ACTIVE PALLBEARERS:

MEN OF SENIOR USHER BOARD

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

FRIENDLY WORKERS SICK CLUB

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MR. GROVER LEE FOWLER

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Mount Vernon Baptist Church 1000 South Roxboro Street

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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Sunday, March 21, 1965 1:00 P.M.

OR

THE REVEREND E. T. BROWNE, PASTOR

-:- OBITUARY -:-

Mr. Grover Lee Fowler, husband of Mrs. Esther Smith Fowler, died Wednesday, March 17, 1965.

Mr. Fowler was a native of Wake County, North Carolina, where he was born February 9, 1912. He was the son of the late James and Frankie Fowler.

He was a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, a former trustee of Local 204, a member of the Usher Board and treasurer of the Friendly Workers Sick Club.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Bernice Peterson, Betty Lowry, Deloris Johnson, and Evelyn Waller; three sons, Grover, Jr., Wilbert, and James; a step-mother, Mrs. Betty Fowler; two brothers, James and John Dunn; two sisters, Mary Fowler, and Clara Williams of Newark, New Jersey; eleven grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was an employee of the American Tobacco Company for 31 years.

-:- ORDER OF SERVICE -:-

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Music	Male Chorus
Processional	
Song	Male Chorus
Scripture — Job 14:1-6	
Prayer	
Song	Male Chorus
Acknowledgments	
Expressions	Zone Leader
Solo	Eddie Williams
Eulogy—"Life's Dimensions"	PASTOR BROWNE
Song	Male Chorus
Recessional	

A BOOK

FLORAL BEARERS

1300 Social Club Friends of the Family

PALLBEARERS

Nephews Friends of the Family

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Magnificent Guys Social Club 200 Social Club

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Family is deeply grateful for the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy you have shown to them.

May God Bless You All

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JAMES EDWARD "ECK" FOWLER AUGUST 3, 1941 - JANUARY 23, 2000



Monday January 31, 2000 12:00 P.M.

First Calvary Baptist Church 1311 Morehead Avenue Durham, North Carolina

Pastor Fredrick A. Davis
Officiating

Obituary

Mr. James Edward "Eck" Fowler, son of the late Grover Lee Fowler and Mrs. Caroline Hargrove Fowler, was born on August 3, 1941. He departed this life on Sunday, January 23, 2000 at Duke University Hospital, Durham, North Carolina. James was better known to his family, classmates, and friends as "Eck Fowler".

At an early age, James joined Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and later worshiped and joined Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church with its founder and great-uncle, Rev. Henry Peppers. He continued his membership under the leadership of Rev. W. J. Bigelow.

He loved his West End community and it's churches. This community involvement under God's guidance led him to join First Calvary Baptist Church, where he joined and served faithfully until his death. God truly graced James with the anointing to speak words of edification to restore courage and confidence to others. He was a very sensitive, caring and loving person who was supportive in helping others.

James was educated in the Durham City School system and graduated from Hillside High School in 1959. "Eck" was active in the sports of basketball, softball, and track. He was instrumental in leading Hillside High boy's varsity teams to many victories. He also was well known throughout the City of Durham Recreation Department and softball leagues. James received many trophies, awards, and recognitions for his participation in all his athletic endeavors.

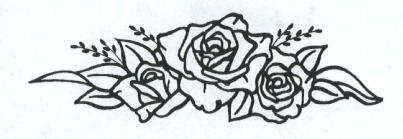
James was an inactive International Business Machine Corporation employee.

Other affiliations include: Secretary, Magnificent Guys Social Club, member of West End Community Board, founder of West End youth "Knotty Heads" Club and member of Hillside High School Russell Blount organization.

James leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 39 years, Doris Burkett Fowler, a daughter, Jeanine Fowler, a son Darrin (Stephanie) Fowler, and Keli Fowler who preceded him in death, four sisters, Bernice F. (Albert) Peterson, Delores F. (Clarence) Johnson, Betty F. (Courtland) Brown, Evelyn F. (Richard) Waller and Aunt; Mary F. (Nathaniel) Lennon, seven grandchildren, Akeem, Jamario, La Darris, Darrin, Jyrik, Charles and Demetrice all of Durham; Sister-in-law, Annie Walton, brothers-in-law, Fred, Thomas (Mary), Johnny; God-daughter, Gwendolyn Cash and special caregivers, Wanda M. Lee, Jessie Parker and a host of nephews, nieces, many cousins and friends.

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE



A Tribute to My Husband

You are many things to me . . .

My friend . . .

My lover . . .

My husband.

When I needed someone to relax with,

Have fun with,

Talk things over with,

Just to be with . . .

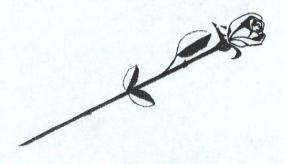
You are my friend.

But above all, you are my husband,

sharing my joys and sorrows, making my days complete. . .

filling my heart with love

Your Wife



PRELUDE MUSICIAN
PROCESSIONAL
SELECTIONCHOIR
SCRIPTURE OLD TESTAMENT PASTOR WESLEY ELAM, SR.
NEW TESTAMENT PASTOR DR. PERCY L. HIGH
PRAYER MINISTER MICHAEL HAMLIN
SELECTION CHOIR
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS MARY GILMER
OBITUARY Please read silently
SELECTION Welcome Home CHOIR
EULOGY PASTOR FREDRICK A. DAVIS
FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S BRIEF
RECESSIONAL
POSTLUDE

Interment
Glenview Memorial Park
Apex Highway
Durham, North Carolina

Drivers In Processional, Please Turn On Your Headlights For Safety.



I AM FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me;
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
If my parting has left you a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys;
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these thing I too will miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow;
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Lift up your hearts, and share with me,
But God wanted me now, He set me free.

The Family



The Eternal Plan

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears;
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways;
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky.
Just let me rest in peace with Thee,
From all my worldly tasks;
Accept my soul throughout eternity,
O Lord, I plead and ask.

Pallbearers:

Deacon Board of Gethsemane

Floral Bearers:

Golden Age Club and Missionaries Circle of Gethsemane

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MR. JAMES FLOYD FOWLER 1890—1964

Gethsemane Baptist Church Durham, North Carolina

Sunday, December 6, 1964 2:00 P. M.

Dr. V. E. Brown, Officiating

-:- OBITUARY -:-

MR. JAMES FLOYD FOWLER, son of the late Ped and Lizzie Fowler, was born in Wake County in 1890. He departed this life December 3, 1964 at 12:10.

Survivors include: a wife, Betty Fowler; two daughters, Clara F. Williams of Newark, New Jersey and Mary Fowler of Durham, North Carolina; three sons, Grover Fowler, Mottie Fowler of Durham, North Carolina and John Fowler of Zebulon; twenty-three grandchildren; one brother, Mart Fowler of Winston-Salem and a host of relatives and friends.

-:- SERVICE OF MEMORY -:-

Processional

Gethsemane Choir HymnThe Reverend R. C. White Scripture. Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church Prayer Pastor E. T. Browne Mount Vernon Baptist Church Gethsemane Choir Acknowledgments and Obituary Song Gethsemane Choir Eulogy—"A Great Man Has Fallen". Dr. V. E. Brown Recessional

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Ila Mangum Fozard

ROUGEMONT — Ila Mangum Fozard, 86, died at her home on Friday, March 25, 2005. She was a native of Rougemont, and was the daughter of the late Frank Pearce Mangum and Minnie Faucette Mangum.

Ila up until her death devoted her time, effort, and love to Dr. and Mrs. W.K. Joklik and family.

She is survived by five sons, Lavern Mangum, Ronald Mangum, Donald Fozard, all of Durham, Jon Fozard, of Germany, and Dehavelington Fozard, of Houston, Texas; two daughters, DeEdgra Lucas, of Belaire, Texas and Yasmin Fozard, of Perry Hall, Md.; 26 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 28, 2005, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Mount Zion Christian Church. The funeral will be Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at 11 a.m. also held at Mount Zion Christian Church. The Fozard family is being assisted by — Holloway

Funeral Home.

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For Better, For Worse



by Aurelia Elizabeth and John Hope Franklin

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From the Survivor

More than a dozen years ago, at the suggestion of a dear friend whose wife had recently died, Aurelia and I began to write about our life together. We called it "For Better, For Worse." Within a few weeks, after much conversation and many exchanges, we completed the very pleasant, even exciting experience of re-living all those years and making it available to others.

Little did we know at the time, that soon Aurelia's mind would be clouded by the onset of Alzheimers Disease, thus precluding any future collaboration. Although our travel itineraries became increasingly modest and we entertained less in our home and more at our club, we continued to enjoy the life that we had shared for more than a half-century. We even continued to reminisce about events of many years ago and those of the recent past as long as she was able to sort out some of the major events of the last decades, such as her mother's death and our son's wedding.

When it was no longer possible to provide adequate care for Aurelia at home, we placed her in a comprehensive care facility in nearby Chapel Hill — just fifteen minutes from our Durham home. Then I could visit her daily, even mornings and afternoons, as I did during her early weeks there and during the final days, when the end was clearly in sight. The close distance also meant that when our son and his wife visited, as they frequently did, they could spend a maximum amount of time with Aurelia and that our foster son, who had come from Senegal to live with me, could visit her regularly with no serious disruption of his work schedule.

It is amazing how easily one can settle into a routine of living that is vastly different from any previous experience. For three years and three months, caring for Aurelia in a facility away from home became not only routine, but a way of life — keeping fresh flowers in her room, arranging and re-arranging the greeting cards on her bulletin board, transporting her laundry, done by our housekeeper, to and from home to convince myself that I was involved in her day-to-day care, and purchasing new clothing, not so much out of need as out of a desire to make up in appearance what she was losing in cognition.

When Aurelia died, on my mother's 121st birthday, January 27, 1999, a truly remarkable person departed this life. I make this declaration as one person's estimate of another person's life and character and not as a brief to persuade anyone else about the nature of her character. Since her passing, we have received numerous expressions of admiration of her and our life together. It was these expressions that prompted me to share with others this brief statement of our time spent together and our love of one another. A love affair, real and true, our nearly sixty year romance would be until the very end: "for better, for worse."

John Hope Franklin June 11, 1999 Our 59th Wedding Anniversary

For Better, For Worse

by Aurelia Elizabeth and John Hope Franklin

In September, 1931, we arrived as freshmen at Fisk University from opposite sides of the country — Aurelia from Goldsboro, North Carolina, and John Hope from Tulsa, Oklahoma. We met during the first month, but it was not a case of love at first sight. We were gradually drawn together by common experiences and by going out together for walks, to lectures and concerts, to dances, and other social occasions at the college. We were never in class together except the large freshman courses such as Contemporary Civilization and the general science survey. We continued to find time to be together, nevertheless, even if only to study in the library in the evenings and then to walk together to the women's dormitory.

The nineteen-thirties were years of economic stress and we, with our parents, suffered from a lack of resources to enjoy our college years free of anxiety about finances. John Hope worked at several jobs in the college, and for part of the time Aurelia also worked. What few pennies we had for recreation we shared. There just was not enough money for any show of gallantry on John Hope's part, so we pooled our resources and pioneered in the practice of expecting no more from the man than from the woman. The lack of resources also meant that we had no opportunity to return home for holiday periods such as Christmas and Easter or even to call home to share with our par-Classmates at ents our joys and our disappointments. Fisk University This meant that we spent our holidays Spring, 1932. together on campus and, perhaps more importantly, began to develop an intimacy that made possible the sharing of confidences that under other circumstances we would have shared with our parents and other members of our families. Thus, we became close friends. At least as early as we began to realize that, we were in love.

If experiences during the college term caused us to grow closer together, the summer season imposed a separation that became more painful with every passing year. While we exchanged letters, there were no opportunities to see each other between June and September, and not even a telephone conversation was a real possibility. Consequently, we looked

forward to the reunion each fall, and it became clearer and clearer that we meant a great deal to each other. We took each day at a time, however, and made no unequivocal commitments to each other. The future was too uncertain. There was graduate or professional school for both of us, and if there was the thought or the hope that "something" would eventuate, it remained unspoken.

Aurelia's plans for the future seemed more certain and stable than John Hope's. She planned to major in English, then following graduation to teach for a while in order to finance her pursuit of graduate studies in library science. John Hope went to college determined to follow his father into the legal profession. An encounter with Theodore S. Currier, professor of history, changed all that in his sophomore year. By that time he hoped to emulate Currier and become an historian. It was during our third year at Fisk that our career plans seemed to become fairly well set, but our personal plans remained uncertain, even undefined.

Despite that uncertainty, our relations with each other had deepened and our affection for each other had grown stronger. It manifested itself in a variety of ways. There was not much spare time, but what there was we spent together. As John Hope became more involved in campus politics, Aurelia evinced an interest in his progress and well-being that showed how much she cared. When John Hope was elected president of the Student Council in the spring of their third year, the Dean of the College tried to persuade him to yield

the post to one whom the Dean regarded as more worthy and was certain should have been elected. When Aurelia learned of the proposal to bypass John Hope her outrage was controlled but quite obvious. She made it clear to John Hope that she expected him to reject the Dean's suggestion out of hand not only because it was unseemly but also because John Hope had a clear obligation to the students who had voted for him. He was grateful to her for expressing her opinion, and if he had not made a final decision before hearing her views, he now had no difficulty in declining the Dean's suggestion. It was the first time that we had made a critical decision together. In the future we would continue the practice.

When we graduated in 1935 we did not know when we would see each other or, indeed, if we would ever see each other again. John Hope was trying to find funds to go to graduate school. When he found them, thanks to a loan secured for him by Professor Theodore S. Currier, he was off to Harvard in the autumn. The class work was difficult, the outside work to make ends meet was time-consuming, and the new environment was difficult to which to adjust. It was the loneliness, however, that was devastating. Meanwhile, Aurelia secured a teaching position in a small town in northeastern North Carolina, where her hard work and loneliness were not even relieved by the distractions of an exciting intellectual community such as Harvard or a huge metropolitan area such as Boston. We corresponded more or less regularly, but not daily or weekly; and there were no phone con-

versations at all. We seemed not to need letters or telephone contact to sustain our devotion and loyalty to each other.

During the five years between our graduation from college and our marriage in 1940, we saw each other only a few times. Christmas, 1936, was the first time we had seen each



The day John Hope received his Ph.D. from Harvard — June, 1941.

other since we graduated some eighteen months earlier. John Hope was in the midst of a one-year stint of teaching at Fisk. His mother had died in November, and the trauma left him emotionally and financially depleted. Consequently, Aurelia came to Nashville to visit John Hope and her sister who was a student at Fisk. During that week late

in 1936 it seemed easy to resume where we had left off in the middle of 1935. The ten days went by all too rapidly. It was just a visit with no future plans.

The next time we were together was in the summer of 1937, when John Hope taught for six weeks at A. and T. College in Greensboro and Aurelia came there to take some courses for teacher certification. That was a real reunion that meant much to our relationship. We were together daily, and there were even visits to Goldsboro on weekends. The next meeting did not come until the spring of 1939, when Aurelia

was completing her first degree in library science at Hampton Institute and John Hope visited her there en route to North Carolina to work on his doctoral dissertation. It was a brief but meaningful encounter where we began to talk seriously about a future together.

The following academic year was the most critical in our relationship. John Hope began his first regular teaching job in

September, 1939 at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh. Aurelia became the librarian at the Dillard High School in Goldsboro. For the first time since we graduated from college, we were close enough — fifty-two miles — to see each other with some regularity. The big obstacle was our work. Aurelia was in a new, time-consuming job with additional demands on her time by the community where she had been born and reared. John Hope, teaching five different courses covering a wide range of his-



Aurelia with our son, five months old, January, 1953.

torical fields, was also in the throes of completing the research on his dissertation. For a while it appeared as though we were no closer to an irrevocable decision about our future than we had been in June, 1935. We seemed not quite able to take the next step.

Then, in the spring of 1940 it happened. We reasoned that Aurelia had attained a measure of professional independence with her library science degree. John Hope, with

his first regular teaching position and on the threshold of completing his doctorate, moreover, could be optimistic about the future. We concluded that even in another year or so we would be no better prepared for marriage than we were at that time. Thus, we reached the momentous decision and were married on June 11, 1940.

Almost simultaneously Aurelia secured the position of librarian of Washington High School in Raleigh. At the time we married, therefore, there was no immediate prospect of separation due to our work being in different locations. This contributed to getting our marriage off to a better start than we had anticipated. Despite the fact that both of us were career-oriented, Aurelia voluntarily conceded that John Hope's career should take precedence over hers. Thus, she never hesitated about giving up her position and moving on if a better opportunity for John Hope was in the offing. Three years after we were married, we moved to Durham, where John Hope was to take an attractive position at North Carolina College. During our third year there, by which time Aurelia had become librarian at the law school, John Hope suggested that we purchase a lot in a new development and build a home. It was Aurelia who demurred, with the prediction that we would be there only a year or so longer. Her prediction was accurate, for in 1947 John Hope was invited to Howard University as a full professor. Aurelia cheerfully resigned her position and was ready to move at the appointed time. As a young couple, work was an important ingredient in our lives and we early learned to respect each other's intellectual and professional interests. Four days after we were married we were in Washington working in the Bureau of the Census collecting data for John Hope's doctoral dis-



At home in Washington, D.C., 1948.

sertation which he completed the following year. We believed, even then, that work took precedence over play although we fully appreciated the importance of the latter. Play could wait; work could not. When John Hope was working on his second book and needed to spend several months in Washington Aurelia remained in Durham, working and helping support John Hope on his research trip. When Aurelia decided to return to school and obtain a second degree in library science after we

moved to Washington, John Hope encouraged her and helped her as she had helped him. When she decided to become a housewife after we moved to Brooklyn when our son was four years old, John Hope encouraged her to do so. We had a practice of discussing our work with each other. We felt that each could offer suggestions or advice to the other as well as lend moral support. Aurelia read virtually everything that John Hope wrote, beginning with his dissertation, and

always felt free to offer criticisms. John Hope read Aurelia's master's thesis and, to the extent that he understood it, he offered comments. We have always felt that anything as important as one's professional activities must be shared in order for a couple to have a full appreciation of each other's work and activities.

As long as we both worked, we shared the duties in our home. We shared the cleaning as well as the cooking. The

one who arrived home first began the evening meal. If Aurelia had to go to work earlier than John Hope, he prepared the breakfast, a practice that he continued for many years. We enjoyed sharing the work in the house, the garden, and the greenhouse. We never developed any precise division of labor at home, although it must be admitted that John Hope never learned to operate the washing machine and dryer.



With our son, in Cambridge, England; Spring, 1963.

Matters of finance were never serious for us, not because we did not have financial problems but because we refused to let them affect our lives. We never lived beyond our means, even when we had very little. We cheerfully waited until we could afford what we wanted and never opened charge



Christmas, 1995, at Britthaven in Chapel Hill

accounts simply because it was possible. The few charge accounts we have had have been for convenience and not to spend what we had not earned. Whatever our resources, we shared them completely. We have never had separate bank accounts or other financial arrangements that excluded one or the other. Realizing that the financial area is one in which there can easily be a misunderstanding, we early resolved never to have any secrets about the way in which we spent money or for what. Consequently, except for gifts for each other, there are no secret expenditures in our family.

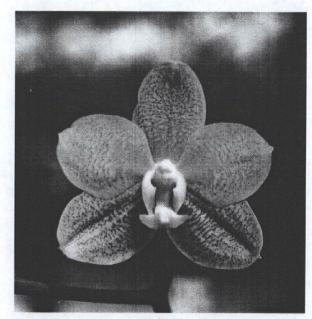
Both of us believe that a relationship can be shattered if one violates the rights, dignity, or privacy of the other. We also believe that a healthy relationship rests on absolute trust on both sides. Consequently, we enjoy an independence not sullied by suspicion. We tend to be open and free about our activities, but sharing is voluntary and is never forced. We tell each other where we have been and what we have done, but we would not approach the line that raises suspicion by asking. We never open each other's mail nor do we read opened mail addressed to the other unless invited to do so. We share the view that mutual respect is as essential in a marriage as it is in other relationships.

Happily, we have mutual interests in many areas. We enjoy the same kinds of music, art, and literature. We enjoy travel, especially if we are able to make the journey together. We delight in having friends in our home, in small groups and, on occasion, in large groups. Because we have been closely associated since our mid-teens, we cannot be certain how much is the result of a commonality of interests and how much is the result of accommodation over the years. We like to believe that we are two quite independent people, reaching points of view and having tastes that are individually our own. After all this time, we do not know, and we are certain that now it really does not matter.

As we look back on some fifty years of married life, several cardinal factors — love, friendship, mutual respect, complete trust — stand out as major considerations. We do not mention these factors as keys to success, for we make no public qualitative judgment of our marriage. We know what we have meant to each other, and we do not designate the relationship as successful or unsuccessful. Indeed, were we to describe it in such terms, others might well have other opinions. The only thing that matters to us is that the relation-

ship has been satisfactory, and that is because we have worked hard to make it so.

We never take anything for granted, nor do we assume that one's actions should be acceptable to the other if the actions were taken unilaterally. The only unilateral action we feel free in taking is for one of us to do something in the hope that it will bring joy to the other. Full reward comes in the expression of gratitude on the part of the recipient. Our greatest joy has come in the sharing of experiences, whether a trip to Europe, Australia, Asia, or Africa or a tour of our flower garden at home. After all, it is the sharing that is the very essence of any close relationship.



Phalenopsis Aurelia Franklin "Chadwick" HCC/AOS Photograph courtesy of Art Chadwick

FRANKLIN

Aurelia W. Franklin of 208 Pineview Road in Durham died at Britthaven of Chapel Hill on January 27, 1999. She was born in Goldsboro in 1915, and graduated from Dillard High School and Fisk University. Later, she received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Library Science from Hampton University and the degree of Master of Science in Library Science from the Catholic University of America. She served as librarian in Washington High School in Raleigh, Dillard High School in Goldsboro, Prince George County Training School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, and Spingarn High School in Washington, DC. She was a member of the Board of the Chicago Child Care Society and the Art Museum of North Carolina Central University. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and was a charter member of the Triangle Chapter of Links, Inc.

She was married to John Hope Franklin for fifty-eight years. They have one son, John Whittington; a daughter-in-law, Karen, and a foster son, Bouna Ndiaye, who survive her. She is also survived by a sister, Bertha; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, kindly contribute to the Alzheimers Association of Eastern North Caro-

Arrangements are by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas, Inc. Raleigh.

ORDER OF SERVICES

Fraternal Rites - 10:30 a.m.

Receiving Family & Friends - Immediately following fraternal rites

Homegoing Celebration - 12:00 noon

Interment - Immediately following funeral services - Beechwood Cemetery

PALLBEARERS

Ira William Cox Keith Lowery Frasier Ralph Kennedy Frasier, Jr.

Keith Bernard Griffin, Jr. William Tell Jones Anthony Ward Jones

FLORAL BEARERS

Marie Kennedy Frasier Rochelle Doar Frasier

Marsha Goodwin Kee Olivia Grace Money

Margaret-Ann Griffin

<u>ORGANIST</u>

Dr. Paula Harrell

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during this time of bereavement.

<u>FULFILLMENT</u>

I have worked in the fertile earth and planted a garden, so I know what **FAITH** is. I have listened to the birds caroling in the morning and at dusk, so I know what **MUSIC** is. I have seen the morning without clouds after showers, so I know what **BEAUTY** is. I have sat before a wood fire with loved ones and old friends, so I know what **COMPANIONSHIP** is. I have walked the path of quietness along the forest floor, so I know what **PEACE** is. I have dwelled in the valley of remembrance on the hill of home, so I know what **LOVE** is. I have seen the miracle of spring, the friction of summer, and the beauty of autumn, followed by the reposes of winter, so I know what **LIFE** is. Because I have perceived all of these things — **I KNOW WHO GOD IS**.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE

of



Leroy Benjamin Frasier

March 6, 1910 - February 21, 2004

February 27, 2004 White Rock Baptist Church 3400 Fayetteville Street Durham, North Carolina

Dr. Reginald Van Stephens - Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Reginald Van Stephens, Officiating

10:30 a.m.

FRATERNAL RITES

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

ORGAN PRELUDE

12:00 noon

MUSICAL SELECTION "How Great Thou Art"

Chancel Choir

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Chancel Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Gail Frasier Cox, Granddaughter

INVOCATION

Keith Lowery Frasier, Grandson

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 23

Kären Frasier Alston, Granddaughter I Corinthians 15: 51-58 Margaret-Ann Griffin, Great-Granddaughter

EULOGY

Dr. Van Stephens

MUSICAL SELECTION

"The Lord's Prayer"

Chancel Choir

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Beechwood Cemetery, Durham, NC (adjacent to White Rock Baptist Church)

OBITUARY

Mr. Leroy "Lee" Benjamin Frasier passed at Durham Regional Hospital on Saturday, February 21, 2004, following a courageous and lengthy battle with diabetes and its complications, including pneumonia. Lee was born March 6, 1910, in Camden, South Carolina, as the third of four children of Joseph and Rebecca Powell Frasier. He was 93 years old at the time of his passing. His parents and grandparents were a significant part of the strength of his youth. His grandparents, all of whom were slaves, enriched his life with the example they set with their character, integrity, love and grace. The example they set was the source of Lee's true wealth.

In 1936, he married Katheryn Oziebel Kennedy, who preceded him in death in 1960. To this union, two sons were born: LeRoy Benjamin Frasier, Jr. and Ralph Kennedy Frasier. In 1961, he married Mary Elizabeth Hill Jones who, along with her sons, William "Tell" Jones and Anthony "Buddy" Ward Jones, joined the family.

His interest in financial matters began during his formative high school years when he was proud to serve as Senior Class Treasurer at Jackson High School in Camden, South Carolina. After high school graduation in 1927, he attended South Carolina State College for Negroes in Orangeburg, South Carolina, earning a business degree in 1931. He attended North Carolina College for graduate studies in Business Administration and completed courses at the Life Insurance Agency Management Association Agency Officers School.

After college, Leroy traveled north to Columbus, Ohio, and after exploring the limited opportunities offered to blacks at that time, he relocated to Durham after receiving an offer from North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. In December 1932, he became an employee with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. During his tenure with the company, he

moved through the ranks with the Company: Agent, Assistant Manager (Memphis, TN, Spartanburg, SC, and Winston-Salem, NC), Special Agent, Agency Supervisor, Regional Supervisor, Agency Secretary, Administrative Staff, Official Staff, Associate Agency Director, Agency Director, and Vice President—Agency Director, retiring in 1976 after 43 years of service. Leroy was appointed to many committees while employed with the company.

Leroy's professional and civic affiliations were many. Among those affiliations were Durham Business & Professional Chain (President and Director (1956-1959); N.C. State Business League (President, 1956-1958); National Business League (Director, 1958-1959); National Insurance Association (Vice President, 1973); Member of Finance Committee of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc; President, Beta Theta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (1955–1957); Secretary of Beta Theta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (1958-1962); Colonel, Southside Division, Durham United Fund (1955); Durham Social Planning Council; President of J.A. Whitted School PTA (1951-1952); President of Hillside High School PTA (1952–1954); President of Durham PTA Council (1953-1957); District 3 PTA Council (Treasurer, 1954-1958); March of Dimes (Chairman, 1952); Civic Co. Durham Co. On the Affairs of Negroes Year Round Garden Club (Chairman, 1959); Durham Chapter, N.C. Symphony (Director, 1955-1964); Durham Chapter Red Cross (Director, 1961–1965); Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development (Chairman, 1964–1968); Potentate, Zafa Temple-Shriners (1956–1959); Doric No. 28 Masonic Order; Durham United Fund (Vice President-Director); N.C. Symphony (Vice President-Director); Advisory Committee N.C. Distributive Education; Durham Chamber of Commerce; Board N.C. United Way (1976-1979); N.C. Humanities Committee; Durham County New Library Planning Committee; YWCA Long-Range Planning Committee; Security Investment Company (Vice President-Secretary); Durham Business and Professional Chain; Durham Committee

on the Affairs of Black People; National Business League; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.-Life Member; Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; NAACP-Life Member; Year-Round Garden Club; Statewide Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Advocacy Committee (Treasurer, 1979); Durham County Social Services Department (Board Member, 1975); Operation Breakthrough (Board Member 1979); Retired Senior Volunteer Board (Vice Chairman, 1976); Elizabeth City State University Trustee Board (Chairman); United Negro College Fund (Chairman, 1983-1984); N.C. Zoological Board (1985); John Avery Boys Club (1985).

Many recognitions have been bestowed to him: Man of the Year Recognition by Durham Business & Professional Chain (1955); Kentucky Colonel Award by the Governor and Key to the City of Louisville (1968); Key to the City of Goldsboro by the Mayor (1974); Honorary Life Member Recognition, N.C. Distributive Education of N.C. (1975); Family of the Year Recognition by the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs (1956); and Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Recognition by South Carolina State College (1975).

He was a faithful and active member of White Rock Baptist Church for over 70 years where he served in many capacities over the years as a Trustee, President of Senior Choir, Chairman of Building Fundraising Committee, Music Committee, Moore-Kennedy Bible Class and a former Sunday School Teacher. His loyalty and faithfulness continued throughout his life.

Throughout most of his life, his hobby was traveling. He traveled to all state capitals of the United States, every continent, except Antarctica, the Seven Wonders of the World, and 113 countries. His cherished rock collection includes a stone from most of these locations. He also loved gardening, dancing and singing.

Leroy lived a fulfilled life, and his life has touched many along the way. He was a loving father, grandfather, greatgrandfather and companion.

Cherishing his memory are his two sons: LeRoy Benjamin Frasier, Jr. (Gillian) of Brooklyn, NY and Ralph Kennedy Frasier (Jeannine Quick-Frasier) of Columbus, OH; two stepsons: William "Tell" Jones of Durham, NC, and Anthony Ward Jones (Linda) of Raleigh, NC; seven grandchildren: Sharon Gisèle Harrell of Las Vegas, NV, Kären Frasier Alston of Durham, NC, Ralph Kennedy Frasier, Jr. of Durham, NC, Keith Lowery Frasier (Jocelyn) of Columbus, OH, Gail Spaulding Frasier Cox (Ira) of Charlotte, NC, Marie Kennedy Frasier of Columbus, OH, and Rochelle Doar Frasier of Columbus, OH; seven greatgrandchildren: Margaret-Ann Griffin, Keith Bernard Griffin, Jr., Olivia Grace Money, Jesse Alexander Alston, Keith Lowery Frasier, Jr., Kennedy Mariah Cox, and David James Frasier; a very special companion and friend, G. Maxine O'Kelley; Elizabeth Hill Jones, former wife, with whom he maintained a close relationship; and a host of friends and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Frasier Endowed Scholarship at North Carolina Central University, Office of Institutional Advancement, Jones Building, Durham, NC 27707.

PARTING

Two roads passed my father's house . . .

They went everywhere, with tolls unfixed on unmarked distances paved with roses and thorns.

He said a few things when I was packed to go . . .

The feel of your feet will reconcile the differences of which road you take.
There will be signposts along the way giving out devious directions. It's your right to question them. But don't ignore them.
Each one is meant for something.

You will find that summer grass underfoot will be kinder to your touch than autumnal weeds yet, during winter storms, it will be the taller stalks leaning above the snow that will catch your eye.

And you will learn that all the same things are really not the same. That you must select your friends with the same care I gave to choosing your mother, Or maybe the wood to build fences. Avoid things that die too easily and get our own soul ready to die well. Don't be gray by yourself, and don't be surprised when as you grow older you begin to pray more and worry less. Remember most that most everything I have told you might very well amount to everything Or perhaps nothing. But be most thankful, son, If in autumn you can still manage a smile.

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The members of this alumni chapter thank each of you for your support of our distinguished alumnus and beloved friend Leroy (Lee) Benjamin Frasier.

Any alumnus seeking additional information about the RDU Alumni Chapter, please contact:

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Omni Durham Hotel Durham, North Carolina February 14, 1998

Leroy (Lee) Benjamin Frasier '31

Leroy Benjamin Frasier, a native of Camden, South Carolina, is a devoted and unwavering South Carolina State University alumnus. After graduating from Jackson High School in 1927, he matriculated at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and majored in Philosophy.

Lee graduated in 1931 and began an illustrious career with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in December 1932. After spending nine years in the company offices in a few southern cities, he relocated to the corporate headquarters in Durham. Over the next forty-four years, he was promoted and assigned increasingly more prominent positions in the company until he retired as Vice President-Agency Director in 1976.

For the past fifty years Lee has lived in the Durham community. He understands the importance of being involved in his community and giving back to a community that gave so much to him. Through his affiliations with White Rock Baptist Church (trustee Emeritus), Durham Public Schools' Parent Teacher Associations, the Durham chapter of the American Red Cross, the United Way, the March of Dimes, the North Carolina Symphony, and Operation Breakthrough, he has established himself as a respected man of principles. He remains affiliated with many professional and civic organizations. He is dedicated to Beta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the Masons and Shriners, the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, and the National Business League.

Lee has been recognized by various organizations for his distinguished achievement and community service. The Durham Business and Professional Chain honored him as "Man of the Year" in 1955. He received Keys to the Cities of Louisville, Kentucky (1968) and Goldsboro, North Carolina (1974). The National Alumni Association of South Carolina State College awarded him with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award in recognition of outstanding professional achievement and meritorious community service in March 1979. Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity celebrated him as "Mr. Alpha Tau Boule" in 1996.

Lee is a world traveler who states quite proudly, "I have traveled to every state and its capital in the United States and I have seen every wonder of the world." A keen interest in and an appreciation for new places, new ideas, and new people have opened his eyes to valuable experience. Lee has always remained true to his beloved community, and, for this, we are truly grateful.



LEROY DAVIS, PH.D. PRESIDENT, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

B.S.	Biology	South Carolina State University	1971
M.S.	Microbiology	Purdue University	1972
Ph.D.	Molecular Biology	Purdue University	1979

Dr. Davis was appointed as the eighth President of South Carolina State University on April 10, 1996. Prior to this appointment, he served the University in several administrative capacities. They include: Interim President (1995 to 1996), Vice President for Student Services (1993 to 1995), Vice Provost for Academic Administration (1990 to 1993), and Director of the Office of Institutional Self-Studies at South Carolina State University (1987 to 1990). In the latter capacity, he served as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Self-Study Director.

Dr. Davis has spent most of his professional career at South Carolina State University where he advanced through the academic ranks to become full professor of Biology. He has worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory (1982) as a research associate and at the National Institutes of Health as an extramural associate (1981). He has published more than a dozen articles in general and technical journals.

He is a member of numerous professional and civic organizations, including the American Council on Education, The American Association For the Advancement of Science, and Rotary International. He is very active with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He has chaired many visiting committees, presented workshops and symposia, and served on special committees.

He serves on many boards and commissions including the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees, the Regional Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees, The University Center of Greenville Board of Trustees, the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium Board of Directors, The S.C. Research Authority Board of Directors, and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Board of Trustees (Chairman).

Dr. Davis enjoys reading, jazz, and fishing. He is married to the former Christine McGill of Kingstreet, South Carolina and they have two children, Tonya and Leroy, Jr.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Sing the praise of Alma Mater Let us rally to her calls Lift our voices, send them ringing Thru the groves and classic halls.

Hail! Hail! Dear Alma Mater Hail! Hail! Dear S.C.C. We'll defend and honor Love and cherish thee.

We are loyal sons and daughters Proud to own the name we bear For the truths that thou has taught us Ready all to do and dare.

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Program Coordinator and Secretary

Welcome Dr. Carolyn Booker '76

Invocation Rev. Marion Wright '72, Pastor

Greater Emanual Penecostal Temple

Dinner

Musical Selection Dr. Delbert Wigwall

Duke University Medical Center

Introduction of Speaker Dr. Lathan Turner '80, Vice President

Keynote Speaker Dr. Leroy Davis '71, President

South Carolina State University

Recognition of Honoree Mr. George K. Quick '68, Treasurer

Tribute to Honoree Dr. Reginal Van Stephens, Pastor

White Rock Baptist Church

Salute from Family Mr. Leroy B. Frasier, Jr.

Presentation to Honoree Mrs. Deborah McMillan '73

Mr. Calvin Bonaparte '73

Remarks from Honoree Mr. Leroy B. Frasier '31

Closing Remarks Mr. Frederick Warsaw '65, President

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February 27, 1990

Mr. Leroy B. Frasier 715 Massey Avenue Durham, North Carolina 27701

Dear Lee:

Re: 80 Years of Active Living

The directors, officers and members of the Durham Business and Professional Chain congratulate you on reaching your 80th birthday. This is an important milestone in anyone's life, expecially yours.

The Chain is appreciative of the years of service that you gave our organization as a director, officer and member during the years when everything done by us was through the efforts of volunteer service.

We can well remember your leadership of the North Carolina Business League and its association with the National Business League. Many black businesses across this state benefited from your efforts.

Again, we congratulate you on your special celebration.

Yours very truly,

Wallace O. Green President

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R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.

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In Memoriam



OZIEBEL KENNEDY FRASIER

1906 - 1960

White Rock Baptist Church DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, July 4, 1960 4:00 P. M.

OBITUARY

MRS. KATHERYN OZIEBEL FRASIER was born in Andersonville, Georgia, August 20, 1906, the daughter of William J. Kennedy, Sr. and Katheryn Kennedy. She died Saturday morning, July 2, 1960.

Mrs. Frasier was educated in the public schools of Anderson-ville, Georgia, and graduated from Americus Institute, Americus, Georgia, and North Carolina College at Durham. She married Leroy B. Frasier on June 5, 1936, and two sons were born to this union.

She began her career with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company on June 20, 1928 as a stenographer. Later she was promoted to the position of secretary, assigned to Agency Department officials. She served in this capacity until declining health caused her to go out on an indefinite leave of absence after thirty years of efficient service.

Mrs. Frasier was active in community and civic affairs, a member of White Rock Baptist Church, District Number Ten, and a charter member of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, and the Year-Round Garden Club.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Leroy B. Frasier, Jr. and Ralph Kennedy Frasier; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha K. Holton, Mrs. Nannie K. Hill, Mrs. Essie K. Griffin, and Mrs. Mary K. Clay, and one brother, Mr. W. J. Kennedy, Jr. Several nieces and nephews also survive, and she is mourned by a host of relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE	JOHN H. GATTIS
PROCESSIONAL	
HYMN—"There is a Land Mine Eye H	ath Seen"THE CHOIR
SCRIPTURE THE R	ev. Melvin Chester Swann
HYMN—"I Need Thee Every Hour"	THE CHOIR
EXPRESSIONS AND CONDOLENCES	S
SOLO—"How Great Thou Art"	J. W. McClinton
EULOGY—"On Being What The Lord	
Romans 12:12	REV. MILES MARK FISHER
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GEORGE WILLIAM FRAZIER

Final rites for George William Frazier were held Sunday, December 27, at Tally Ho Baptist Church, Stem. Interment was in Beechwood Cometery. Durham. He died Wednesday. December 24, at Granville Medical Center in Oxford, following an extended illness.

He was born October 12. 1928 in Durham, a son of the late Willie H. and Mrs. Hattie Frazier. He attended Durham City public schools and was a graduate of Hillside High School. Durham Business College, Stuyvesant Surety School, Newark, N.J.: Vale School of Insurance, Newark, and Durham Technical Community College. He also attended North Carolina Central University.

During the time he lived in New Jersey, he established George's Bonding Agency. Upon returning to Durham, he was employed at American Tobacco Company and by the County of Durham. He was also selfemployed as a breeder and trainer of race horses.

After moving to Oxford, the Fraziers became members of Tally Ho Baptist Church.

Athle member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, he served as vice president and president of the Durham Branch from 1977 until 1986. He helped federal prisoners establish a branch at Butner. He was responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the first NAACP branch office in Durham, one of the few in the state.

On the state level. Frazier served as third vice president of the N.C. Conference of Branches, chairman of the Labor Task Force and member of the state Finance Committee. He had also been affiliated with several organizations including: Pride of Newark Elks Lodge #93: 32nd Degree Mason: Essex County Democratic Party. Newark: Frontiers International Service Organization and Bethany Lodge #31. Newark. He was a 1985 recipient of the coveted North Carolina governor's "Order of the Long Leaf Pine."

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edna B. Frazier: a daughter, Ms. Georgette Mercer of Newark: three sons, Jonathan Frazier, Lynn Frazier and Otis Fraziorica sister, Mrs. Ella Floyd: two brothers. Lonnie G. Frazier and Willie Frazier; several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor.

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Funeral service for George William Frazier, 70, of 4512 Belltown Rd., Oxford, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Tally Ho Baptist Church, Stem, by Rev.



FRAZIER

by Rev.
Moses
Fletcher.
Burial,
Beechwood
Cemetery.
Wake 6:30-8
p.m. Saturday in White
Rock Baptist
Church,
3400 Fayetteville St.

He was a native of Durham and the son of the late Willie H. and Hattie Frazier. He was a Klavy veteran, as well as an Army veteran.

. He had been active in the business community and had served as president of the Durham branch of the NAACP. He was a former exalted ruler of I.B.P.O.E. of W.

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FRAZIER

Sarah Nell (Soni-B) Frazier, age 84, of 2120 S. Alston Ave. died Monday, October 30, 2000 at Durham Regional Hos



pital. Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 4, 2000 1 p.m. at Greater New Birth Baptist Church . Rev. Donald Fischer will officiate. Burial will be at

Beechwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, November 3, 2000 at Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home Chapel 7-8 p.m. Sarah was a native of Troy, Alabama and is survived by her daughters, Sareva Denise Frazier, of Durham and Janet Frazier Martin, of Winston-Salem, sons, James E. Frazier Jr., and Frederick E. Frazier, both of Durham, eleven grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.