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Ladies of the L.B. Farrington District  
and the Trustees of White Rock Baptist Church  
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## Acknowledgment

*Our appreciation to our many friends can never be expressed in mere words. Your prayers, phone calls, visits, gifts, words of comfort, friendship, kind thoughts and love have been a great comfort to us and we sincerely THANK YOU. May God's rich blessings always be with you.*

- The Family -

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Dinner will be served to the family and out of town friends at White Rock Baptist Church immediately following the burial.

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*In Loving Memory of*

# Day Fugard Reed Sr.

February 19, 1909 - December 30, 1989



Thursday, January 4, 1989

1:00 p.m.

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White Rock Baptist Church

3400 Fayetteville Street  
Durham, North Carolina 27707

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Lorenzo A. Lynch, Minister

## The Obituary

## The Order of Service

DAY FUGARD REED SR., son of the late Walter and Melinda Stovall Reed, was born in Elkhorn, West Virginia on February 19, 1909 and departed this life on December 30, 1989.

He received his secondary education in the public schools of McDowell County and graduated from the Elkhorn High School. He enrolled in Hampton Institute to study the printing trade and graduated in 1934. While at Hampton, he was a member of the Fidi Amici Social Club and sang with the Trade School Singers.

He pursued the printing trade in Elkhorn, with the *Philadelphia Tribune* and *The Carolina Tribune* in Raleigh before coming to Durham in October 1939 to manage The Service Printing Company. In 1941, with his partners: the late Walter "Kit" Swann, the late George D. White Jr., and Nathaniel B. White Sr., they purchased the company from the T.D. Parham family. The highly successful firm was sold to the employees in 1982 and continued in business until it was destroyed by fire on April 2, 1985.

He was drafted in the U.S. Army on April 17, 1941 and served in the Quartermaster Corps until 1945. He was married to the former Japhene Hayes on September 9, 1941 and to this union three children were born.

He was a faithful member of White Rock Baptist Church where he was a member of the Trustee Board, the Moore-Kennedy Bible Class and chairman of the Boy Scout Troop 55 committee. He was active in the community, serving as an officer with the Durham Business and Professional Chain, the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People and the Hampton University Alumni Association. As President of the Parent Teacher Association at Hillside High School, he advocated with his colleagues the desegregation of the University of North Carolina and their efforts resulted in three Hillside graduates; John L. Brandon, Leroy B. Frasier Jr. and Ralph K. Frasier, entering the University as the first African-American undergraduate students in 1955.

Mr. Reed was a loving husband and a wonderful father. His outgoing personality and friendly disposition was admired by all who knew him. Those who will cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Mrs. Japhene H. Reed; a daughter, Mrs. Helen R. Monroe of Philadelphia, PA; two sons, Day F. Reed Jr. and Ronald W. Reed of Durham; daughters-in-law, Mrs. Glenda C. Reed and Mrs. Beverly W. Reed; one brother, Robert Reed of Chicago, IL; one sister, Annie M. Smith of Bluefield, West VA; ten grandchildren, Raymond B. Monroe, Reggie D. Monroe, and Ronald F. Monroe of Philadelphia, PA; Dia J. Reed, Day F. Reed III, Dayshonda K. Reed, Michael S. Reed, Misti D. Reed, Sean C. Parker, Janell S. Parker; four great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

ORGAN PRELUDE . . . . . Mr. John H. Gattis

THE PROCESSIONAL

HYMN 195 - "*Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove*" . Choir and Congregation

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER . . . . . The Reverend W.E. Daye  
*Pastor, Peace Missionary Baptist Church*

SOLO - "*It Is Well With My Soul*" . . . . . Miss Winnie Breeden

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS . . . . . Mr. Noah H. Bennett

REMARKS . . . . . Mr. Nathaniel B. White Sr.

SOLO - "*Jesus Saviour Pilot Me*" . . . . . Mrs. Margaret Goodwin

EULOGY . . . . . The Reverend Donald Q. Fozard Sr.  
*Pastor, Mt. Zion Christian Church*

HYMN 216 - "*Just As I Am*" . . . . . Choir and Congregation

RECESSIONAL

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Interment  
Markham Memorial Gardens  
Durham, North Carolina

DRIVERS IN THE PROCESSION, PLEASE TURN ON HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY.

**RESOLUTION**

**MR. DAY FUGARD REED**

We pause at this time in observance of the passing of one of our members, Day Fugard Reed.

Whereas, He was a partner and officer of Service Printing Company from which he retired some years ago,

Whereas, He was a past active member of the Durham Business and Professional Chain and the Minority Business Development Center of Durham, North Carolina before retirement.

Whereas, He served on the Board of Directors for a number of years during which period he contributed to the consciousness and many concerns that were facing minority businesses,

Be It Therefore Resolved, That Mr. Reed was dedicated and gave full support to our organization. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and we will deliver a copy of this resolution to the family.

Respectfully submitted,

DURHAM BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CHAIN

Wallace O. Green, President

F. V. Allison, Chairman of Board of Directors

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Secretary

January 4, 1990

# D.F. Reed Sr., Part Owner Of Service Printing Co.

Day Fugard Reed Sr., 80, one of four owners of The Service Printing Co., a business that served Durham for 50 years, died Saturday.

He was a resident of 118 Masondale Ave.

Reed was a native of Elkhorn, W.Va. He graduated from Hampton Institute in 1934 where he studied the printing trade. He worked in Elkhorn, with the *Philadelphia Tribune* and in Raleigh before coming to Durham in 1939 to manage The Service Printing Co.

In 1941, he and three partners—the late Walter "Kit" Swann, the late George D. White Jr. and Nathaniel B. White Sr.—bought the company from the T.D. Parham family. The business was sold to the employees in 1982 and continued in business until it was destroyed by fire in 1985.

Reed was a World War II veteran of the Army. He served in the Quartermaster Corps.

He was a member of White Rock Baptist Church where he was a member of the Trustee Board, the Moore-Kennedy Bible Class and a Scout leader.

He was active in the Durham Business and Professional Chain and the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People. As president of the Parent-Teacher Association at Hillside High School, he advocated desegregation of the University of North Carolina and his efforts resulted in three Hillside graduates entering the University.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in White Rock



**D.F. Reed**

Baptist Church by the Rev. Donald Q. Fozard Sr. Burial will be in Markham Memorial Gardens.

Reed is survived by his wife, Mrs. Japhene Reed; one daughter, Mrs. Helen R. Monroe of Philadelphia; two sons, Day F. Reed Jr. and Ronald W. Reed, both of Durham; one brother, Robert Reed of Chicago; and one sister, Mrs. Annie Mae Smith of Bluefield, W.Va.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapel.

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Funeral services for Ordencie Reed, 74, of 5913 Granite Place, will be held at Noon Friday at White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St., Dr. Reginald Van Stephens officiating. Family



visitation, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the church. Burial, Beechwood Cemetery. Viewing, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday at Fisher Funeral Parlor.

A native of Commerce, Ga., he was educated in the Commerce Public Schools and Durham Technical Community College.

He was a twenty-one year veteran of the United States Army and was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division and Green Berets/Special Forces. He was also a member of the 555th (Triple Nickle) Parachute Infantry Association, Inc., which was the first Black Parachute Infantry incorporated into the 82nd Airborne. He was assigned to training and coaching boxers for competition in his last years in the U.S. Army.

He was employed with the former GTE (Verizon) before returning to his first love of training and coaching boxers; this time for the City of Durham. He was an avid supporter of the NCCU Eagles and Thirteen Hundred Social Club.

He was a member of White Rock Baptist Church and its Senior Usher Board. He was a member of Doric Lodge #28, F.&A.M.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Annie Moore Reed; daughters, Rosalyn E. Reed, Sberalyn R. Goldston and Marilyn R. Huger; grandchildren, Jermaine O. Goldston (Wanda) and Mariel A. Huger; great grandchildren, Mariah G. Goldston, Jermaine O. Goldston, Jr. and Brandon Cooper; adopted daughters, Bernice Snipes and Jennifer Malloy (Robert); brother, Artis Reed of Louisville, Ky.; sisters, Francine R. House of Chattanooga, Tn., Dorothy R. Stewart of Columbus, Ohio, Ann R. Cochran, Elizabeth R. Lott (Randall) and Gail R. White (Larry), all of Stone Mountain, Ga., Mary Francise R. Paige of Commerce, Ga. and Mary Ann Starkey of Chicago, Ill.; two aunts, Thelma Reed of Commerce, Ga. and Marian Moon of Washington, DC.

Email condolences to [fisherfp@hotmail.com](mailto:fisherfp@hotmail.com).

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Noon Friday  
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Fayetteville  
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p.m. tonight  
at the church.  
Viewing, 10

a.m. - 6 p.m. today at Fisher  
Funeral Parlor. Email condo-  
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fisherfp@hotmail.com. 8/29/02

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*Sam Reed*  
*1906 - 1999*

*Memorial Service For  
Sam Reed*

*A loving tribute to the man who gave so much to his  
community, presented by his family and friends*

*Presiding  
Commissioner Joe Bowser  
Karen Stark*

*Speakers  
Bill Powers  
Rev. Curtis Gatewood  
Jeremy Raw  
Representative Paul Luebke*

*Music  
El Viento Canta*

*Speakers  
David Markus  
Sharyn Davis  
Bill Mahony  
Marianna Breyer*

*Reflections From The Community*

*Closing Remarks*

*Reception to Follow in the Hayti Cafeteria  
Refreshments courtesy of the  
Durham Human Relations Commission*

## That rare favor

Social activist and political visionary Samuel Reed, who died Tuesday morning at Durham Regional Hospital, was one of those individuals on whom the gods bestowed a rare favor: He not only lived through a century of change, he helped shape it.

Mr. Reed was a revolutionary to his last breath. He paid dearly for his beliefs during the McCarthy era, when the Justice Department trundled him off to a federal prison. Though he was never much more than five feet tall, Mr. Reed's prison experience made him ideologically stronger and figuratively taller. Prison did not make him bitter or change his convictions one whit — Sam Reed was not one to waste time on what might have been. His focus was on what ought to be and how to achieve it.

Mr. Reed was a living history of the U.S. labor movement in the 20th century. He was an organizer, a thinker, a doer. In the 1960s, he allied himself with Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil-rights movement, in effect reinventing Sam Reed for a second career dedicated to eradicating racism, root and branch.

Mr. Reed came to Durham, a city known for its tolerance, to retire. But as Herald-Sun columnist Jim Wise noted in a 1998 profile, old habits died hard — Mr. Reed promptly began organizing Durham's senior citizens. He also founded The Trumpet of Conscience, a newsletter devoted to Dr. King's ideals.

As we said numerous times in this space, Mr. Reed was Durham's "Little Giant." In his 90s, his handshake remained as strong and firm as his lifelong belief in the essential goodness of his fellow citizens. Sam Reed would ask for no more than to be remembered as one who made a difference. He did, and all Durham is a better community for it.

## Trumpet of Conscience-toting activist dies

*The political fixture gained a reputation for tirelessly fighting for civil rights*

By CHRISTOPHER KIRKPATRICK

*The Herald-Sun*

Sam Reed, a fixture on Durham's political scene whose wizened visage could be seen around town as he hand-delivered his newsletter, The Trumpet of Conscience, died Tuesday of complications from a stroke.

A close group of friends will continue the political and social activist newsletter, said fellow publisher, Jeremy Raw, but Mr. Reed's familiar face and trademark hand-delivery passes on with him.

Mr. Reed was honored as a consistent public voice for racial equality. He won the Durham Human Relations Commission's 1998 Carlie B. Sessoms award for tireless and mostly unrecognized public service.

"Sam made this community his personal cause. ... I think that Sam has made an immeasurable impact to the quality of life and was consistently able to reach black and white people," said Mr. Raw, pointing out that the Trumpet's 1,000 subscribers were split about equally between black and white readers. "He was deeply involved in the political and social life of Durham. He was active last fall in the City Council reduction [debate and vote], he spoke very forcefully, wrote letters and was out there in the community. There's



THE HERALD-SUN/ FILE PHOTO

Sam Reed (right) carries a sign during a protest in January 1996 in front of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center against the federal budget deadlock. In the '60s, he marched with Martin Luther King Jr.

issue after issue."

His age was somewhere between 90 and 94. Mr. Reed's birth certificate said he would turn 91 on Aug. 20. But to get into the country following the fall of the Russian czar in 1917, his mother shaved a few years off her children's ages so they would not be too old to be approved for entrance, Mr. Raw said.

Mr. Reed, who was born in the Ukraine as Samuel Pobersky and then immigrated to the Midwest, was a union organizer in Duluth, Minn., and a member of the Com-

munist Party for 30 years. He eventually disavowed his party ties but spent 11/2 years in jail for union activities seven years after he was mentioned in Sen. Joseph McCarthy's infamous 1954 televised hearings on "un-American activities."

"He was disappointed with revelations coming out of the Soviet Union in the 1950s and felt the party was spent," Mr. Raw said. "I don't think he changed his o-

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pinions of his vision of human solidarity. He described himself as a Marxist. ... He was about getting the community united and saying that each person is responsible. ... He was always interested in encouraging people to take an active role and take personal responsibility for the community."

In 1925, a young Pobersky took the name of journalist John Reed, who wrote about the Bolsheviks and the Russian Revolution. Years earlier, amid and following the revolution, Mr. Reed's mother took her three sons on a refugee trek in hopes of meeting his father in America, where he had gone to find success and money years earlier. A young Pobersky witnessed the class war as a fleeing Jewish refugee and growing champion of Bolshevik philosophy.

In his later years, Mr. Reed became an ardent admirer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — whom he walked with in the watershed Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights protest march — and modeled his political and social philosophies on King's message of racial equality.

Only days before his stroke, Mr.

Reed worked at the Eno River Festival in his booth that served as a Trumpet outlet and as a recruitment post for the Durham NAACP. Mr. Reed was one of the few white members to become an officer of the civil rights group. "He was going to the end and always had a booth at the Eno River Festival. He had a stroke two days later," Mr. Raw said.

"Sam was really one of those unique individuals that never stopped trying to make America more like the way it ought to be," said Lavonia Allison, chairwoman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People. "He was a great humanitarian. ... I have always said that in every struggle, we have people who are not people of color who [are needed] to help make the difference. He had the courage to do that."

In the twilight of his life, Mr. Reed's health declined and he spent time in a nursing home after his wife of 55 years, Georgia, died.

But his physical profile deceived; Mr. Reed was like a politically active George Burns, clicking along with his message of equality for everyone well into his 90s. About every three months, he wore through shoe leather shuffling around town to deliver 2,000 extra copies of his newsletter, named after a book written by Dr. King and

published in 1968.

With every seemingly painful step as he worked a newsroom or City Council meeting, Reed would hand out his newsletter and grab someone by the hand or pat on the back.

He took joy in meeting new people, said friend and Trumpet treasurer Bill Mahony.

"The thing that always struck me was his capacity to befriend people. ... He had an enormous faith in the capacity of ordinary people to shape and change the world," he said. "This little old guy who was very hard of hearing would just go out and meet people and befriend them."

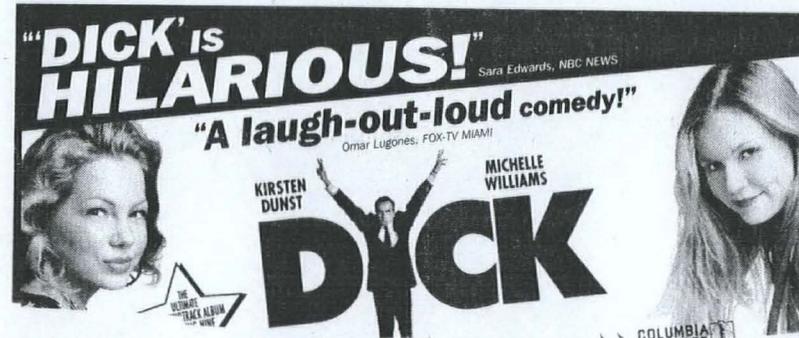
Mr. Reed saw a spark 14 years ago in Mr. Mahony, who became the Trumpet's editor and then the treasurer. Mr. Mahony first sought to fix Reed's spelling errors and other grammatical mistakes to give the newsletter more credibil-



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ity. It freed Mr. Reed to push his vision and message for Durham, he said. "I remember [best] probably the twinkle in his eye when he saw that I picked up something from what he was saying. Underneath his own personal philosophy and his own dogma was something that was very fundamental that people related to," Mr. Mahony said. "It was the human connection that was more fundamental than the dogma. ... He kind of recognized the challenge. ... He always had a challenge for people to try harder and use more imagination."

Many who met him felt he was too adamant. He demanded atten-



tion for his views and expected, perhaps, too much for people to change to his way of thinking, friends said on Tuesday.

"He was somebody who definitely had opinion and came across sometimes as impatient and insisted on a hearing for his views," Mr. Raw said. "At the bottom of all of that was a remarkable generosity, whether you agreed with his political views or not."

Herald-Sun editorial page editor James R. Wilson remembered Reed as a vehement lobbyist for

his own causes who knew how to use force and finesse with equal success.

"He could be crusty and charming, depending on what he wanted The Herald-Sun to do, but he was always consistent in his devotion to creating a society in which no one was left out," Mr. Wilson said. "I liked and admired him. I sometimes thought that if Sam had been born with a singer's voice, he would have been another Woody Guthrie. What a man, what a life."

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The Herald-Sun  
will publish a  
August Birthdays  
Celebration Page  
on Wednesday,  
August 25, 1999.

The Birthday Page will have messages  
from loved ones to those celebrating  
birthdays from August 1 through August 31.

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August 16, 1999

Bill Stagg, Metro editor  
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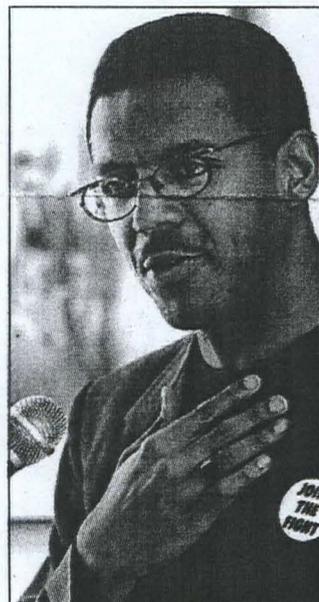
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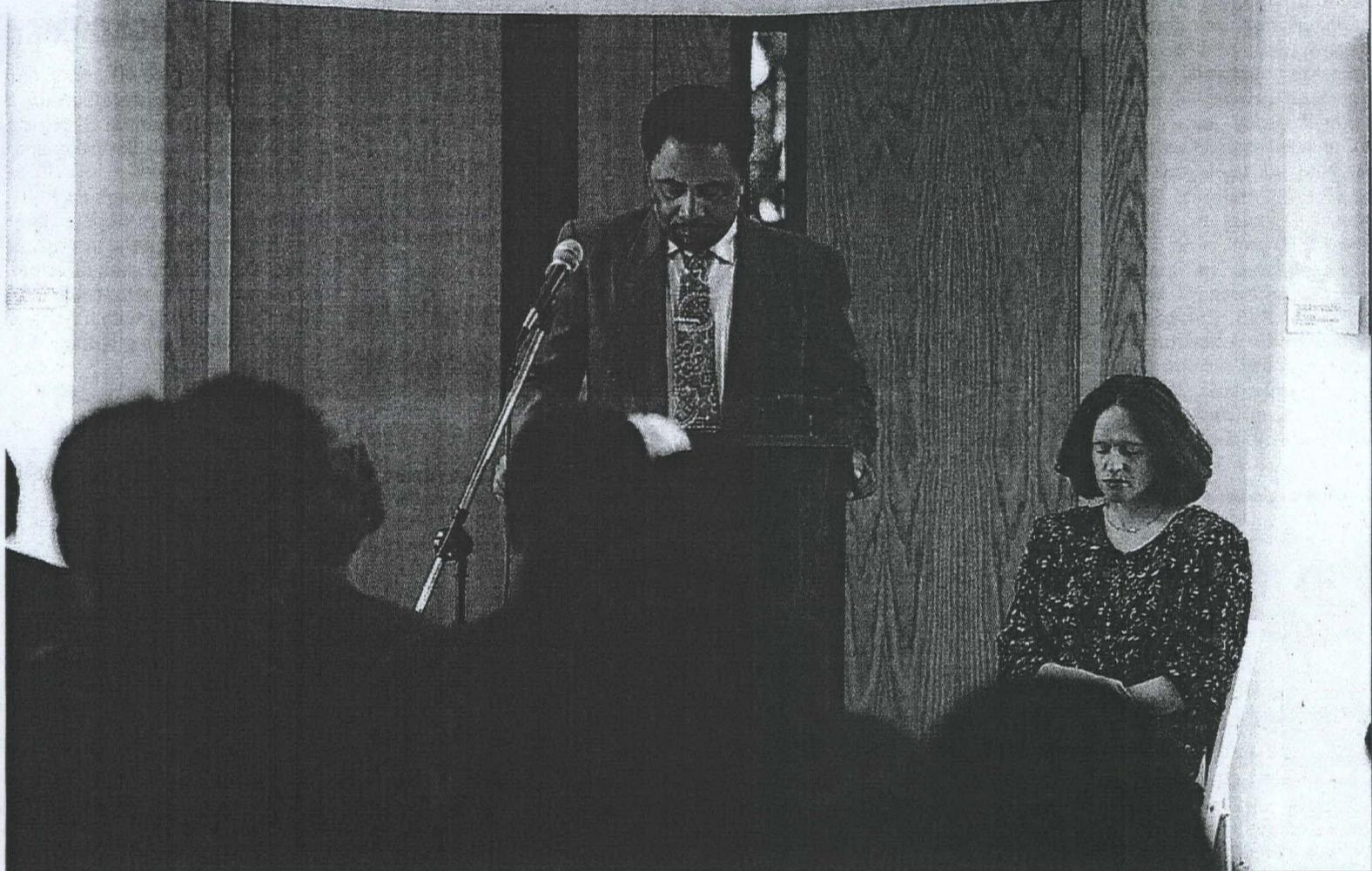


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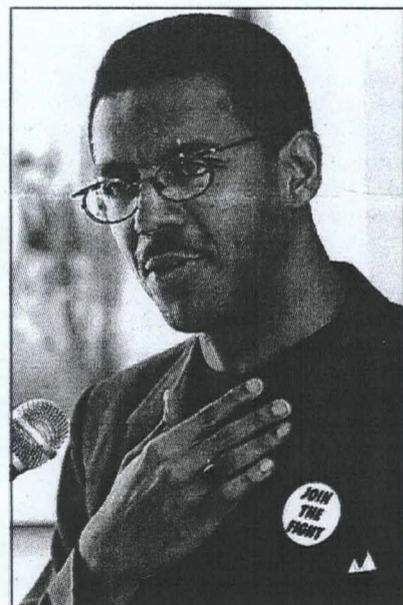
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"Sam, he would stand with you if he felt your cause was just," Gatewood added. "It didn't matter



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The Rev. Curtis Gatewood tells the gathering how important the late Sam Reed was to him personally and to the local NAACP chapter.

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who you were. It didn't matter what side of town you came from.

"You could best show your love for Sam Reed by getting off your beds of complacency," Gatewood told a large audience. "Wake up to the life of truth and justice and righteousness."

Jeremy Raw, who worked with Reed on the Trumpet of Conscience, said, "Thanks to Sam, we have concrete evidence that racial barriers can be surmounted.

"Do we let Sam's dream die here?" asked Raw. "Or do we stay connected to each other and reach toward a new reality?"

State Rep. Paul Luebke lauded Reed as "a relentless pusher for social justice."

"Great was his faith," said Mayor Nick Tennyson. "He approached everyone with the confidence that they would want to do the right thing. It made Durham a better place. It made me a better person. Thank you, Sam."

Reed was said to be somewhere between 90 and 94 when he died. His birth certificate indicated that he would turn 91 on Aug. 20. But the certificate may not have been accurate since, to help get her son into the United States following the fall of the Russian czar in 1917, Reed's mother reportedly shaved a few years off his age so he would not be too old for admittance.

The program for Sunday's service listed Reed's birth year as 1906.

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Sam Reed, 93, Durham's beloved labor and civil rights leader, died Tuesday, after a brief illness. Sam is best known for founding a local newspaper, "The Trumpet of Conscience." Dedicated to promoting racial harmony and community involvement, the Trumpet sought to build a just community in the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr., and its motto was "Keeping the Dream Alive."

Born Samuel Pobiersky in a small Russian village on August 20, 1906, Sam was raised by his mother and grandfather, Rabbi

Dashevsky, who instilled in Sam the virtues of tolerance and love for all people regardless of their differences. Sam fled Russia with his family having survived anti-Jewish riots and near-starvation as he sought freedom in America.

Sam became a social and political activist, changing his name to Reed in honor of John Reed, author of "Ten Days that Shook the World," a history of the Bolshevik Revolution. Sam served in the U.S. Army in World War II in New Guinea, and returned to activism at the end of the war. Just as he worked with labor hero John L. Lewis in the steel mills of Pittsburgh, Sam marched with Martin Luther King in Selma and Chicago.

After Sam and his wife Georgia, a school teacher who shared his convictions, moved to Durham in 1973, he immediately became a prominent figure whether working for better pay for Durham's public employees or leading local Labor Day celebrations.

Although he lived to be 93, Sam had no "declining years." He tirelessly continued to work the streets of Durham, meeting people and bringing them his message of justice. Earlier this year, Sam was elected vice-president of the Durham NAACP, and recruited 100 new members, white and black.

Sam is survived by his loving nephews, Bill Powers of Sacramento; Rick Powers of Iowa; Tom Powers of Chicago; and Steve Gardner of Bloomington, Indiana. A memorial service will be held at the Hayti Heritage Center on Sunday, August 15, at 2 p.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Trumpet of Conscience, P.O. Box 3354, Durham, 27702. It was Sam's great wish that the Trumpet continue to publish and exemplify his ideals after his death.

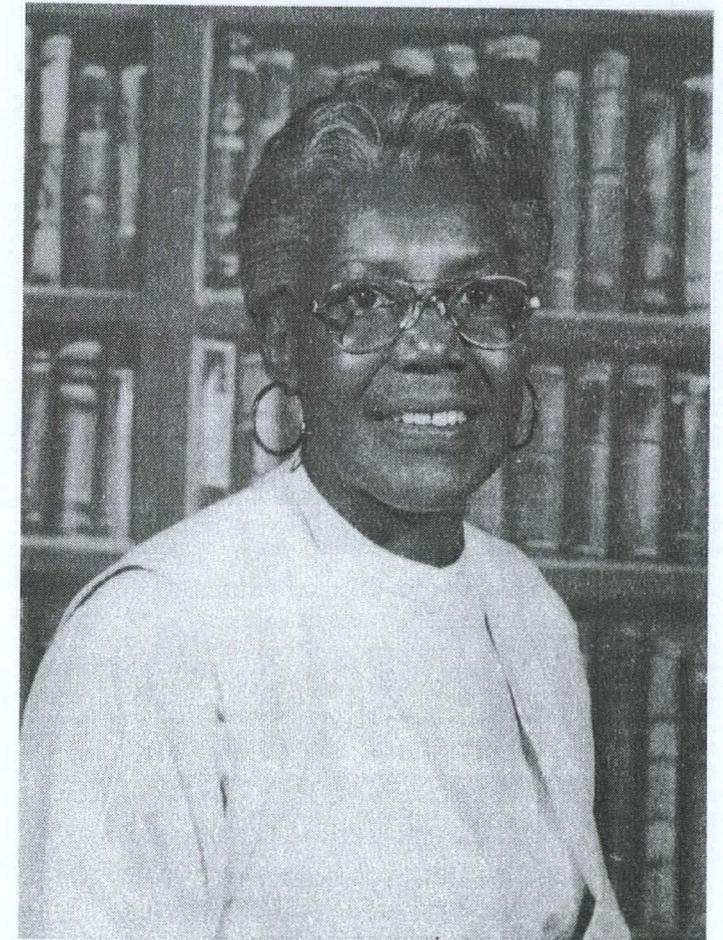
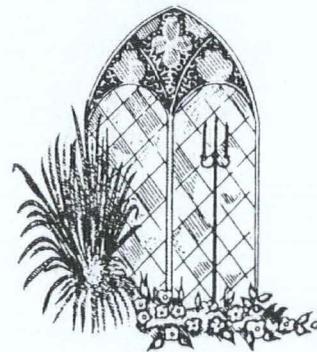
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Metropolitan Baptist Church



Mrs. Charles DeLon Braswell Reese

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude. Your comforting expressions of sympathy in so many thoughtful ways will always be remembered. May God bless each of you.*

Services By:  
Stokes Mortuary  
Rocky Mount, NC

Saturday, October 27, 1990  
12:30 PM

Metropolitan Baptist Church  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina  
Dr. J. E. Arnette, Pastor



## Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Hymn

The Scriptures

Old Testament Psalm 23  
New Testament II Corinthians 5:1-10

Prayer ..... Rev. Raymond Privott

Hymn #221 ..... *Be Still, My Soul*

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Solo ..... *Precious Lord*

Eulogy

Hymn #233 ..... *Lead, Kindly Light*

Recessional

Interment  
Unity Cemetery  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

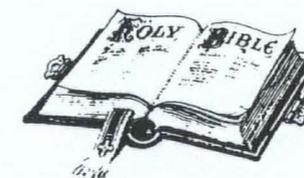
Drivers in the procession, please turn  
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## Obituary

Mrs. Charles DeLon Braswell Reese, the eighth daughter of Arkaana and William Braswell, was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Her father died in 1926 and left her mother with ten daughters to rear. Her family's spiritual life was significant parts of her upbringing. She followed her mother's profession and also became a teacher. In 1946-50 she taught at Castalia School in Nash County; 1950-55 she was a Federal Employee in Washington, DC; 1955-56 at Angie B. Duke School in Oxford; 1956-71 at Orange Street in Oxford and in the Rocky Mount School system from 1971 until her retirement in 1981. In 1976 she was the Teacher of the Year at O.R. Pope School. She graduated from Elizabeth City State College in 1946; did graduate study in 1955-56 at Columbia University; additional study at N.C. Central in 1963 and UNC Charlotte in 1976.

Surviving are: three sisters, Josephine Braswell and Ruth B. Jones of Rocky Mount, Mae Braswell Leiby of Philadelphia, PA; three neices, nine nephews, three step grandchildren and many friends. Her husband, J. C. Reese was predeceased.

Funeral services will be at 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 27 at Metropolitan Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. J. E. Arnette officiating, Burial will follow at Unity Cemetery in Rocky Mount.



*Dedicated to Our Sister "Dee"*

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For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone  
It's all a part of the Master's plan  
A step on the road to home  
When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the Friends we know  
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*The Family*



**Dr. William Alphonza Reeves**  
*In earlier years*

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