

Louis Powell Eulogized At Wake Chapel

Louis "Jim" Powell, of 3136 Ward Road, died April 2. Services were held Monday at Wake Chapel Baptist Church. Burial was in Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are a wife, Doris Powell of the home; stepdaughter, La Tania Y. Jones of Raleigh; son, Talferio A. Powell; stepson, George E. Jones, Jr. of Raleigh; sister, Sarah Wilder of Lenoir; and brother, Theodore "Buster" of Raleigh.

"Jim," as he was affectionately known, graduated from J.W. Ligon High School in 1961, where he played baseball, basketball, and football for the Ligon Little Blues. He matriculated to Shaw University in 1962 where he also played baseball, basketball and football for the Shaw University Bears.

Jim received numerous awards while playing on several softball, basketball and baseball teams in the Sanford, Garner and Raleigh areas. He was employed with the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department and at the time of his death was assistant director of the Worthdale Community Center.

Easter Egg Hunt Set

The Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department invites youth 10 years and under to attend the Citywide Easter Egg Hunts Saturday at 1 p.m. The hunts will be held at 18 different locations. Call 831-6640 for the site nearest you.

Bring your own Easter baskets to collect eggs.



Ed Hall Feted For 35 Years "On The Job"

Ed "Everybody's Friend" Hall, probably best known in gospel music circles, was feted Tuesday by the Baptist State Convention located at 205 Convention Drive, Cary.

Hall has been employed 35 years with the convention, longer than any employee in the organization's history. Hall, for all of those years, has gone about his duties as a postal administrator with a smile on his face and a kind word for his coworkers and the general public. Says Hall, "I never met a person I didn't like."

The favor has been returned throughout the gospel personality's lifetime as his talents have been recognized by presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter, and two first ladies, Lady Bird Johnson and Barbara Bush.

In the early '70s, Hall was cited by a nationally published gospel magazine as a gospel singer for the month

of December. Later in that same decade, he received the key to the city of Raleigh and was awarded a first prize at the N.C. State Farm Festival in 1989.

Hall recalls in looking back on the beginnings of his gospel singing career, "I could picture myself standing up before a large group and singing." He ultimately has done just that, appearing before crowds numbering 10,000 or more.

The chores of business manager for the Sensational Evening Five still keep Hall very much involved in gospel music today. This year will make 43 years he's been singing with the group.

Hall says of his future at the Baptist State Convention, "I plan to retire in five years." When asked about a date of retirement for his lifelong love of gospel music, Hall couldn't give a date, but he did give The CAROLINIAN the time of his Sunday morning gospel show on radio station WSHA-FM, which he has been doing for the past 14 years. He can be heard between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.



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He received an achievement award from Mayor Avery Upchurch in 1990 for initiating the City of Raleigh Twilight League. He was also a member of the Capital City Umpires Association.

Jim attended Wake Chapel Baptist Church and was a member of the Senior Choir there.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Powell Shire. He was a strong source of love and support for his family and friends.

Arrangements were handled by Lea Funeral Home.

Raleigh-Apex Branch NAACP To Meet Sunday

The Raleigh-Apex Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will meet on Sunday, April 12, at 4 p.m. at Martin Street Baptist Church, 1001 E. Martin St.

Rev. H.B. Pickett, Jr. is president. The public is invited to attend.

Davie St. Presbyterian To Open Three-Night Program Here Friday

When the house lights come up Friday night at the Davie Street Presbyterian Church, all attending will be swept back in biblical history to reflect on scenes such as Christ being tried, convicted, crucified, dead and buried, and as He promised, on the third day rising to live again.

The gospel musical "The Cross Was His Own" opens its three-night run on Friday at 8 p.m.

"The Cross Was His Own" is arranged and directed by Carolyn Sampson and produced by Resources Unlimited.

The cast, made up of volunteers, some of whom are seasoned performers and others who will be experiencing a first, includes Willis Daniels, Ken Hamilton, Doug Overly, Stephen Horton, Linda Baker, Petrice Bass, Ellen Beidier, Gail Joyner, Norma Keck, Joyce Philpot, Chia Sampson, Renee Sammons, William Coleman, Doug Barrick, Marvin Mumford, Arthur S. Everette, Jr., Lloyd Inman, Tim

Bullock, James-David Sampson, Regina Harvey, Monica Keele-Jones, Mazie McDuffie and Gwen Teasley.

The church is located at 300 E. Davie St., Raleigh. Performances will be Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m.

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DEATHS

JOSEPH E. NIBBLETT
Joseph Edward "Joe" Nibblett, 41, of 2305 Milbank St., died March 29 at Duke Hospital. Memorial services were held April 3 at St. Augustine's College Chapel.

CLARENCE WILSON, JR.
Clarence "Mikki" Wilson, Jr., of 1121 Clanton St., died March 3. Funeral services were held April 3 at New Bethel United Church of Christ. Burial followed in the Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are sons, Tyrone Watson and Adrian Perry, both of Raleigh; and sisters, Barbara Wilson Faulk and Beverly Wilson Cooley, both of Raleigh. Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

MS. VIOLA MURRAY
Ms. Ada Viola Murray, of 319 Idlewild Avenue, died March 30. Funeral services were held April 3 at Tupper Memorial Baptist Church. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

Surviving are a mother, Nellie Dobson of Raleigh; sisters, Evelyn Shaw of Rochester, N.Y., Mable Peterson and Edith Scott, both of Youngstown, Ohio; and a foster brother, Frank Pellom of Keyport, N.J. Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

MS. MARY HARRIS
Ms. Mary Canady Harris, of 504 Chavis Way, died March 27. Funeral services were held April 3 at St. James AME Church. Burial followed in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Surviving are a husband, Ulysses Harris of Wade; daughters, Lillie Sanders, Agnes Jernigan, Betty Dolby, Mildred Cannady and Esther Jones, all of Raleigh; sons, George Harris and Ulysses Harris, Jr., both of Raleigh; James Harris of Washington, D.C.; and Charles Harris of Maryland; 30 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

WILLIE WHITE
Willie White, of 700 Hooker Drive, died March 31. Funeral services were held April 4 at Lincolnville AME Church. Burial followed in Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are daughters, Ms. Della White Hooker of Raleigh and Ms. Mary W. Russ of Raleigh; son, James F. White of Raleigh; sister, Ms. Ardell Bostic of New York; brother, Paul White of Spring Hope; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

MS. MARY LAWRENCE SNOW
Ms. Mary Lawrence Snow, of 308 S. East St., died March 29. Funeral services were held April 3 at Springfield Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are spouse, Dover Snow, Jr., of the home; daughters, Rene McGill, Sophia, Tonya, and Cynthia Lawrence, all of Raleigh, and Verlinda Lawrence of the home; stepdaughters, Lynn Snow, Elaine Sawyer of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Wanda Finch of Garner; son, Michael Stephen Lawrence of Raleigh; sisters, Dora Holloway of Durham, Dorothy Chavis and Ann McCoy, all of Raleigh; Jean Patterson and Betty Perry, both of Brooklyn, N.Y.; brothers, Huey Lorenzo Kettare of East Orange, N.J. and Robert Lee Kettare of Raleigh; and 14 grandchildren. Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

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