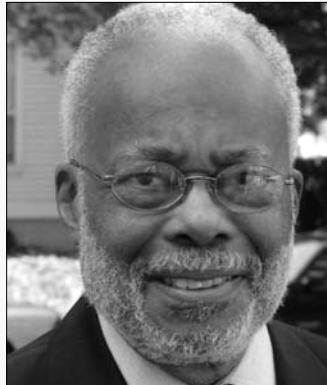


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Celestine Pate Bass

Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1927, Archousa Celestine Pate Bass of Gamma Kappa Boulé, Winston-Salem, departed this life on September 28, 2007. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence I. Pate, she attended public schools in Raleigh until her mother accepted a teaching position in Wayne County, where she enrolled at Dillard High School, graduating in 1943.

At sixteen she entered North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University), where she was inducted into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. After earning a B.S. in business education in 1947, she taught business classes for several years in Pollocksville, North Carolina, and also was the school's secretary.

In 1950 she married her high-school boyfriend, Marshall B. Bass, then an army officer. During his military career she lived in Hanau and Frankfurt, Germany; Monrovia, Liberia; Fort Benning, Georgia; Prairie View, Texas; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Meade, Maryland; and Norfolk and Hampton, Virginia.

Archousa Bass spent much of her married life raising her two children and helping to raise four grandchildren. She spent considerable time traveling with her grandchildren in the United States, Europe, Mexico, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Archon Marshall Bass, a charter member and Past

Sire Archon of Gamma Kappa Boulé; two daughters, Brenda Bass-Roper, M.D., of Los Angeles, and Marsha Bass, executive vice president, COO and partner with MayfieldGentry Realty Advisors in Detroit; four grandchildren: Ashley Bass-Atwater; Courtney Bass-Atwater, a sophomore at the University of Maryland; Morgan Bass Roper, a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania; and Edward Grant Bass Roper, a sophomore at Harvard-Westlake High School in Los Angeles; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lillian Hill Brown

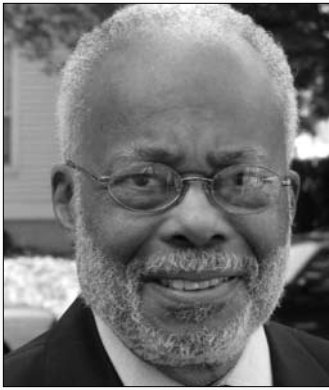
Hartford's Alpha Psi Boulé mourns with Archon Louis Brown and his family Archousa Lillian Hill Brown, who passed away October 3 at the age of 73. A great leader in Connecticut's African American community, Archousa Brown was truly a pioneer in a number of fields, including educational, nonprofit and other community endeavors. At her memorial service, letters from Connecticut governor M. Jodi Rell, senators Joe Lieberman and Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, and leaders from national associations were presented in her honor.

She was the first African American physical-education teacher in the Waterbury public-school system, the Naugatuck Valley's first black guidance counselor and the first African American woman appointed to the board of trustees at St. Margaret's-McTernan School. She was also the first African American on the Connecticut Community Foundation, the first African American chair of the board of the Waterbury Red Cross and the first black president of the Connecticut chapter of AARP. In addition, she was the first female director of the board of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra and the first female chair of associate directors at Mattatuck Bank and Trust and Connecticut National Bank.

Archousa Brown, who was appointed by the governor to the state's Commission on Human Rights, was also a member of the board of the Connecticut Eye Research Foundation and supported AIDS research by establishing an AIDS ministry at Grace Baptist Church. Archousa Brown was a liturgical assistant and member of the vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church. As a child and young woman, she dreamed of becoming an opera star and

was later inspired by Leontyne Price.

Archousa Brown leaves behind her husband of fifty-one years, Archon Louis Brown, and two sons; a sister; and many other loving family members and friends.



Samuel A. Canaan, Jr.

On October 19 Archon Samuel A. Canaan, Jr., of Eta Boulé, St. Louis, Missouri, passed away after a long illness. The biblical meaning of Archon Canaan's first name, Samuel ("Heard by God"), and surname, Canaan ("Promised Land"), speaks to his character, his more-than-fifty-year career as a doctor of ophthalmology and his status as the nation's first African American retinal surgeon. His parents, Samuel and Marjorie Canaan, taught him that his life's calling was to serve others.

Archon Canaan was educated at the John Marshall Elementary School and Sumner High School in St. Louis and the University of Iowa. After serving in World War II as a psychologist, he earned a master's degree in psychology from Columbia University. In 1950 he enrolled in Meharry Medical College. One of his professors inspired him to work in the field of ophthalmology.

After graduating from Meharry, Archon Canaan completed his internship and first residency at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis. He had his postresidency training at Harvard Medical School, putting in long hours at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. In 1959 he became the first African American to receive a fellowship for training in retinal surgery at Washington University and Barnes-Jewish Hospital. In 1963 Archon

Canaan established his private practice, Eye Associates. After several years, the practice expanded into a partnership, and friendship, with Dr. Navin Amin, whom Archon Canaan affectionately called Ace. Eye Associates continues to thrive today under the leadership of Dr. Amin, Dr. Shilpa Thornton and a staff that Archon Canaan considered family.

Archon Canaan became assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at the Washington University School of Medicine and was also assistant clinical instructor, staff physician and ultimately chief of ophthalmology at the John Cochran Veterans Hospital. In addition, he held staff appointments at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, DePaul Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and Forest Park Hospital.

Archon Canaan, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the International College of Surgeons, was also a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Medical Association, the American Association of Ophthalmology, the Mound City Medical Forum, Kappa Alpha Psi and the Anniversary Club. He was a 2007 inductee into the St. Louis Gateway Classic Walk of Fame.

During their thirty-plus years together, Archon Canaan and his Archousa – and best friend – Earciel had many adventures traveling the globe. They were also loyal fans of the St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Rams. The special treasures of their life were their grandchildren, Shelby II and Erica; their daughter, Donzella, and son-in-law, Shelby; their youngest daughter, Samantha; and cousins Gina, Franklin, March and Nicole.



Daniel Andrew Collins

More than 400 people gathered on October 13, 2007, at the Mill Valley Community Center in California to celebrate the life of Beta Upsilon Boulé's Archon Daniel Andrew Collins. The prominent San Francisco civil-rights figure and pioneering dental professional died on September 13 at age 91. Those at the gathering who spoke of longtime friendships with Archon Collins, a charter member of San Francisco's Beta Upsilon, included Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., former president of the National Urban League (NUL); former San Francisco mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.; and Michael V. Drake, M.D., chancellor of the University of California, Irvine.

Archon Collins was the youngest of three boys and one girl born to hardworking parents in Darlington, South Carolina. His parents' commitment to education would guide him through Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, from which he graduated in 1936, and then to Nashville's Meharry Medical College, where he earned a D.D.S. in 1941, graduating first in his class. At Meharry he met his future bride, DeReath Curtis James. They were together sixty-two years, separated only by her death in 2003.

The young couple moved to San Francisco in 1942, and Archon Collins enrolled at the prestigious School of Dentistry at the University

of California, San Francisco. After earning a master's degree in 1944, he launched a private practice that would endure thirty-three years. One of the Bay Area's first African American dentists, he also became the first person of color to teach at the dental school. In that role, and through his work with the California Dental Association, San Francisco Dental Society and American Fund for Dental Education, he helped lead the way for generations of black dental professionals.

But his influence extended well beyond the field of dentistry. An adviser to Presidents Truman, Kennedy and Johnson, Archon Collins founded the San Francisco chapter of the NUL and later sat on the league's board as vice chairman. He also sat on the selection committee that chose Vernon Jordan to replace Whitney M. Young, Jr., as the NUL's leader in 1972, and he came to know Jordan well. "Dan Collins taught me that friendship is the medicine of life," Jordan said in his remarks. "When my first wife, Shirley, passed, Dan was there for me. When I was shot in Fort Wayne, Dan was there for me." In 1989 the NUL presented Archon Collins with a Whitney M. Young, Jr., Award. In 2005 the league inaugurated the Collins Award for distinguished volunteer service to the movement in honor of Archon Collins and his son Charles, another longtime NUL volunteer.

Former mayor Brown spoke of how Archon Collins helped launch his political career. "When I ran for public office for the first time and didn't win, it was Dan who stood with me. When I ran the second time and needed people to cosign a loan, Dan was one of the cosigners," Brown remembered. He further shared that he was a member of the California Legislature in 1969 when the

Lanterman Act, which states that people with developmental disabilities are entitled to government-supported services, was passed. The bill succeeded largely due to the efforts of Archon and Archousa Collins, who had become staunch advocates for the rights of the developmentally disabled and their families when the youngest of their four sons, Craig, was born with such disabilities. In 1954 Archon Collins and his Archousa helped form Marin Aid to Retarded Children (MARC), now known as Lifehouse.

Archon Collins was a father figure to many. "He treated me as a fifth son. I'm sure there were twenty or thirty others who felt he treated them the same way," commented Dr. Drake. "There are certain people you meet who are like mentors or guides. They teach you things. Every time I had a promotion – when I made professor, when I made tenure – it was great to tell Dan, because he knew what it meant."

In 1960 Archon Collins was appointed by California governor Edmund Brown to the State Board of Education; he also sat on the State Board of Public Health. A member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Archon Collins was a trustee of Meharry Medical College and Paine College, where the Collins-Calloway Library was dedicated in his honor in 1991. In 1995 he was named a distinguished alumnus of UCSF. He was also among the first African Americans to sit on corporate boards of directors, including those of the Natomas Co. of California and Harcourt Brace & Co.

Archon Collins is survived by sons Daniel, Edward, Charles and Craig; daughters-in-law Penelope, Paula and Sylvia; grandchildren Hilary, Edward, Jr., Atif, Sara, Julia and Alejandro; and great-grandchildren Shimona, Jamaica and Miles.



Stanley Earley, Jr.

Archon Stanley Earley, Jr., of Dayton's Sigma Boulé passed away at the age of 88 on December 7. He was preceded in death by his Archousa, Charity, after fifty-two years of marriage.

The second of Stanley and Myrtle Earley, Sr.'s three children, he was born in Wellsville, Ohio, on February 12, 1919. The family later moved to Dayton, and he was a member of the first graduating class of Dayton's Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. Archon Earley met his future wife, Charity Adams, while an undergraduate at Wilberforce University; he later completed his degree at Ohio State University.

When the United States entered World War II, Archon Earley enlisted in the Army and was trained as a translator of French and German. He served as a sergeant in Europe and helped German POWs reunite with their families after the war. Archon and Archousa Earley were married on August 24, 1949. Soon after, they moved to Zurich, Switzerland, where he attended the University of Zurich Medical School, taking all of his classes in German. Archon Earley graduated in 1952 and returned to the United States in time for the birth of their son, Stanley III. He completed his residency at Harlem Hospital in New York City and returned to Dayton to begin private practice in general medicine.

Over the years he was also on the staff of Miami Valley Hospital, worked as a public-school physician, and was the medical director of Care Source, retiring in 1998.

Archon Earley was active on numerous boards of directors, including those of the Dayton Art Institute, the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and the Dayton Racquet Club. He was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He leaves to cherish his memory his son, Stanley A. Earley III, and daughter, Judith E. Earley; his brother-in-law, Bishop John H. Adams, and two sisters-in-law: Dolly D. Adams and Gloria T. Adams; five nieces and nephews: Eugene A. Adams III, Leigh A. Slaughter, Gaye A. Massey, Jann H. Adams and Madelyn R. Adams; eleven grandnieces and nephews; and a host of friends and acquaintances.



Joseph David Greene

On November 5, 2007, Archon Joseph David Greene of Alpha Mu Boulé, Augusta, Georgia, moved beyond the struggles of an extended illness to the just rewards of faithful and devoted service to God, his community and his family. At services in Thomson, Georgia, and at Augusta State University, his life and legacy were celebrated with a public outpouring of love and support. The stellar example of his meteoric rise from poverty to prominence will continue to inspire all who have lived a better life because of him.

Archon Greene was born to a loving but poor family in Emanuel County, Georgia. Instilled with the ethics and energy of his parents and grandparents, he left this rural incubator with a high-school diploma and \$35 saved from his efforts picking cotton. He settled eighty miles away in Thomson, in McDuffie County, and began a long career with the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Co. He met and married "the love of his life," Barney L. Robinson, and started as a field agent selling policies from door to door. His family life and career were interrupted by distinguished military service during the Vietnam conflict, but upon his return he moved up quickly, ultimately becoming executive vice president, chief marketing officer and a member of the Pilgrim company's board

of directors. He continued his quest, earning a bachelor of arts in business administration from Augusta College in 1972, a master's in business administration from the University of Georgia the following year – the only African American in its risk-management program – and a Chartered Life Underwriter postgraduate degree.

He was the first African American elected to public office in McDuffie County, serving on the board of education in 1970 and later becoming its vice chairman. The first African American member of the McDuffie County Selective Service Board, the Georgia Constitution Revision Commission and Georgia's Postsecondary Board of Directors, he was also the first African American president of the United Way of McDuffie County and the Rotary Club of Augusta. He sat on the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia – appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris – from 1984 to 1991 and was its chairman from 1988 to 1989.

He retired from Pilgrim in 1991 to return to his alma mater, Augusta College (now Augusta State University), to pursue another of his passions, teaching. He was ASU's Cree-Walker Professor of Business Administration until his second retirement, in 2006. An expert in business, finance and economics, he was a regular panelist on WJBF and was selected for *The Augusta Chronicle's* first business advisory council. In 2006 ASU president Dr. William Bloodworth appointed him to the post of Customer Service Champion.

Archon Greene conducted financial-planning workshops, published articles on finance and economics, and presented motivational seminars. He was president of the Greene Financial Group and the author of two books, *Money Matters* (1993) and *From Cotton Fields to Board*

Rooms (2005). A member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, he was active in Alpha Mu, where he was Sire Archon and chairman of the Drs. Isaiah and Justine Washington Scholarship Foundation, and he was the daily mentor to people of all ages, including those in his community who were not formal students yet needed guidance regarding matters of money or matters of life that could move them on to a higher personal level.

Despite his illness, he was committed to others until his final days. Just a few weeks before his death, well aware of the challenge to his health, he spent a taxing but anointed Saturday with a group of young men participating in Alpha Mu's inaugural mentorship program, Boulé Brothers Uplifting, Influencing, Leading and Developing (BBUILD). His presentation captivated the young men and their parents as he shared his compass for success.

Archon Greene lived his faith. He was an active member and deacon of Springfield Baptist Church in Thomson. The adult Sunday-school class he taught was among his favorite activities, and he contributed to the church's efforts to provide scholarships to young people in the community. He was also a steadfast worker for the American Cancer Society, helping raise funds for research, support and education about the diseases that had challenged him and many others of his family.

He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Augusta State University and the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia, Outstanding Faculty Member of ASU, Business Person of the Year, Man of the Year, an Outstanding Black Leader of America and an Outstanding Young Man of America. His life was truly one of visionary leadership and energetic and purposeful service, and his death leaves a tremendous void.

He is survived by Archousa Barney L. Greene of Thomson; daughter Dr. Cathy J. Hatcher, married to Tyrone, of Elmsford, New York; son J. David Greene, Jr., married to Missy, of Thomson; and beloved grandchildren Colin Z. Hatcher, Joseph D. Greene III and Haley N. Greene.



Louis Joseph James, Sr.

Devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, active Christian and great humanitarian Archon Louis Joseph James, Sr., of Alpha Xi Boulé of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, departed this life on November 7, 2007. He was born on December 3, 1921, to the late Joseph and Evelyn Smith James in Baton Rouge. He was married twice, first to his college sweetheart, the late Nan Geraldine Jones James, and then to Carolyn Brown James.

Archon James received his early schooling in East Baton Rouge Parish. He graduated from McKinley Senior High in 1938 and entered Leland College in Baker, Louisiana. He transferred to Southern University to pursue premedical studies and received a bachelor of science degree with honors in 1942. He enrolled at Howard University medical school, graduated in 1946, and did his internship at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis.

Archon James was chief physician for Blundon Home, chief physician for Louisiana Training Institute, three-term president of the Louisiana State Medical Association, member and former president of the East Baton Rouge Parish Medical Society, and vice chairman of the first Biracial Committee in Baton Rouge. For twenty-six years, until 1996, he was chief deputy coroner of East Baton Rouge

Parish, the first black physician to hold that position. He was a charter member of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association and a member of its board of directors.

For his exemplary service to people of all races, Archon James was recognized by the Baton Rouge chapter of the Links, Inc., Fairview Baptist Church and Israelite Baptist Church. In 1992 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southern University and in 1991 the Annual Brotherhood Award given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was a life member of the NAACP, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for more than sixty years, and a member of Alpha Xi Boulé for more than forty years. He held membership in the Bonanza Social Club, the Baranco-Clark YMCA, Blazing Star Lodge #114 and Baton Rouge Consistory #179. He was a 33rd degree Mason, also for more than forty years.

Memories of his great life will be cherished by those who loved him, and members of Alpha Xi will miss his wit and his loyalty to the fraternity. He leaves his wife, Archousa Carolyn Brown James; four children and their spouses: Dr. Judith James Williams and her husband, Gregory D. Williams; Mrs. Nan James Vincent; Louis Joseph James, Jr., and his wife, Judy Guilbeaux James; and Terrance James Watkins and his wife, Alicia Fitzgerald Watkins; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and aunts and other relatives.

Carroll M. Leevy

Archon Carroll M. Leevy, Mu Boulé, Northern New Jersey, died on August 25, 2007, at home in Short Hills surrounded by his loving family; he was 86. A funeral service was held on September 5 at the Chapel of Short Hills in St. Stephens Cemetery. Born in Columbia, South Carolina, he went on to reside in Bayonne, New Jersey, until 1973, when he moved to Short Hills.

Renowned for his extensive accomplishments as a physician specializing in liver disease, Archon Leevy is credited with having made a tremendous impact on the research conducted in that field, as well as on the treatment of the disease. He was the director of the New Jersey Medical School Liver Center and scientific director of the Sammy Davis, Jr., National Liver Institute at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

He graduated summa cum laude from Fisk University in 1941 and earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1944. He served his internship at Jersey City Medical Center from 1944 to 1948 and became chief resident at that institution in 1948.

During World War II he joined the U.S. Army Specialized Training Program. Later, during the Korean War, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy; he was also director of pulmonary and liver services at St. Albans, New York, Naval Hospital. He eventually attained the rank of lieutenant commander and served as the hospital's assistant chief of staff. When his service there was completed, he taught and conducted research at Harvard Medical School for a year.

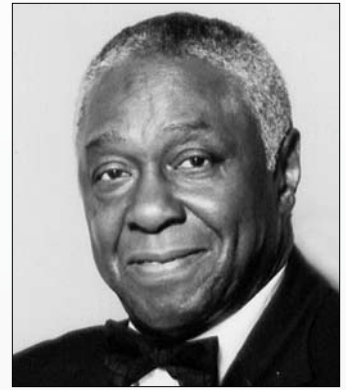
In 1957 he returned to Jersey City Medical Center, which had started a new

medical school called Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry. He joined the faculty as an associate professor of medicine. The hospital and medical school in 1970 were renamed the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and then the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Archon Leevy lectured at medical schools all over the world and also appeared on television. He was past president of the American Association for Study of Liver Diseases and the International Association for the Study of the Liver. He was a member of the Association of Academic Minority Physicians.

Obtaining quality care for everyone was of great importance to Archon Leevy, and toward this end he donated much of his time as a board member of numerous medical and community-service organizations.

Archon Leevy was predeceased by his beloved Archousa, Ruth Barboza Leevy, and his daughter, Maria S. Leevy. He is survived by his son, Dr. Carroll B. Leevy, and his sister, Ruby Johnson.



James Daniel Miller

Archon James Daniel Miller, a member of Alpha Boulé, Philadelphia, since 1991, died of cancer on November 28, 2007, at his home in the East Mount Airy section of Philadelphia; he was 72.

A native of Grantville, Georgia, he was born to Bertha and J.D. Miller on December 12, 1934. Archon Miller graduated from Grantville Training School at the age of sixteen and went on to major in music at Clark College in Atlanta (B.S., 1955). It was at Clark College that he met and married his Archousa, Annette Powell. Following his graduation, he became an award-winning band director at East Depot High School in LaGrange, Georgia.

Interested in exploring opportunities outside Georgia, in 1962 he decided to move his growing family to Milwaukee, where he sold insurance and managed a Goodyear Tire franchise while taking business courses at Marquette University. He was encouraged to participate in a management-training program at First Wisconsin Bank and in 1964 became the first African American branch manager at First Wisconsin National Bank; he remained there until 1968.

That year his insatiable appetite for challenges led him to interviews at several Philadelphia banks, and he accepted an offer from Philadelphia National Bank to manage a new branch under

construction at 52nd and Walnut streets. Following a successful tenure at that location, he managed branches at 30th and Market streets, and in King of Prussia and Ardmore, Pennsylvania. During this time he took courses at the Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers University, from which he earned a master's degree in banking in 1975.

Archon Miller was employed for thirty years by the former Philadelphia National Bank, which through mergers and acquisitions became Core States and eventually the First Union Bank (now Wachovia). During the last thirteen years of his employment, he was a vice president of commercial lending. His areas of responsibility included new business development and account management in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

He was on the boards of the Settlement Music School, United Way, Methodist Hospital, Urban League, the pension board of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Church and Chestnut Hill Academy. Archon Miller also belonged to the Rotary Club in Ardmore and served a term as second vice president of Frontiers International. He was a member of the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Club (Philadelphia Chapter) and was a James P. Brawley Legacy awardee.

Following his retirement, Archon Miller described himself as a "professional grandpa" of his grandchildren Kimberly, Emma and Joshua. Among his favorite mottos: "Results, not excuses!" He is survived by his Archousa, Annette Miller; their children: Karen, Steven, Eydie and Max; and their grandchildren. Services were held on December 4 at the Janes Memorial United Methodist Church in Philadelphia; his interment was in Grantville, Georgia.

LaVerne Jackson Moore

With sadness, Alpha Zeta Boulé of Tallahassee, Florida, announces the death on July 20 of Archousa LaVerne Jackson Moore in Silver Spring, Maryland. She was the wife of Archon Oscar Moore, who predeceased her.

Archousa Moore was born on June 21, 1917, to Samuel and Cornelia Jackson in Cincinnati. Educated in Cincinnati's public schools, she graduated from Withrow High School in 1936. Her fascination with education and her desire to teach led her to continue her education at the University of Cincinnati. She graduated in 1940 with a bachelor of science degree in physical education.

Archousa Moore accepted her first teaching job at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. While at the school, she met the love of her life, Archon Moore, who was also a member of the faculty and a coach of the baseball team. The couple were married in 1942 and spent the next fifty-three years together, until Archon Moore's death in 1996.

In the late 1950's Archousa Moore earned a master of science in education and a certificate of advanced graduate study at Boston University; she was also inducted into Pi Lambda Theta, a national honor society for women in higher education. She began her teaching career as an assistant professor of exceptional-child education at Tallahassee's Florida A&M University, where she taught educational foundations to a generation of aspiring teachers and school administrators. What she enjoyed most about her position was supervising student teachers, who found in her a role model who understood the awesome responsibility of transforming a child's life.

Archon and Archousa Moore had one child, Judi, whom they

loved dearly. Archousa Moore also understood the term *family* to be broad enough to include dear friends. She loved and cared deeply for her Delta Sigma Theta sorors; her bridge-club sisters, the Non-Parells; and her church family at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Tallahassee. In 2006 Archousa Moore moved to Silver Spring to live with her daughter and son-in-law. The members of the People's Community Baptist Church in Silver Spring affectionately called her Mother Moore.

Archousa Moore's services were held at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, and interment was at Meadow Wood Memorial Park in Tallahassee.

Allene Clark Rayford

A community activist, college educator, business pioneer, music scholar, international traveler, performing artist, bridge enthusiast and consummate club woman, Archousa Allene Clark Rayford of Alpha Xi Boulé, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was laid to rest on October 3, 2007, at the Mount Zion First Baptist Church. She spent her life in the pursuit of excellence through service, generosity, dedication and unselfish sacrifice. Alpha Xi will miss her ebullient presence.

After her undergraduate years studying music at Dillard University, she transferred to Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, where she became friends with Frances Walker, Tella Marie Cole, Natalie Hinderas and Tourgee DeBose. After graduating from Oberlin, Archousa Rayford was awarded a fellowship to study organ in Paris at l'École Nationale de Musique with the renowned organist Marcel Dupré.

Upon returning to the United States, she worked as principal organist for several churches in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., then turned to teaching music in universities. After a brief stint at Talladega College, she was recruited by Southern University. During her faculty tenure she became the university organist, and her performances were weekly landmarks at Vespers each Sunday as well as at convocations and major assemblies. Her talent, personality and advocacy for the university led to a union with Archon Felton G. Clark, president of Southern University at the time. She became the university's First Lady.

A major force in Baton Rouge when it came to business and humanitarian issues, Archousa Rayford was a member of the board of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, the

Baton Rouge Bi-Racial Committee, the YMCA and YWCA, the Boy Scouts and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Memberships in social organizations included Friends International, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; the Baton Rouge Chapter of The Links, Inc.; Bridge Club Friends; the DeBose National Piano Competition; and the Baton Rouge Center for World Affairs.

Because of her work in international affairs, she was able to bring South African president Nelson Mandela to Baton Rouge. Her love for community, while dealing with challenging issues through reconciliation and respect, was noble. Her example of spirit and dignity inspired all with whom she came into contact. She left the community a far richer place in many ways.

She was preceded in death by husbands Archon Felton G. Clark and Archon Norbert C. Rayford. She is survived by niece Kim Knighten Russell, married to Wendell Russell; niece Linda M. Knighten; son James David Knighten; sister-in-law Barbara J. Knighten; cousins Alfred Tyler, Robert Tyler, Richard Tyler, Effie Dean Gardner and Lynn "Corky" Hill.



Sandra Virginia Mason Reid

In the early hours of December 13, Archousa Sandra Virginia Mason Reid was called home. She was the baby sister of Janet M. Banks (who preceded her in death), Ruth A. Lewis, Zella M. Harrington and Robert H. Mason, Jr.; the big sister of Stanley L. Mason; the beloved Archousa of Archon Donnell Reid of Eta Boulé, St. Louis; the devoted mother of Landon Donnell Reid, Ph.D., Jonathan David Reid and Geoffrey Daniel Reid; and the dotting grandmother of Jonathan Donnell Reid. She was a wonderful person, cherished by all, and will be remembered for eternity.

Archousa Reid was born to Robert H. Mason, Sr., and Artia Mae Mason on August 14, 1944, at St. Louis County Hospital and raised in Wellston, Missouri. A lifelong teacher and learner, she graduated from Wellston High School; Harris-Stowe State University, with a B.A.; and Washington University in St. Louis, with an M.A. She was an educator in the Parkway, Ferguson-Florissant and St. Louis public schools and was known for encouraging exploration and individuality in her students. Archousa Reid loved teaching fourth grade in particular because the children were sophisticated enough to ask interesting questions while retaining a sense of wonder. In 2001, she retired from Carman Trails School in the Parkway

School District after more than twenty years of service. One former student noted that she did everything in her power to help children learn.

Archousa Reid's family was one of the most important aspects of her life. She was married for thirty-eight wonderful years to Archon Donnell Reid, who will always remember her as the tall, beautiful and intelligent woman who made his life complete. One of Archousa Reid's proudest achievements was seeing her sons take their places in the world as kind, thoughtful men. When they were children, it was not uncommon for her to dash from work just in time to be the loudest voice in the crowd at volleyball, basketball, football, soccer, baseball, swimming and track-and-field events; marching-band competitions; orchestra concerts; and scouting activities. She disciplined her boys with a velvet but firm touch. Any one of them could tell you about the rising trepidation they would feel whenever she wanted to "talk" to them. Without saying a word, she would look directly into their eyes, and they would regret having done anything wrong and vow never to get caught again.

Throughout her life, she sought to create an environment for her family that supported the rich traditions of African American history and culture. By firmly establishing their cultural roots, she sought to give her sons wings to make their way in life. Even a casual stroll around her home revealed images depicting the breadth and depth of the African American experience. This passion was particularly evident during the holidays, when she took great pleasure in displaying the extensive collection of black angels she had collected over the years.

As a keeper of memory, Archousa Reid took thousands of pictures in a variety of formats, from Instamatic

and Polaroid to 35-millimeter and digital. When asked about her ideal retirement "job," she expressed the desire to start a "story corps of old ladies" who would go to local schools to tell children fantastic tales. She created meticulously labeled baby books, scrapbooks and albums. She believed that remembering the past enabled us to understand the present while preserving a legacy for the future. Her extraordinary creativity was well-known. Given five minutes, scissors, paper and a bit of ribbon, Archousa Reid could make something truly magical. Wedding centerpieces were created in minutes; school projects were designed out of thin air; events were organized with seemingly little effort.

She was known for her fabulous and sometimes outrageous sense of style: Her wardrobe included animal prints, mud cloth and ornate, dangling jewelry. Archousa Reid's six-foot frame cut a striking figure in her favorite color, orange. She could often be seen sporting fur wraps, kente headpieces and wide-brimmed hats to complete her look. She loved to travel and used her passport whenever possible, enthusiastically haggling with merchants in Mexico, Spain, the United Kingdom, Ghana and even Beverly Hills. Her family and friends described her as a great traveling companion because she was always up for adventure.

A civic maven, Archousa Reid was a member and officer in a number of social and professional organizations. She was a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; president of the Gateway chapter of The Links, Inc.; a past president of the St. Louis chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and the cochair of the First Baptist Church of Chesterfield Fellowship of Christian Women, where she was a member of the hospitality committee.

She was also active in the Mahogany Ladies of Distinction of the Red Hat Society, Missouri National Education Association and the Six No Trump card group.

Archousa Reid's peaceful, warm smile could light up a room, and her engaging personality and infectious laugh put everyone at ease. She was one of those rare individuals who connected the bridges of friends and maintained the bonds of family. Her final, eventful year had its share of sorrow but also of joy. Her first grandchild, Jonathan Donnell, was born in March; she was present at his birth. In August, she underwent emergency abdominal surgery. After recovering, she went on a ten-day Mediterranean cruise in October. In November, her beloved father passed away. Archousa Reid's last hour was spent singing her grandson's favorite lullaby as she rocked him to sleep in her arms. Moments later, she was in God's arms.

Arnetha Martin West

Archousa Arnetha Martin West, wife of Archon James P. West, Gamma Sigma Boulé, Raleigh, North Carolina, died on October 23. She was 63.

Born on December 15, 1943, she was the youngest of five children raised on her parents' dairy farm in Mount Olive, North Carolina. After her graduation from Carver High School and Fayetteville State University (1965), she began her teaching career at Carver Elementary School. She excelled as an educator, receiving numerous citations, including Teacher of the Year. In addition, she became a highly respected Wake County Mentor Teacher and also supervised student teachers from various area colleges. In 1997, following thirty years of excellence as a public-school educator, she retired.

Archousa West's leadership skills benefited numerous service and social organizations: She was vice president, secretary and social-committee chair of the Raleigh chapter of The Moles; chairperson of the Services to Youth facet of The Links, Inc., and president of The Prestige Club. She was also an active member of the Alphabettes, the Bridgettes and the Guys and Dolls and a founding member of the Raleigh Teacups.

Archousa Arnetha was baptized at an early age at Saint Luke Church of Christ in Mount Olive. She later joined the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, where she was vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary and taught Sunday school and vacation Bible studies.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Archon James P. West, mayor pro tem of Raleigh; her daughter, Kimberly West-Faulcon of Los Angeles; her son, James P. West III of Garner, North Carolina; four grandchildren: Keenan West, Dylan Faulcon, Brooke Faulcon and Alana West; and three sisters: Emma M. Gatling, Edna M. Best and Bertha M. Best.



Eloise Owens Williams

Archousa Eloise Owens Williams of Northern New Jersey's Mu Boulé, a retired professor of social work at the College of New Jersey, died on December 14 in Cheverly, Maryland. Memorial services were held at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C., on December 19 and at Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton on December 20.

The youngest of seven children, Archousa Williams was born Eloise Owens to Frank and Viola Owens in New York City. A graduate of Hunter College High School and Hunter College, Archousa Williams earned her master's degree in social work at Columbia University, setting the course of her professional career, which spanned nearly forty years and culminated with her becoming a tenured professor at the College of New Jersey. At the school, she developed the curriculum for an undergraduate concentration in social work and founded, and was chair of, the social-welfare program. She also sat on the committee that created the department of African American studies and was honored by the college for that contribution in 1990.

Archousa Williams also found time to build an extremely rich civic and social life. She was a founding board member of the Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton; a board member of the Trenton Visiting Nurse

Association; a founding member of the Trenton chapter of Girlfriends Inc.; a founder of the graduate chapter of Epsilon Upsilon Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and a former national officer of The Links, Inc.

An intellectual, social activist and prominent socialite, Archousa Williams was married for forty-four years to the late Archon Paul Towbin Williams, M.D., a prominent Trenton surgeon, with whom she had four children: Archon Paul T. Williams, Jr., of Zeta Boulé, a New York attorney and businessman and former president of the New York chapter of 100 Black Men, Inc.; renowned poet Ntozake Shange, author of the OBIE Award-winning *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf*; playwright-producer Ifa Bayeza, whose award-winning new play, *The Ballad of Emmett Till*, will premiere at Chicago's Goodman Theatre in May; and Bisa Williams, a career diplomat in the Senior Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State.

In addition to her four children, Archousa Williams is survived by her daughter-in-law, Ammie Felder-Williams; six grandchildren: Savannah Shange, Michael S. Manigault, Jr., Marlowe Williams, Paul T. Williams III, Alexandra Williams and Joshua Burnett; and a host of other relatives and friends, who will forever celebrate the life and spirit of this remarkable woman. Ω

