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The FAMILY acknowledges with deep appreciation the many acts of kindness and helpful assistance shown them during the illness and death of their loved one. They are especially grateful for the cards, telegrams, flowers and other expression of sympathy and concern.

After Interment, dinner will be served to the family and friends in the dining hall of the church.

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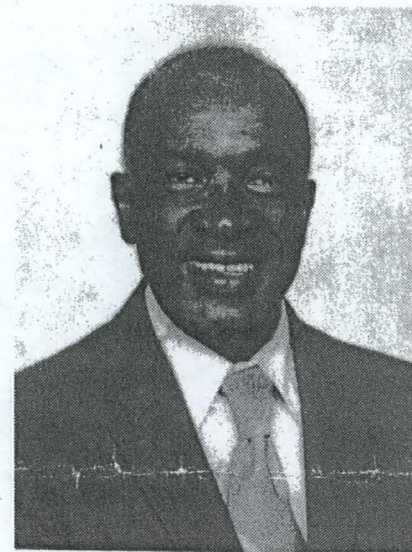
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DEACON LEVI "BUDDY" LOVELY, Sr.
September 15, 1913 - July 21, 1995

Wednesday, July 26, 1995
1:00 P.M.

Bethel Tabernacle United Holy Church
2517 South Alston Avenue
Durham, North Carolina 27712

Pastor Harold Lee Officiating
Assist. Pastor Robert English - Eulogy

OBITUARY

Deacon Levi "Buddy" Lovely, Sr., son of the late John and Miranda Lovely, was born September 15, 1913 in Marlboro County, S.C. He attended the Marlboro public school system where he excelled in math.

He was a World War II veteran. He was employed by the City of Durham where he retired with 30 years of service. He met Dollie R. Huggins and was married on April 1, 1946 and was blessed with 49 years of happiness. It was his desire to have a large family and live to see his children grown and married with families of their own.

He surrendered his life to Christ and joined Bethel Tabernacle in the late 1940's. He devoted his energy as a faithful and consistent member laboring as a builder of God's kingdom until his health failed him. He served as: President of the YPHA, member of the Senior Usher Board, Senior Choir, Trustee Board, Rev. B. J. Gordon Bible Class, and chairman of the Deacon Board.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He enjoyed cooking, eating, gardening, and attending the Lyon Park Senior Center. His favorite scripture was Psalm 121 and his favorite song was "A Great Change Since I've Been Born". He was a man of few words, a firm believer of doing what was right for God, his family and his fellow men.

On July 21, 1995 he bided farewell to this world and stepped through the door that separates Time and Eternity. He leaves to cherish his warmest and fondest memories; his wife, Dollie R. H. Lovely of the home; eight children; Levi Lovely, Jr., Dollie Moser, Ella Caldwell, Della Alston, Patricia Dolby, Janice Haskins, Mark Lovely and Marsha McLean of Durham, NC. and a stepson, Willie Leroy Jones, of Durham N.C. One sister; Bertha Lovely of Jersey City, NJ, two brothers; Joseph Lovely of Bennettsville, SC and James Lovely of Baltimore, Md. His In-laws: Doris Carr, Brenda Lovely, Cynthia Lovely, Henry Moser, Accie Caldwell, Willie Alston, Theodore Dolby, Arthur Haskins, Darlene Lovely, Micheal McLean, Tessie Jones, Jessie Lovely, Frances Lovely, and Catherine Lovely. 23 Grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE Mrs. Lillian Presley

PROCESSIONAL

SONG..... Mixed Choir

INVOCATION..... Rev. Harold Jackson

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament..... Rev. Thelma Sutton

New Testament..... Rev. Jean Moore

SOLO..... Mr. Willie Leroy Jones
"Happy In Jesus Alone"

EXPRESSIONS..... Rev. Shawlin Dunn
Others

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

AND OBITUARY..... Rev. Betty D. Ruffin

SOLO..... Rev. Denise Moore

EULOGY..... Rev. Robert English

PARTING VIEW

RECESSIONAL

Don't cry for me my children, you may not understand.

But living on this earth is only half of God's perfect Plan.

He is taking care of me like no one else can.

So please don't weep for if you seek then you will understand.

For now I'm resting and rejoicing in the master's prepared land.

The Family

Interment
Beechwood Cemetery
Durham, North Carolina

DRIVERS IN THE PROCESSION, PLEASE TURN ON HEADLIGHTS.

ACTIVE PALL BEARERS

Nephews

FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

Missionary Circle

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**In Loving Memory
of
Mrs. Nannie Long Lovely
March 7, 1908 - January 30, 1994**



**Friday, February 4, 1994
2:00 P.M.**

**New Bethel Baptist Church
2508 Crest Street
Durham, North Carolina**

The Reverend Glenn Davis, Officiating

2904 5ast 0 minutes, only 60 seconds

The Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN The Choir

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament
New Testament

PRAYER

HYMN The Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OBITUARY

SOLO Deacon George Walls

EULOGY The Reverend Glenn Davis

HYMN The Choir

RECESSIONAL

Dinner will be served in the church fellowship hall following the interment.

Interment
Glenview Cemetery
Durham, North Carolina

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

The Obituary

Mrs. Nannie Long Lovely, daughter of the late Willie and Geneva Robertson Long was born March 7, 1908 in Person County. She departed this life at Durham Regional Hospital in Durham Sunday morning, January 30, 1994, after a lengthy illness.

She felt the need at an early age to seek a personal savior. She sought and found peace with God and became a member of the Union Grove Baptist Church. After moving to Durham, NC, she joined the New Bethel Baptist Church Family where she was an active member until her health failed. She was employed at Liggett Myers Tobacco Factory and W.L. Roberson until her retirement.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Theodore Lovely.

She leaves to cherish her memory two brothers, Charlie W. Long, of Durham, North Carolina and Theodore R. Long of Cincinnati, Ohio; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Newman, Mrs Vinnie Pearl Holman, and Mrs. Cumella Bowling, all of Durham, North Carolina; two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Ella Mae Long, and Mrs. Hassie Long, both of Durham, North Carolina, several uncles, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and a very close friend for many years, Mrs. Flora Cannady of Durham, North Carolina.

We watched you slowly fade away,
We tried so hard to make you stay,
But God was watching from above,
And took you home to share His love.

The Family

FLORAL BEARERS

Continental Sisters
Women of The Durham Committee On The Affairs Of Black People
Barbara Foskey
Delores Rogers
Kitora Mack
Lillian Cannon
Cynthia McBeth
Stella Adams
Gloria Horne
Andrea C. Hardy
Judge Carolyn Johnson
Frankie Perry
Lottie Killet
Virginia Williams
Doris Glenn
Mary Furlow
Annie Hargett
June Murray
Evangeline M. Ellison

PALLBEARERS

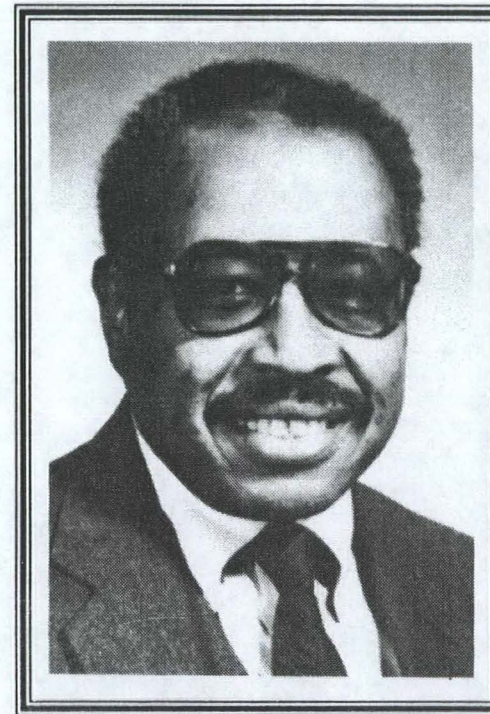
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Laurence Colbert
Wib Gully
Calvin Hemmingway
Dean Jernigan
Ronald Patterson
Elliott Walker

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Men of The Durham Committee On The Affairs Of Black People
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Oscar Lewis
Ronald Gregory
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Mr. Willie C. Lovett*



March 21, 1939 — August 6, 1992

Tuesday, August 11, 1992
2:00 P. M.

White Rock Baptist Church
3400 Fayetteville Street
Durham, North Carolina

Reverend Lorenzo Lynch, Pastor

'My father is away; his spirit will continue through us who love and care for him. Using his powerful spirit, there is nothing that we can not accomplish. I am sure this is what he would expect.'

Rodney

'He's my champion; he's my mentor; he's my hero, and he's my superstar. He's my father, Willie C. Lovett.'

Tracy

'My brotherly love for Willie is everlasting. He has always been there as a source of inspiration, guidance, and advice. His memories and the wonderful times that we shared together will remain a source of strength and inspiration forever. I was truly blessed to have had a brother as wonderful as Willie.'

Colonel

'There comes a time when you find a person whose courageous personality commands respect from all, whose heart is as gentle as a lamb, whose helping hands guide you to safety, this was Willie C. Lovett. His spirit will never perish, his soul will fly free, and his legacy will continue.'

Vondell

Karen

Colonel

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the deeds of kindness shown through their hour of bereavement and the beautiful flowers, cards, telegrams, and other expressions of sympathy and concern.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Lorenzo Lynch, Presiding

Organ Prelude Mr. Fred Mason, Jr.

Processional

Hymn *"We've Come This Far By Faith"*

Saint Joseph A. M. E. Church Choir

Scripture Reverend J. C. Cheek

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Z. D. Harris

A Family Tribute Ms. Evangeline M. Ellison

Acknowledgments:

Interdenominational

Ministerial Alliance Reverend J. C. Cheek

NAACP Mrs. Florine Roberson

Durham County Commissioners Honorable William V. Bell

Durham City Council Honorable Issac A. Robinson

Educators Mrs. Jeanne Lucas

N. C. Black Leadership Caucus Atty Peter Gear

North Carolina State Senate Honorable Ralph Hunt

Durham Democratic Party Atty Laurence Colbert

Mutual Savings & Loan Mr. F. V. "Pete" Allison

Durham Committee

On The Affairs Of Black People Dr. E. Lavonia Allison

Obituary Mr. Ronald Gregory

Solo *"Let The Work I've Done Speak For Me"*

Mrs. Gretchen Fields

Eulogy Reverend Lorenzo Lynch

Music *"Crossing The Bar"*

Recessional

Drivers in the procession, please turn on headlights.

OBITUARY

"KEEPER OF THE DREAM"



*Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak;
for your work shall be rewarded.*

II Chronicles 15:7

Willie C. Lovett was born to the late Gordon and Naomi Lovett of Statesboro, Ga. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee State University. On September 4, 1961, he married the former Evelyn Shatteen. He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1965. Mr. Lovett joined the IBM Corporation in 1965 and worked as an Industrial Engineer until his retirement, January 1992.

Mr. Lovett served the Durham community, state, and nation in various capacities. A few of the positions held: Delegate, Democratic National Party Convention several times; August 7, 1992 Member, UDI-CDC Board of Directors; Member, Durham City-County Charter Commission; Member, North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus; Member, Human Relations Steering Committee, Durham Chamber of Commerce; Member, Board of Directors, Mutual Savings & Loan Association; Member, Durham City-County School Merger Issues Task Force; and Member, Ad Hoc Committee, State Legislature Redistricting Issues.

Mr. Lovett was elected co-chairman of the Political Committee of the Durham Committee in 1979. In 1980, Mr. Lovett was elected chairman. He was a stalwart champion of equality, justice, and fairness for persons of color, significantly addressing issues of equitable representation on boards and commissions, fairness in budgetary appropriations, and changes in the process of double taxation.

During his stewardship as chairman, noteworthy achievements were realized. Eighteen African-Americans were elected to the City Council, the County Board of Commissions, and the Durham City Board of Education, NC House of Representatives, NC Senate, District and Superior Court Judgeships and The Court Of Appeals.

He espoused the position that public dollars should be expended in ways that reflect where the greatest needs are . . . who pays . . . who receives . . .

Mr. Lovett received numerous honors and recognitions. Some of them are: 1988, The Durham Committee On The Affairs Of Black People; 1989, Appreciation of Service Award, Durham Chapter, Continental Society, Inc.; 1990, Keeper of the Dream Award, Martin Luther King Steering Committee; 1990, The Community Service Award, Durham Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and 1991 Citizen of the Year, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn, a son Rodney, a daughter Tracy, three grandchildren, Jasmine, Brandie, and Justin, daughter-in-law Janice, his loved mother Deatha Lovett, one brother Colonel Denver Lovett; two sisters, Vondell L. McKenzie and Karen Lovett; two loved sisters Glamarita Yancy and Elaine Douglas; sister-in-law, E. Marie Lovett; and a host of other nieces, nephews and friends.

In Memory of Mr. Willie C. Lovett

by Sister Ceatrice Bratcher

Now that my battle has been fought and victory has been won,
I've gone to my home, just beyond the sitting sun.

Mr. Willie C. Lovette served as chairman of The Committee on
the Affairs of Black People,
He was very outstanding for eleven years.
He will never be forgotten now that he is gone,
He was a very good board member of the Mutual Savings &
Loan Association.
He was nominated for the North Carolina State House
of Representatives,
He was the best nominee.
We voted for him, because he had the quality.
He tried to please his family all of his life,
He was a good father to his children, and a great husband to his wife.
He had a good reputation, and he lived and proved every bit.
Durham and many parts of the United States will never forget
the excellent works of Mr. Willie C. Lovette.

Say to the children don't be looking sad,
when he gets to heaven, he'll still be your dad.
To his wife and family, dry the tears and put a smile on your face,
when you leave this world, there is a better place.

Although I had to leave you to go be with Jesus, you see,
I leave this with you: "May the works I've done speak for me."



Reflections of Mr. Willie C. Lovett



Willie C. Lovett
"A Warrior, A Worker, A Winner"

*The poem "My Creed" by Dean Alfange Says Much
About One of our Greatest Leaders.
An "Uncommon Man"*

*I do not choose to be a common man.
It is my right to be uncommon—if I can.
I seek opportunity—not security. I do not wish
to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled
by having the state look after me. I want
to take the calculated risk; to dream
and to build, to fail and to succeed.*

*I refuse to barter incentive for a dole.
I prefer the challenges to life to the
guaranteed existence; the thrill of
fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia.
I will not trade freedom for beneficence
nor my dignity for handout. I will
never cower before any master nor bend
to any threat. It is my heritage to stand
erect, proud and unafraid; to think and
act for myself, enjoy the benefit of
my creations and to face the world
boldly and say: This I have done.*

Submitted by: Dr. E. Lavonia Allison



Programme

Cora Cole McFadden
Presiding

Organist
Mrs. La Vinia Parker

Music

Prayer
Minister

Music

Resolutions
(Anyone wishing to present a resolution)

Acknowledgements
Joe Jenkins

Music

Remarks
Cynthia McBeth
Dr. Roy Moore
Faiger Blackwell
Others

Reflections
Judge Carolyn Johnson

Music

Benediction
Minister

RESOLUTION

WILLIE CLINTON LOVETT

The Durham Community and the state has lost an outstanding and important person in the passing of Mr. Willie C. Lovett.

WHEREAS, Most of us can think of many contributions that he made during his lifetime in this community,

WHEREAS, he worked for a stronger cohesiveness between people and between efforts towards the development of a better Durham and a better North Carolina. His positions were always well established and always clear. His thinking never lost visions of better things for humanity,

WHEREAS, his approaches displayed his having done his homework and his analytical abilities were in focus.

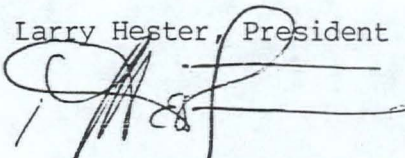
WHEREAS, he was of strong character and he made it his business to be there at most civic, business and political meetings even though aware of and had to have made sacrifices in health and otherwise,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT WE THANK GOD FOR PERMITTING him to have come our way and that his supporters and those who benefitted from his accomplishments pledge to carry on his high standards of commitment, leadership, influence, dedication and stick-to-it-tiveness. We must admit that he did an effective job and affected reasoning and change in more things than most of us think. We were all looking forward to what potential good his presence in state government would have made.

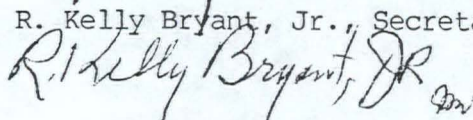
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT WE ALL BOW IN SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD, and that our feelings be expressed to the family for their loss of MR. WILLIE CLINTON LOVETT. He touched many people and facets of our community and thousands of understanding friends and supporters share their grief with them.

Respectfully submitted,
Durham Business and Professional Chain

Larry Hester, President



R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Secretary Emeritus



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After Ten Years **Lovett Steps Down**

By Frank H. Madison

After ten years as chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, Willie Lovett is stepping down. He will not seek re-election. His present two-year term ends later this month.

According to Lovett, only the fifth person to hold the influential chairmanship since the creation of the committee 55 years ago, his decision to not seek a sixth term is not one made precipitously. He thinks no one should be surprised.

"I felt that I wanted to move on and do some other things," Lovett said. "I shared this information with the nominating committee in 1988, and, from time to time, I have shared it with other individuals in an attempt to identify people who might be possible candidates for leadership positions in the committee."

Lovett maintains that he has been consistent in his decision to forego a sixth term, and reiterated it to the present nominating committee which was appointed in November.

He tersely announced, "If nominated, I will not run; if elected, I will not accept."

Lovett insists that there are several reasons for his decision. "I have a philosophy," he said, that "one should not stay in a position too long. Secondly, when a position starts exacting too heavy a toll, then, I think it is time to move on."

"But more importantly, as far as the committee is concerned, I feel that it's time for a change."

In attempting to assess the committee's accomplishments during his tenure, Lovett believes it necessary to divide them into separate sections and judge each section by different standards. The two primary sectors were politics and economics.

Lovett asserts that in the political arena, there were few goals that were not achieved. The guiding principles for goals he set for himself

The Carolina Times

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and the committee at the very beginning of his service, he asserts, are identical to the original goals of the committee's founders.

"We wanted to have an impact on those decisions which affected the black community," he stated. "We wanted to use the committee as a mechanism for positive change. We wanted fairness for our community; we wanted representation; we wanted the delivery of services; an end to discrimination and an improvement to the economic lot of the community.

"Those are the goals for which we strove." Continuing, he stated, "In the political arena, our specific goals were to improve the black community's representation in every facet of and at every level of government, including not only elective offices, but on all boards and commissions, appointed positions, and any other kind of decision-making body.

"And, we wanted to do it at all levels of city, county and state."

Lovett is at ease with himself that in the area of politics, almost all that could be done was done. He pointed out that with the exception of 1979, when several black candidates were defeated in city council elections, every election has seen the black community's representation in local government grow at a steady rate of progress.

"We have gained a lot in representation at both the city and county levels, and on almost all boards and commissions," Lovett said.

In economic achievements, however, Lovett expressed some degree of disappointment. Explaining, he said, "I do not believe we maximized our potential for economic gains."

He said he believed very firmly in the principle of political empowerment turning into economic empowerment. He said, "What we (the committee) ought to be about is insuring that the black community shares in the general community's prosperity, and whatever benefits are derived from actions taken by the general community."

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*'Many black people with talent...permit
that talent to earn money for others,'
says owner of BJ's*

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EDITORIALS

WILLIE LOVETT

The end of his reign

Whether you agree or disagree with Willie Lovett, give him this: He has exercised more influence on elections and public policy in Durham than anyone else.

Some might say that Mr. Lovett, who has served as chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People for 10 years, has held an unelected seat of power that supersedes either the mayor or the chairman of the county commissioners—or a combination of the two.

The Durham Committee, which will meet later this month to choose a successor to Mr. Lovett, will be hard pressed to find someone who can match Mr. Lovett's influence on the community.

The measure of the Durham Committee's success under Mr. Lovett's leadership ranges from the obvious—black majorities on the City Council, the Board of County Commissioners and the city school board—to the subtle: Even small matters of public policy rarely advanced without Mr. Lovett's agreement.

In most cases, Mr. Lovett could deliver overwhelming black support—often over 90 percent—to candidates and bond proposals. But recently he ran into divisions within the black community. He was not an early supporter of Chester Jenkins for mayor; he opposed bonds for a new baseball stadium, but the Durham Committee endorsed them anyhow; and he convinced the Durham Committee to oppose the 10 city bond proposals on the ballot in November, but eight passed with surprising support from black voters.

Mr. Lovett also complained that elected black leaders who had received the Durham Committee's endorsement were often not following the Durham Committee's directions on public policy.

In a sense, Mr. Lovett helped create his opposition: politically successful blacks such as Mayor Jenkins and William V. Bell, chairman of the Durham County commissioners. In some cases, Mayor Jenkins, Mr. Bell, City Council member Clarence Brown and Durham lawyer Ken Spaulding, among others, openly challenged Mr. Lovett on key community issues, including schools and economic development.

Mr. Lovett, 51, says the disagreements are not the reason he will not seek re-election as chairman of the Durham Committee. Indeed, when he was elected for a fifth two-year term, he said that would be he last. Earlier this year, he had major surgery.

But this is not a bowed and broken man who is giving up the battle. Willie Lovett has accomplished more than mere politicians could ever hope to accomplish. He may not be regarded as fondly as some of the more statesmanlike chairmen of the Durham Committee—the venerable J.J. "Babe" Henderson comes to mind—but none could match Mr. Lovett's incredible string of successes.

Few people in Durham are so thoroughly informed about the work of government and the ways that work can be influenced as Willie Lovett has been. He has outstudied and outworked most of our elected officials and some of our top-line government administrators.

Willie Lovett can take a well deserved rest without any apologies for the tireless and selfless contributions he made to the public weal.

INCINERATOR

Black community leader Lovett dies at age 53

By JAMES C. BENTON
The Herald-Sun

Willie C. Lovett, a longtime champion of Durham's black community whose influence was powerfully felt on the local political landscape, died Thursday at Duke University Hospital.

Lovett, 53, had been newly elected in May as a state representative in the 23rd District. He had yet to take office.

He died at Duke University Hospital, where he was awaiting surgery to remove an aneurysm.

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- His fellow Democrats remember Lovett
- Mickey Michaux leader to replace Lovett

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Friday evening.

"He was a pillar of the community," said family friend Cynthia McBeth at the Lovett family house, where Lovett's

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WILLIE C. LOVETT

The Herald-Sun

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1992

LOVETT

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campaign posters still hung on the walls alongside citations, awards and pictures of family members.

"They just did not come any better than Willie C. Lovett, and he will be very sorely missed," she said.

Lovett was probably best known for his role as chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People. He was elected to that post in 1980 and held it until he stepped down in 1990.

During that decade, the committee — the city's oldest and most influential political action group — helped consolidate black political power in Durham, resulting in black majorities on Durham's city council and the board of county commissioners. It also led to the election of Chester Jenkins, the city's first black mayor, in 1989.

"The black community will never understand his contribution to them," said Elliott Walker, the committee's third vice chair, who knew Lovett for 15 years and was a co-worker at IBM. "We've lost a lot. The community

doesn't know what they lost.

"He was smart. He was brilliant. He was a talented human being. ... He was all that. He was all those glossy things," Walker said. "But Willie Lovett was a person who loved black people. He worked his heart out for justice and equality in the black community. He had a belief and a commitment, and he felt no need to sell out."

On May 5, Lovett won election to the state House of Representatives, an election that also marked the return of black political power in Durham after a conservative political revolt in 1991. Lovett was the top vote-getter in a field of five candidates that included incumbents Paul Luebke and George Miller.

Lovett would have replaced longtime state Representative H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, who left the state House to run for Congress.

Born March 31, 1939 in Statesboro, Ga., Lovett graduated in 1961 from Tennessee State University with a degree in mechanical engineering. Fol-

lowing a three-year stint as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, Lovett joined IBM in 1965 as an industrial engineer. That job brought him to Durham in 1966, where he remained, with the exception of a four-year stay in White Plains, N.Y., until his death.

Friends and co-workers Friday remembered Lovett as a man who wielded great influence on elections and local policy. While saddened, they also remembered the contributions he made to Durham's political landscape.

"I don't think anyone did more for the committee and the city of Durham than Willie Lovett," said F.V. "Pete" Allison, the current chair of the Durham Committee.

"I can say everyone didn't agree with Willie Lovett. But he was respected," Allison said.

"He certainly was most outspoken on the causes that affect most African-Americans," said county commissioner Deborah Giles, who had known Lovett for several years.

Ms. Giles said Lovett was one of her

strongest political supporters and encouraged her to run successfully in 1990 for a seat on the county commission.

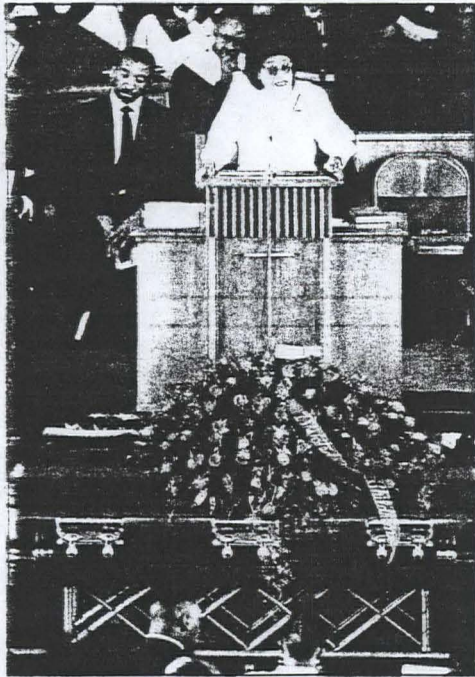
But Elliott Walker recounted what he considered one of Lovett's greatest accomplishments, one immeasurable in votes or political achievements. It came at White Rock Baptist Church during his run for state House, when his daughter, Tracy, introduced him.

"She said, 'He's my champion, he's my mentor, he's my hero and he's my superstar. He's my father, Willie Lovett.' The crowd went wild, and I never felt happier for a person," Walker said, tears running down his face.

"Because if a man can make a daughter feel this way ... he's a success, no matter what else he does."

Lovett's survivors include his wife, Evelyn, and two children, Rodney and Tracy.

For Lovett, possibility made reality



The Herald-Sun/CHUCK LIDDY

EULOGY: Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, successor to the late Willie Lovett at the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, remembers Lovett at White Rock Baptist Church Tuesday.

By ERNIE SUGGS

The Herald-Sun

Willie C. Lovett was remembered Tuesday as one of Durham's most powerful black political leaders — and as a human being who loved his family, friends and race.

"To most of us, we'll remember Willie Lovett as a political figure," said Florine Roberson, president of the Durham Branch of the NAACP. "But he was a man who believed in a possibility and made it an actuality. He was a man who believed that what can be, will be. He was a man who wanted hatred replaced by love."

Lovett, 53, the former chairman of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, died last Thursday at Duke University Hospital.

"[Politically], Willie Lovett left a legacy for us to emulate," Ms. Roberson said. "To his family, he left a legacy of love."

More than 100 family members, including his wife of 31 years, Evelyn, and his two children, Rodney and Tracy, filled the first 10 rows of White Rock Baptist Church for the 2½-hour funeral service.

The rest of the church was filled with 300 or so friends, admirers and politicians who came to pay their last respects.

When Lovett led the Committee on the Affairs of Black People between 1980 and 1990, 18 blacks — including Chester Jenkins, Durham's first black mayor — were elected to various city, county and state offices.

"He was a warrior, he was a worker and he was a winner," said Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, a friend of Lovett's for 25 years. "He was one of the greatest leaders to ever pass this way. He was a leader who led where others feared to tread."

In May, Lovett won the Democratic nomination to a state House seat from the 23rd District. He would have filled the slot left by longtime state Rep. Mickey Michaux, who left the House to run for the U.S. Congress.

Now party officials are deciding who will replace Lovett on the November ballot in a race in which the new candidate will face opposition from a pair of Libertarian Party hope-

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fuls. No Republicans are on the ballot.

"Brother Lovett was a go-getter," said the Rev. J.C. Cheek of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. "He was a great leader, he was a great father, he was a great husband."

Born March 31, 1939, in Statesboro, Ga., Lovett graduated in 1961 from Tennessee State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Following a three-year stint as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, Lovett joined IBM in 1965 as an industrial engineer. That job brought him to Durham in 1966, where he remained until his

death.

"Willie Lovett was the keystone to the Durham Democratic Party. He helped hold it together," said Laurence Colbert, chairman of the Durham County Democratic Party. "The keystone had to be strong, and Willie held up the bridge."

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Lorenzo Lynch and burial followed at Beechwood Cemetery.

An officer in the United States Air Force, Lovett was buried with full military honors.

"A man like Willie Lovett only comes around once in a lifetime," a man said. "And you'd like to cherish him as long as you can."

Mrs. Helen M. DeArmond of South Boston, Va.; a son, Alton R. Maynard of Chapel Hill; a sis-

Smith of Belleair, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

GRAHAM — Mrs. Mildred Marie Bell Holder, 71, of 138 Webster Road died Thursday at

brother, William J Burlington. The family will

Lovett funeral scheduled for Tuesday

The funeral services for Durham political leader Willie Clinton Lovett will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in White Rock Baptist Church.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Lorenzo Lynch, and burial will follow in Beechwood Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at White Rock Baptist Church.

Lovett, 53, was long-time leader in the city's black community. He died Thursday after surgery at Duke University Hospital.

Lovett had been elected in May to the N.C. House of Representatives for the 23rd District, although he had yet to take office.

He had served Durham and the state in many capacities over the years, including delegate to the Democratic National Convention, member of the Board of Directors of UD-CDC, member of the Durham City-County Charter Commission, member of the N.C. Black Leadership Caucus,

member of the Human Relations Steering Committee for the Durham Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Directors for Mutual Savings and Loan Association,



LOVETT

Merger Issues Task Force, and member of the Ad Hoc Committee for State Legislative Redistricting Issues. Lovett was elected co-chairman of the Political Committee in 1979. In 1980 he was elected chairman of the Durham Committee.

Awards Lovett had received include the 1989 Appreciation of Service Award from the Durham chapter of Continental Society, Inc.; Keeper of the Dream Award from the Martin Luther King Steering Committee in 1990; the Community Service Award from

the Durham Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in 1990; and 1991 Citizen of the Year from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Lovett was born in Statesboro, Ga. and received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tennessee State University. He was an officer in the Air Force from 1962 to 1965. He was an industrial engineer for IBM from 1965 until he retired in January.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Shatteen Lovett; a son, Rodney Lovett; a daughter, Ms. Tracy Lovett; his mother, Mrs. Deotha Lovett; a brother, Colonel Denver Lovett; four sisters, Mrs. Vondell McKenzie, Miss Karen Lovett, Mrs. Glamarita Yancy and Mrs. Elaine Douglas; and three grandchildren.

Memorials to Lovett may be made to the N.C. Heart Association.

Arrangements are by Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home.

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MAYNARD — Alton W. Maynard, 88, of 311 S. LaSalle St. died Saturday morning in Durham Regional Hospital. Grave-side funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Woodlawn Memorial Park. The Rev. Jay Fogleman will conduct the service. The family will receive friends at Hall-Wynne Funeral Home today from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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MANGUM — Funeral services for Ruth Husketh Mangum, 77, of University Drive, wife of Mr. Mangum, will be held Monday at Yates Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Dr. C. Ronald C. Rev. John Frederick. Burial will be in Palmyra Cemetery. Pallbearers will be members of the family. Daniel Sunday School family will receive visitors at Bryan Funeral Home Sunday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Mrs. Mangum died Saturday at Duke University Hospital. Flowers are acceptable. Burial will be at Family Yates Baptist Church.

Michaux emerges as Lovett's likely replacement

By DANNY LINEBERRY
Raleigh bureau

Rep. Mickey Michaux of Durham quickly emerged Friday as the leading contender to replace Willie Lovett on the ballot in the November elections — and to retain his seat in the General Assembly.

But Michaux declined to say whether he was interested in holding onto his seat in the Legislature.

"I would hope that nobody would rush in there right now until after everything settles down," Michaux said. "It is something to think about, but right now our thoughts should be with Willie and his family."

A committee of about 60 Democrats will pick Lovett's replacement as the Democratic nominee for the state House in the 23rd District.

The new nominee automatically wins the seat because no Republicans filed in the three-member district.

Lovett won Michaux's House seat after the seven-term lawmaker decided to run for the U.S. House in the new 12th District, which runs from Durham to Charlotte. He lost the Democratic primary to Mel Watt of Charlotte.

Michaux acknowledged that he had already received telephone calls about keeping his state House seat.

"I've got five or six phone calls lined up here," he said. "I haven't talked to anybody about it yet. I haven't thought about it."

One of those calling Michaux was Rep. George Miller of Durham, who urged him to accept the nomination.

"I was encouraged by his response, and I will urge the members of the Durham executive committee to nominate him to this

position," Miller said Friday. "He will have my strong support."

Lovett finished first in the Democratic primary. Incumbent Paul Luebke and Miller finished second and third to win re-election.

Eugene Brown, the fourth-place finisher in the primary, would not say whether he would pursue Lovett's spot on the ballot.

But Paul Miller, the fifth-place finisher, said he was interested.

"I think it's a little premature to decide what to do about the state House, but obviously since I ran for it before I do have an interest in it," said Miller, who owns a computer consulting firm.

When pressed, Miller said he would actively pursue the nomination.

Members of the Durham County Democratic Party executive committee who live in the 23rd District will select Lovett's replacement. The district includes most of Durham County.

The executive committee includes elected county party officers, the chairman and first vice chairman of precinct committees, members of the state Democratic executive committee, Democratic county and city officials elected in partisan elections, and Democratic members of the General Assembly from Durham County.

Laurence Colbert, chairman of the Durham County Democratic Party, estimated that 60 people are members of the county executive committee.

Colbert said he will not begin the selection process until next week.

"I'm basically not even going to look at it until after Tuesday," he said. Lovett will be buried that day.

Legislator Lovett's death leaves party leaders stunned

By DANNY LINEBERRY
Raleigh bureau

News of Willie Lovett's death spread quickly Friday, shocking and saddening his fellow Democrats.

"He was a great leader," said state Rep. Mickey Michaux of Durham. "He was a good man. He stood on his principles. He did what was best in the total interest of the community. He is indeed going to be sorely missed."

Michaux said he had talked to Lovett within the last 10 days about coming to the General Assembly.

"We were trying to get together on the things he needed," Michaux said Friday.

Lovett, who died Thursday while awaiting surgery at Duke Hospital, won the Democratic primary — and Michaux's seat in the General Assembly — in May.

Michaux ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House this year instead of seeking re-election.

Rep. George Miller said he last saw Lovett in the Legislative Building, where he introduced him to several members of the staff.

"He was very eager to find

his place in the Legislature and I am sure he would have served Durham well," Miller said.

Paul Miller, one of Lovett's Democratic primary opponents, called Lovett "a great man, an excellent leader in Durham. To tell you the truth, I'm sorry to see him go."

Lovett was an active Democrat, and local and state party officials expressed their sorrow.

"I'm extremely sad," said Laurence Colbert, Durham County Democratic Party chairman.

"He's a good friend and certainly one of the most consistent — I'm sort of at a loss for words because it's such a shock — but he was really one of the most consistent, outspoken public servants in Durham."

"The community is certainly going to miss him, and I'm sure his family also. He's a giant. He's a great man. Durham's really going to suffer a loss from him being gone." Everett Ward, executive director of the N.C. Democratic Party, called Lovett "an active Democrat and strong Democratic Party leader."

"All of us at the state Democratic Party are saddened at his passing," Ward said. "He was a distinguished leader."

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OBITUARY

JAMES URBAN LOWE, SR. was born on January 16, 1894 in Durham County, the first child of the late Luke and Flora Lowe. He departed this life September 9, 1964 at his home, Bahama, North Carolina.

Mr. Lowe received his elementary education in Durham County Schools.

He was a World War I Veteran and served overseas in France.

He was married on July 7, 1920 to Lottie Beatrice Sparkman and to this union three children were born. She departed this life June 1, 1952.

On January 16, 1962 he was married to Cornelia Holder.

Mr. Lowe retired in 1959 after 40 years service with the American Tobacco Company.

Mr. Lowe compiled an exemplary record in the civic and fraternal life in the City of Durham. At the time of his death he was the oldest living Past Master in Doric Lodge #28. He was a charter member of Weaver McLean Post #175, American Legion, and served as Finance Officer for many years. He served on the committee for Boy Scout Troop 55 for several years following the founding of the troop. In 1963 he received a 25 year Service Pin as a director of the John Avery Boys' Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Holder Lowe; two sons, James, Jr. and Benjamin of Washington, D. C.; three step-children, James and Algia of New York and Shirley of Durham; one sister, Ethel Lowe; three brothers, John, Edgar and Jerome all of Durham; two aunts, Mrs. Carolina Pettiford and Mrs. Lola Bullock of Durham; one uncle, Lucius Glenn of Durham; two grandchildren, James, III and Benjamin, Jr. and a host of relatives and friends.

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HYMN—"Come Ye Disconsolate".....THE CHOIR

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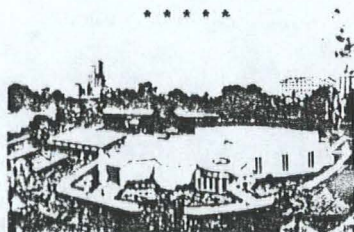
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— Obituary —

JEROME C. LOWE was born October 6, 1910 to the late Luke Lowe and Flora Glenn Lowe.

He departed this life Friday, September 22, 1989 at Durham County General Hospital.

He attended Durham County Schools.

At an early age he joined the Red Mountain Baptist Church. He was a member of The New Red Mountain Masonic Lodge #468, and The New Red Mountain Baptist Church Male Chorus.

He was united in marriage to Miss Katie Harris on June 15, 1935, who survives.

He leaves to mourn, his wife Katie; five granddaughters, three grandsons, a host of nieces and nephews and four sisters-in-law.

In Memoriam

God saw he was getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, working hands were laid to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

The Family

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LOWERY

Funeral services for Ms. Mary Louise Lowery, 52, of 709 Gaston Avenue, will be held at 7 p.m.



Thursday at Fisher Funeral Chapel by Pastor Pamela Clegg. Family visitation, 30 minutes prior to service. Viewing

beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday.

She was a 1968 graduate of Hillside High School and had worked as a ward clerk at Duke Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter, Dearletter April McMurrian; grandchildren, Devonna and David McMurrian; father, James Gibbs of Moncks Corner, SC; sisters, Armelia M. Adams of Newark, NJ, Betty Grace of Hillside, NJ, Naomi L. Wilson of Richardson, TX and Emily Rogers; brothers, Eugene Lowery, Leon Lowery of Wichita Falls, TX and Michael Lowery; "brother," Kenneth Harris.

Family at the home of Emily Rogers, 51 Fashion Place. Email condolences to fisherfp@hotmail.com.

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LOWERY

Ms. Mary Louise Lowery, age 52, of 709 Gaston Ave., was found dead Saturday, July 27, 2002, at home. Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Parlor.
