—Area Obituaries—

Jack Gilbert

A military funeral service for Jack Gilbert, 63, will be Sunday, Aug. 1, at March Funeral Home at 8:30 p.m. Burial will be Monday at Crownsville Cemetery.

Mr. Gilbert died Monday, July 26, at his Cherry Hill Home.

Born Aug. 19, 1918, he was the son of Abraham Gilbert and Josephine Morton Gilbert. He was born in Roman, Va.

He moved to Baltimore around 1920 and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

During his lifetime, Mr. Gilbert worked for C&P Telephone Co., Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. and Al Ruddy Junk Yard.

He married his wife, Geraldine Gilbert, on Jan. 30, 1941. The couple had nine children.

Mr. Gilbert is survived by his wife; two sons, John and James Gilbert; seven daughters, Sylvia Scott, Helena Jackson, Delores Masters, Elaine Brooks, Cathy Edwards, Alfreda Gilbert and Shirley Gilbert; a sister, Mary Gilbert; 35 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Bobbie Brown

Funeral services for Mrs. Bobbie Cheasmon Brown were Wednesday, July 21, at William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. Brown died Friday, July 16, at Deaton Medical Center.

She was born in Recovery, Ga., Feb. 12, 1905 and was the daughter of Albert and Fannie Cheasmon. Mrs. Brown attended Recovery public schools.

About four years after she married Daniel Brown on Dec. 25, 1921, in Madison, Fla., the couple moved to Port Deposit, Md. They had five children, three boys and two girls.

During the early 1930s, Mrs. Brown was baptized in the First Baptist Church in Port Deposit.

When she moved to Baltimore in 1943, she joined the Presbury Community Baptist Church.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband; three sons, Charles Lee Brown, Daniel Webster Brown and George Walker Brown; two daughters, Annie L. Smith and Fannie B. Coates; 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Bowens Roberts

Funeral services for Hollis Bowens Roberts were Wednesday, July 21, at William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was at Veterans Cemetery.

Mr. Roberts Sr. died Friday, July 16 at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

He was born in Houston, Tx., on Dec. 13, 1947, to Dorothy and Richard Roberts. Raised and educated in Houston, he was a graduate of Harrison High School.

After a three-year stint in the U.S. Army, Mr. Roberts moved to Baltimore and married Charlene Tucker. The couple had a son.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his wife; two sons, Hollis Jr. and Rodney; his father, Richard Roberts, of Little Rock, Ark.; four brothers, Jesse, Frank, Henry and Jeffrey; 11 sisters, Corheaven, Fredia, Lora, Debra, Lou-Alice, Phinney, Dana, Olivia, Johnny Ruth, Beverly, and Dorothy.

Gladys Coates

Funeral services for Mrs. Gladys Roberts Coates were held recently at the Church of God. She is buried in Arbutus Cemetery.

Mrs. Coates was the daughter of Harry and Florence Roberts and was born in Baltimore. She died last month at the Dukeland Nursing Home, where she was one of their first patients in 1966.

Mrs. Coates was a graduate of Douglass High School and also attended school on the Vineyard Island. She was a dedicated civic worker.

Mrs. Coates was honored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper on July 18, 1952 as the good neighbor of the week for providing transportation and lunch to a scout troop.

She was a scout leader, president of the Parent Teacher Association and president of the Mother's Club at the YMCA. She also served as chairman of the father and son banquet for years.

Mrs. Coates was known at the Dukeland Nursing home for her smile and kind words she shared with others.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Smith; son Williard Jr., three grandsons; one brother, Harry Roberts.

Jean Edmonds

Funeral services for Mrs. Jean F. Edmonds were Wednesday, July 21, at Rice Funeral Home. Burial was at Arbutus Cemetery the following day.

Mrs. Edmonds, who lived in the 800 block of Harlem Ave., died Saturday, July 17, at University Hospital.

She was the daughter of Georgianna White and Richard White and was born in Stator, W.Va., June 1, 1925.

Mrs. Edmonds attended Zion Baptist Church in her hometown. In 1960, she joined the Christian Community Church of God. At the church, she served on many committees including the Flower Circle - of which Mrs. Edmonds was secretary - The Ladies Guild and the Usher Board.

A graduate of Stator High School, she worked at Greater Baltimore Medical Hospital 28 years.

She married Charles Edmonds Sr. The couple had four children.

Among Mrs. Edmonds survivors are three daughters, a son, her mother, 11 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and friend, Wilbert James.

Rithey Gordon

Funeral services for Rithey Milner Gordon were Tuesday, July 20, at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Gordon died July 17, at the home of her daughter in Tarboro, N.C.

She was born April 6, 1887 and was the daughter of Joseph and Jane Milner, of Halifax, Va.

At the age of 12, Mrs. Gordon moved to Washington, D.C., to live with an older sister. She was education in the district's schools.

She was an active member of Holy Redeemer, St. Augustine's and St. Martin's Catholic Churches.

Mrs. Gordon married Henry A. Taylor, who died in 1932. Three years later, she wed Robert W. Gordon, a widower with four young children. They were married 47 years.

After a successful career as a seamstress, Mrs. Gordon moved to Baltimore at the age of 90, where she took classes in painting. She was awarded a prize for her crocheting and enjoyed entering arts and crafts shows.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen G. Quigless, of Tarboro and Mrs. Ruth G. White, of Baltimore; a son, Dr. Frederick D. Gordon; 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Ernest Jenkins

Funeral services for Ernest Jenkins were held July 27 at Union Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mr. Jenkins died July 23. He was born in Washington on Oct. 5, 1896 and was the son of the late Andrew and Susie Jenkins. He moved to Baltimore in 1917 and married the late Minnie B. Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins was president of the Usher Board for 25 years at Mt. Zion Church. He later joined Union Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Berkshire and Louise Claiborne; two sons, Gilbert Sr. and Harold; two sisters, Adeline Cousins and Anna Mae Bender; 27 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren; 14 great, great grandchildren.

Curtis Brooks

Funeral services for Curtis Windell Brooks were Tuesday, July 20, at William C. March Funeral Home.

Curtis, about 16, died Friday, July 16, at University of Maryland Hospital. He was the oldest of two children born to Linda Hargrove.

Known fondly to his family and friends as "Pop," Curtis was an industrious and independent young man. He worked as garage helper at a gas station and also was a supermarket assistant. He washed cars in the summer and shoveled snow during the winter.

Curtis loved to fish and often went on fishing expeditions with his maternal grandmother.

He also enjoyed listening to music, riding his bicycle, roller skating and travelling.

A lover of animals, he wanted to give a home to every stray dog he met.

Family members said Curtis will be remembered for his bright smile and friendly disposition. He repaired and rebuilt toys and furniture and was fascinated by mechanics.

Among Curtis' survivors are his father, James Brook; his mother Linda Hargrove; his stepfather, Nathaniel Willis; a sister, LaWanda Willis; three grandparents, eight aunts, six uncles and a special friend, Brother Mike.

James Brown

Funeral services for James Edward Brown were held July 27 at William C. March Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown, son of James Edward and Edith Estelle Brown was born Oct. 1, 1919 in Baltimore.

He attended Carver Vocational School and served in the Army during World War II.

Following his service career, he was employed by Armco Steel Company for 32 years. During his employment at Armco, he met and married Pauline Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, daughters, one son, three sisters, Hilda Green, Martha Moore and Mary Brown and one brother, Phillip Brown.

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Northwest Community group honors the Mayor

Mayor William Donald Schaefer recently made his fifth annual visit to the West Arlington Community with a number of other city officials.

The visit is one of the ways in which the Mayor makes an assessment of progress toward his goal of revitalizing outer city areas and preventing blight from spreading to the West Arlington Community.

Some of the major ongoing projects are improvements to streets, curbings and alleyways; replacement of signs prohibiting large trucks from driving through the residential community and improvements to the Wabash Ave. corridor as a major artery into the city.

Other improvements are the planting and replacement of trees along the Wabash Ave. corridor and throughout the community; passage of City Council Bill No. 781 designed to stem the tide of blighting apartment conversions by absentee landlords and speculators; commercial revitalization of the Garrison Blvd. and Wabash Ave. business districts; a rat eradication and education program; and regular animal patrol program.

The Mayor and city officials were hosted by the West Arlington Improvement Association Executive Committee and community volunteers, and a privately donated luncheon was provided by executive committee members and volunteers.

The luncheon was hosted at the home of the President, Dr. Charles W. Griffin.

Other executive committee hosts and hostesses were Walter Snead, first vice president; LaVerne A. Turner, treasurer; Rosa Hurtt, acting financial secretary; Michael A. Cassell; Attorney Lewyn Scott Garrett; Clyde Hatcher, Wade Horsey, and Charles Marshall.

Volunteer hosts and hostesses were Robert Larkins, Dorothy Dandridge, John Payne, Alexander Ragland and Eric Allen.

Mayor Schaefer addressed the assemblage and remarked, among other things, that the working cooperation between the West Arlington Improvement Association and city agencies is a fine example of what can be accomplished when communities and city government work together to improve the city.

He further praised the city agencies and employees for being responsive to community needs and related that West Arlington was one of the few community associations that actively demonstrated its appreciation for the difficult work performed by city officials and employees.

The highlights of the luncheon visit were the presentations of civic achievement awards to city officials, West Arlington Association Executive Committee members, fifth district councilpersons and the Mayor.

These certificates were presented for meritorious service to the West Arlington Community. Mayor Schaefer, Dr. Griffin and officers of the association participated in the awards presentations.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Kenneth D. Chapman, MTH community relations officer; Lloyd Ross, director of veterinarain medicine; Rudolph Rivers, superintendent of recreation; Percy L. Wallington, superintendent of Northwest Sanitation; Frederick I. Douglass, city planner.

Others awarded included Sgt Michael Jackson, Northwestern police district; Gilbert V. Rubin, board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals; Franz Vidor, Housing and Community Development planning chief. Fifth district councilpersons, Thomas J. S. Waxter, Rochell "Rikki" Spector and Norman V. A. Reeves, along with Reginald Scriber, general superintendent of inspections; Harold E. Snyder, chief of Alleys and Footways; William M. Smith, assistant director of planning; and Mark L. Wasserman, the mayor's aide also were recipients.

Most Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Mayor Schaefer, Douglas Tawney, retired director of the Bureau of Recreation, and Edward J. Moore retired chief of solid waste.

West Arlington Improvement Association executive committee officials who received Most Distinguished Service Awards were Snead, Parker, Turner, and Ruby H. Harris, financial secretary.

Clyde Hatcher and Wade Horsey also received Distinguished Service Awards.

MAYOR receives Most Distinguished Service Award from West Arlington Improvement Association. Left to right: Mrs. LaVerne A. Turner, treasurer; Mrs. Gladys Parker, 2nd vice president; Charles Marshall, Ex. Committee; Michael A. Cassell, Ex. Committee; Dr. Charles W. Griffin, president; Mayor William Donald Schaefer; Walter Snead, 1st vice president; and Mrs. Rosa Hurtt, acting financial secretary, not in photo

NAACP, HUB plan seminars

L.A. is site of annual Urban League confab

The National Urban League will have its 1982 annual conference at the Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center in California, Aug. 1 through Aug. 4.

The Baltimore Urban League's delegation to the conference will include Harold K. Kennedy, interim president; Stanley Hazaroff, chairman of the executive board; and Dr. James Priest, vice chairman of the executive board.

Baltimore Urban League members, staff, executive board members and friends also will attend the four-day conference.

This year's conference comes at a time when it is of utmost importance to marshall all of our resources and strength to revitalize the continuing struggle for equal opportunity, Rhonda Owens, communications director, said.

The theme of this year's conference, "Meeting the Challenges of the New Federalism," reflects the league's commitment to advocacy on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged.

Plenary sessions, forums and luncheon meetings will focus on issues affecting minorities, the poor and the disadvantaged including urban development, employment, education, housing, health, administration of justice, civil rights and youth.

Two events of special interest will be the discussion, by a panel of distinguished guests, on the problems of black youth in the 1980's and a special forum entitled, "The Black Image in Television and Motion Pictures."

Outstanding prominent speakers were drawn from every sector of American life to ensure full and open discussion of each issue.

Conference speakers include John E. Jacob, president of the National Urban League; the Hon. Maxine Waters, assemblywoman for California; and the Hon. Thomas Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles.

Other conference speakers include William French Smith, attorney general of the United States; Faustine Jones, editor of the Journal of Negro Education; Charles Robb, governor of Virginia; the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, national president of Operation PUSH; the Hon. Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta.

More than 200 corporations and agencies also will participate in conference activities. Interviewing and recruiting potential employees and exhibiting information about their corporations are part of the activities planned during the conference.

ISAAC MYERS, pioneering black shipbuilder and union organizer, will explain his trade for visitors to the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway. Myers is portrayed by Derek Neal.

Exhibit to end soon

Baltimore Museum of Industry highlights black Americans

Sunday, Aug. 1 will be the last opportunity to experience the enlightening and well-articulated performance of Derek Neal as the living legend of Issac Meyers.

Myers was a native Baltimorean who played an improtan? important role in business industry and labor unionism during the late 1800's. The performance is being presented at the Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway

Many little known facts are brought to light in the simple monologue which details Meyers years as a successful shipyard owner and president of the National Labor Union which he helped to organize.

Meyers was fighting the cause of the colored ship caulker —Frederick Douglass was a caulker— who virtually had a monopoly on the caulking trade before the 1857 influx of Europeans into Baltimore.

Meyers had broad political and civic interests and made a strong impact on trade unionism in Baltimore and the nation.

This presentation at the Museum of Industry will be from 12 noon until 5 p.m. and is a must for black cultural experience.

The museum is seeking a caulking mallet and would appreciate display the mallet in the name of the lender. Search your attic and basement.

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