Funeral Services were held last Wednesday for Hubron R. Blackwell, retired science department head and a former Army Air Force pilot.

Mr. Blackwell, who was 70 and lived on Allenwood Road, died last Sunday of heart failure at the Baltimore County General Hospital.

He retired in 1982 as head of the science department at the Booker T. Washington Junior High School after 30 years of teaching in Baltimore schools.

A native of Dewey Rose, GA, who was reared in Baltimore, he graduated from Douglass High School and what is now Morgan State University. He did graduate work at New York University.

In August, 1941, he joined the Army Air Corps and took pilot training at the Tuskegee Institute under Gen. Benjamin O. Davis. He was the first black person in Baltimore and the second in Maryland to become an Army Air Corps pilot in World War II.

A fighter pilot, who flew 81 missions overseas while stationed in the N. Africa and European areas, other decorations included the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star.

He was a trustee and an adult Sunday School teacher at Sharon Baptist Church. As a long-life member, Hubron was a diligently and caring worker in the church. His membership of many years in the Phi Beta Sigma and Tuskegee Airmen Inc., were among his many interests.

He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Vaith; three sons, Richard and Alistair Blackwell, both of Baltimore and Michael Blackwell of Randallstown; two daughters, Natalie Henderson, Baltimore; and Karen Page of Greenbelt; three brothers, Denver and Raymond Blackwell of Baltimore and Irvin Blackwell of Roxboro, NC; two sisters, Marjorie Dixon and Eva Fennell, both of Baltimore and four children.

Allen McFarland

Funeral services were held at March Funeral Home - West, July 20 for Allen McFarland who died Friday, July 24 after a lengthy illness. Mr. McFarland was born May 22, 1923 in Jacksonville, FL and spent his early childhood years in Baxley, GA.

At an early age, he joined church and sang on the choir, where he displayed his love of music and his natural talent to sing.

Survivors include wife, Sophia McFarland; mother, Birdie Thomas; two sons, five daughters; one brother, 17 grandchildren; two great grandchildren, and host of other relatives and friends.

Marie Robinson Jones

Funeral services were held July 21 for Mrs. Marie Robinson Jones, 71, at Berean Bible Church, 2024 Orleans St. Rev. Thomas Footman officiated. Mrs. Jones died July 17 after suffering a heart attack at home.

An active and loyal member of the New Bethel Bible Church, she was the devoted wife of Walter Z. Jones, Sr. and mother of five children.

In addition to her husband, survivors include children, Donald Robinson, Walter and Alfred Jones, Mary Owens and George Jones; grandchildren, Diane Valerie, Ron Owens, Robin Harris, Van Frye, Donald, Jr., Raphael and Terrance Robinson; nephew, Roland Gray, and other relatives and friends.

Interment was arranged by March Funeral Home - West, 4300 Wabash Ave., in Arbutus Memorial Park.

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IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Smile orchids to **Mrs. Regina Richardson Johnson.** She's the much-admired East Towson beautician who was honored at a surprise testimonial on Saturday afternoon.

Some 200 relatives, friends and neighbors, including youngsters whom she guided along with her own four children, attended the event at the Forum.

They gave loving tributes to **Mrs. Johnson** calling her a "friend to all who were in need," and praising her contributions to the community where she has lived and worked for over 45 years. (Her beauty shop — the Looking Glass, is at 404 Fairmount, near Lenox, in East Towson).

Orchids to honoree's sister, **Mrs. Dorothy R. Riley,** she coordinated the celebration which attracted guests from PA, N.C., N.Y., and D.C.

Special nod to **Trevore Gross,** now a divinity student in N.C. His tribute — "don't go looking for a virtuous woman . . we have one right here . . and her children will rise up and call her blessed . . "

More orchids

Lots of smile orchids to **Mrs. Gordine Blount.** She is the always pleasant good neighbor who was honored at reception by co-workers at Baltimore Housing Authority.

The event at Overlea Hall on Thursday evening saw speaker after speaker attest to Mrs. Blount's, concern, love, unselfishness, loyalty, compassion and friendliness during her 27 years with the Housing Authority's Division of Family Support Services of which she was director when she retired.

In the crowd of 200 were city, state and federal officials who joined in praising Mrs. Blount. Moving gesture — co-workers paraded to the front with a variety of gifts, biggest was a $2,350 check.

Among speakers — housing exec director, **Dr. Robert W. Hearns** ("thank you for all you've done"); **Mrs. Elizabeth Wright,** chair of the Resident Advisory Board, and **Mrs. Sandy Skolnik,** director, Md. Committee for Children. They remembered Mrs. Blount's support for parents, children, and day care centers.

And more

More orchids to **Ms. Wanda Tyler,** the activity coordinator. She gave a pleasing rendition of "My Way," a cappella, and to **William J. Addison, Jr.,** who presided.

Cuff note: Honoree's hubby, **State Senator Clarence W. Blount** and their two sons, **Oswald** and **Mark Chisholm** were present. The Senator thanked the sponsors for honoring one he and their sons know as an "extraordinary mother, wife and friend."

More cuff: — There were numerous citations presented including from City Council person, **Vera Hall; from Congressman Kweisi Mfume,** from U.S. Senator **Paul Sarbanes** with **Mrs. Sarbanes, (Christine),** presenting it and giving an impressive presentation speech.

Special orchids to Mrs. Blount's successor — **Mrs. Thelma Millard,** the acting director of the division. Guests heard her pleasant voice when she introduced dignitaries.

More orchids; Just loved the way **Mrs. Blount** thanked her well-wishers — "I'm grateful to the good Lord that I have lived to hear all these good things . . you've made me very happy . . "

More smiles

Pleasant to know — **Morris Fogle** Chapelgate Rd. He's the Edmondson High and University of Maryland Baltimore County grad who works as supervisor in the behavior pharmacology research department at Hopkins.

Pleasing personality is the mark of 14-year-old **Lea Hairston.** She's the Bryn Mawr School tenth grader who recently returned from two-week peace trip to Russia with 26 other Episcopal Church youngsters. She's the daughter of the **Wesley Hairstons (Marsha).**

Smile orchids to **Ms. Darlene Bacote** (what an engaging manner she has!) She's the insurance agent and native East Baltimorean who now resides in Cockeysville. (And it seems only yesterday when she was a pre-teen at the YMCA's Camp Mohawk).

Just as full of life and following in her mother's footsteps when it comes to personality — is Ms. Bacote's 4-year-old **Stesha.**

Did someone'smile make your day? Let this column salute them. Simply write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore Afro-American, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203, and smile, please.

About people

Sad note: Thinking-of-you cards, please to the family of **Sp./4 Vincent L. Harlee, Jr.,** 34, and his wife, **Beth Cyrille Harlee,** 32. They were killed in an auto accident July 16 in West Germany.

Their 4 -year-old son, **Vincent, Jr.,** is confined to the hospital with broken thighs.

Funeral services for the young couple were held Thursday (July 27 at St. Edward Catholic Church).

Both are graduates of Baltimore city public schools and Morgan State where he joined Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

The Harlees had been living in Germany for a year - he was assigned to the army base in Standalhem, W. Germany. She was employed as cashier at the officers' club and was working on her master's degree.

"They both just loved Germany, They were learning the language and were looking forward to spending more time there," said Mrs. Rose Butler, mother of Mrs. Harlee.

She indicated she will be traveling to Germany shortly to accompany the injured grandson home.

In addition to her mother, **Mrs. Harlee** is survived by her father, **Emanuel Butler, Sr.,** sister, **Barbara A. Butler,** and all of Baltimore, and brothr, **Sp./4 Emanuel Butler, Jr.** stationed in Hawaii. Hawaii.

Sp./4 Harlee is survived by her mother, **Mrs. Mae J. Harlee;** sisters, **Brenda L. Carter, Bernadette Luster** and **Quindarian Harlee;** and brothers, **Brooklyn Harlee, Jr.,** and **George** and **Dennis Harlee,** all of Baltimore.

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New minister: **Father Rodney Vincent Rice,** 28, is the new assistant rector of St. James Episcopal Church. He assumed his duties on Sunday. He comes to Baltimore from Richmond, VA., where he was assistant rector of St. Paul Church.

He is a native of Winston Salem, N.C., holds a bachelor's degree from the U. of N.C., and earned his master's in theology from Yale University in 1987.

"THANKS, MOM"—Husband, State Senator Clarence Blount, and her sons, Oswald Chisholm, left, and Mark Chisholm, join in saluting Mrs. Gordine Blount at reception honoring her for 27 years service with Baltimore Housing Authority.

Mrs. Carolyn Chissell is back from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. She visited there with daughter, **Crystal,** who is assistant attorney general.

Miss Monterey Rebecca (Becky) Morell the State Department employee in Sagamihara, Japan, is visiting relatives in her native Baltimore. She's daughter of **Constance Jackson** and **Arschel Morell,** a Northwestern High and Towson and Hopkins grad.

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Oops: The new deputy police commissioner of Baltimore City is **Joseph W. Nixon** (not Dixon). He's a 29-year veteran of the force who was picked by the new commissioner **Edward V. Woods.**

He is supervising the personnel, fiscal, internal investigation, education and training divisions.

Cuff note: Deputy Commission Nixon has won many awards during his career. He is son of the **Warren Nixons,** (Esther).

He and his wife, the former **Nadine Walden,** have three children, **Joseph W. Nixon, Jr. Sheri** and **Lisa Nixon,** all of Baltimore.

The other side

So often people in responsible positions fail to recognize forward steps taken by those whose policies and practices they oppose.

Not so—**George N. Buntin, Jr.,** executive secretary of the Baltimore NAACP, which has been criticizing the police department for alleged racial discrimination and brutality.

Here is what is said about the new police chief, **Edward V. Woods** and the progress made under his new administration:—

"We are pleased that the new police commissioner, Edward V. Woods, is someone we know has had a history of relationships with the NAACP. We feel comfortable that the goals of Mayor Schmoke and this new commissioner will be to make the kind of changes we feel are necessary to give us a first rate police department we can respect and support."

The Panel

Buntin said many of the changes the NAACP has asked for have come. He pointed to Mayor Schmoke's appointment of a 15-member civilian advisory panel to oversee the police department."

Buntin also hailed Schmoke's appointment of Jesse Hoskins as director of civil services. "He comes from Chicago and is skilled in personnel and affirmative action issues regarding police and fire departments Buntin said.

Buntin added that Commissioner Woods' recent promotion of five black officers "puts more African Americans in leadership positions within the department and strengthens some previously week areas, such as personnel, internal investigation and districts where we have had a high rate of complaints..."

The NAACP executive reinforced his position. "The commissioner has expressed in his public statement that he intends to do more in making the department more sensitive to the concerns of the community, and we are very please.

"We look forward to a good working relationship and more importantly, greater, much greater cooperation between the community and the police department in resolving the problems of crime and drugs in our community."

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Thinking-of-you cards to **Mrs. Edna DeCoursey Johnson.** Her brother, George Thomas DeCoursey, the accountant and teacher, died in Indianapolis last month. He was 80.

A Baltimorean, Mr. DeCoursey was a 1925 Douglass High grad, and settled in Indianapolis in 1936 earned degrees at Hampton and Syracuse. He served for many years on the faculty at Crispus Attucks High in Indianapolis.

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8:45 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL - Deacon William Nelson Director
10:45 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: "Praise The Lord" (Psalm 150) — Beethoven
THE SPIRITUAL: "I've Been Buked" —Hall Johnson
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director
PREACHING: "Designed To Be Fruitful" —Pastor Ray
3:00 p.m. Old Fashion Prayer Service
Wednesday, August 2, 7:00 p.m. - Martha W. Preston Bible Class
MINISTERS: Dr. Samuel Ray, Senior Minister
Reverend Clarence E. Fowler

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Sunday, July 30, 1989

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The Sermon
Marion Curtis Bascom, preaching

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Partita on O God, Thou Faithful God — Johann S. Bach
Trio Sonata No. 2 in C Minor II. Largo — Johann S. Bach

8:00 Anthem(s)
God is Our Hope and Strength — J.S. Bach
Rise, Shine, For Thy Light is A-Comin' — Arr. - John Work III

11:00 Anthem(s)
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