

SICKLE CELL & GUESTS "MEET THE BROWNS"



Tamela Mann, Gladys Ashe Robinson and David Mann

Over 300 Supporters of Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont arrived at the Airport Marriott, Monday night, September 18th, for the agency's 36th Annual Banquet to spend a "Night Out with the Browns."

Polo Ralph Lauren presented Sickle

Cell Executive Director, Gladys Robinson with a \$10,000 contribution in support of the mission of the agency. Khalif Temple #144, also presented an \$11,000 contribution from proceeds of their annual golf tournament to Mrs. Robinson for client services at SCDAP.

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MRS. VELMA FRIENDE... WHAT'S IN A NAME

Mrs. Velma H. Friende has been called many things by many people during her lifetime. She has fondly been referred to as "Honey" by members of her family and closest acquaintances; "my French teacher" by many students who continue to hold her in high esteem; that "pretty teacher" at Atkins High School by former male students who are only a few years younger than she; "my guidance counselor" by local youth who have gone on to become doctors and lawyers through her guidance and mentorship; "my Bennett sister" by Bennett Bells across the country; "my church member" by members of St Paul United Methodist Church and "my soror" by members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Perhaps the most befitting moniker for her as it relates to the Winston-Salem Urban League is encapsulated in her last name. For more than fifty years, Mrs.



Velma Friend

Friende as been a "friend" not only to the local affiliate but to the National Urban League Movement.

For anyone browsing through the numerous boxes of memorabilia collected by the League depicting agency events and activities, it is not uncommon to find Mrs. Friende's smiling

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SISTER LATEEFAH RAZZAK: A WIFE, MOTHER AND FRIEND

By Rodney Sumler

Sister Lateefah Razzak, the mother of Asim Evans was not just an ordinary woman; she was an extra-ordinary virtuous woman. The lives of many were touched by her love, compassion and humble spirit. She was born March 14, 1947 and attended the old Carver School, grades 1 thru 12. Reared by her grandmother and aunt, her Christian name was Yolanda Marie Glenn. An educator for 30 years, she continued to teach at her Home-going Celebration. It was the first time Winston-Salem had witnessed a Islam funeral. She was a woman who always pleased the Lord; He made even her adversaries to be at peace with her.

Asim Razzak (Willie Pearson, Jr.) was the apple of her eye. Their love for each other began in the 6th grade at Carver School. She was to fulfill her role as a wife; Lateefah unselfishly gave all that she could to her marriage. She supported her super-star college athlete during his collegiate years. She was with him while he played pro-football with the Miami Dolphins. She was there with him during his career ending injuries. A woman of action, Sister Razzak tirelessly made time to cook and prepare dinners to raise funds for the Mosque and MGT (Muslin Girls Training). She was a captain in the MGT. Sister Razzah was an excellent cook. I especially loved her banana bread. Brother Asim would bring the bread she would send

to me, and I always told him, I must have Lateefah's best. Don't try to fool me with a substitute and keep the best for yourself. Asim loved his wife's cooking.

Seven-eleven was a blessed combination of numbers for Sister Lateefah. There were 4 sisters and 3 boys in the Glenn family and 7 boys and 4 girls in the Pearson family. Lateefah, the Pearson and Razzak families are role models for how Christians and Muslims can love each other and respect the fact that there is but one God of the Universe. Blessed are they that keep God's ways. Sister Razzak loved her mother and father-in-law. She witnessed and shared in knowledge the Pearson family's study of Holiness and Methodist (Mother



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