

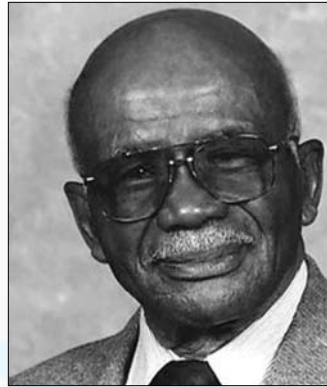
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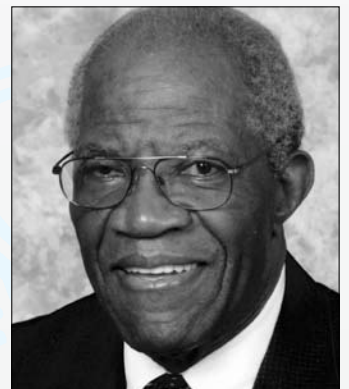
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The Alpha Zeta Boulé of Tallahassee, Florida, is sad to announce the December 3, 2007, passing of Archousa Kathleen "Kitty" Starke Baker, wife of deceased Archon Wilmoth H. Baker, Jr. Her Celebration of Life Service was held on December 8 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Archousa Baker was born on April 12, 1929, in St. Augustine. She was president and valedictorian of the class of 1945 at Euclid High School in Deland, Florida, and earned her bachelor of science degree in chemistry with a minor in mathematics from Fisk University in 1949. She completed her B.S. in pharmacy in 1952 at Xavier University and was also first runner-up in the Miss Xavier University contest.

In June 1952 she married Wilmoth Baker, and they had three children: Wilmoth III, Sherre and Yolonda. During the early years of marriage and child rearing, Archousa Baker worked as a pharmacist for Bartell Drugs and Parke-Davis Pharmaceuticals in Detroit and Economy Drugs in Tallahassee.

After moving to Tallahassee in 1957, Archousa Baker taught at Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy as an adjunct professor and supervisor for student interns. She was the first registered black female pharmacist in Leon County and the second in the state of Florida. She and her husband operated Baker's Pharmacy from September 1958 to May 2002. The Baker partnership received numerous business awards, including Tallahassee's Small Business of the Year award. The landmark pharmacy served as an excellent training facility for hundreds of FAMU pharmacy students.

Her professional memberships included the William J. Gunn Medical Society, the

Leon County Pharmacy Association, Florida state medical, dental and pharmaceutical associations, the National Pharmacy Association and the Florida Pharmacy Association. She was initiated into the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., at Fisk, and at her passing she was a sixty-year member holding active status in the Delta Kappa Omega chapter in Tallahassee. She was a member of The Links, Inc., and president of the Tallahassee chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. She was an avid supporter of athletics and a Rattler Super Booster for many years.

A member of the Catholic Church since her youth, she was affiliated with Blessed Sacraments and St. Thomas More cathedrals and a long-time member of the St. Eugene Catholic Church.



Wendell Cox

Archon Wendell Cox, the most senior member of Iota Boulé, Detroit, left this life on September 19, 2007, after a battle with cancer. He was 92 years old. A great man who treated everyone with respect and kindness, Archon Cox was a hero to many and a strong figure in the city of Detroit.

In 1944, after graduating from Meharry Medical College with a degree in dental surgery, he came to Detroit and married Iris Bell, one of the most beautiful women the city ever claimed as its own, before he went off to serve in the U.S. Army in Burma and India. Archon Cox began his dental practice in the office of his father-in-law, Dr. Haley Bell, and together they founded Bell Broadcasting Co. This company owned two radio stations, both powerful engines for political change: WCHB was a rhythm-and-blues station, and WJZZ-FM was a pure jazz station. Both formats proved important in the city, and both were legendary for great music and forceful political views. Archon Cox also founded Motor City Broadcast Properties, which owned a cable-television franchise in Highland Park, Michigan. Before he died he gave \$1.5 million to Meharry Medical College.

He is survived by his son, Dr. Wendell Cox, two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He will be missed by us all.

Reynaldo P. Glover

Beta Boulé of Chicago mourns the passing of Archon Reynaldo P. Glover at the age of 64 on November 27, 2007, in Chicago. He was general counsel and president of TLC-LC, formerly TLC Beatrice International Holdings, which in 1987 became the first African American-owned business in the United States to have more than \$1 billion in annual sales. Archon Glover was also an attorney at the international legal-services organization DLA Piper.

Archon Reynaldo P. Glover was born in Gary, Indiana, on March 2, 1943, the second of six children. After graduating from Fisk University, he enrolled at Harvard Law School, earning an LL.B. in 1968. While he was at Harvard, the intransigence of racial prejudice was made clear to him when an examiner with Selective Service refused to believe that he was a student at the prestigious university. That experience led him to take a job after graduation with the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council in New York City; he became the group's national executive director. By 1976 Archon Glover had left New York for Chicago and a position as general partner at the law firm of Isham, Lincoln & Beale, where he remained until 1987. He left to become a partner at Jenner & Block LLP, and in 1991 he joined the firm of Miller, Shakman, Hamilton, Kurtzon & Schlifke.

In 1994, Archon Glover became general counsel to TLC Beatrice International Holdings in New York. (He added the title of executive vice president a year later.) He commuted each week to the company's office in New York, maintaining his home in Chicago. TLC Beatrice had been created by the 1987 leveraged buyout of Beatrice International Food Co. for

\$985 million by the brilliant investor Reginald Lewis, a classmate of Archon Glover's at Harvard Law School.

After Lewis died in 1993, his wife, Loida – whom Archon Glover had introduced to Lewis – took over as chairman and chief executive officer. With much of TLC Beatrice's holdings sold off by the mid-1990's as part of a strategy by Loida Lewis to maximize investor profits, in 1999 the board approved the sale of the company's remaining external assets under the direction of Archon Glover, who became president of the renamed TLC-LC and was responsible for the firm's international legal activities. "He was crucial in our maneuvering toward successfully getting the best shareholder value," said Loida Lewis.

Archon Glover, who was chairman of City Colleges of Chicago from 1988 to 1991, was elected chairman of the board of trustees at Fisk in 2003. "He was a man of enormous vision, courage and character, values central to everything he touched, and a core part of our university," said Fisk president Hazel O'Leary. A member of the Cook County Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association and the Economic Club of Chicago, Archon Glover was also a member of the American Scuba Divers Association and the Chicago Archery Association.

Archon Glover is survived by his Archousa, Pamela; three sons: Brian, Reynaldo, Jr., and Ryan; a stepson, Jhareth Brantley; a daughter, Shea; three brothers: Clark Walls, Francois Harris and Chris Harris; and a grandson. The business, academic, and philanthropic communities in Chicago and around the nation will sorely miss Archon Glover.

Clifford Scott Green

Born in Philadelphia on April 2, 1923, Archon Clifford Scott Green of Alpha Boulé, Philadelphia, passed away on May 31, 2007. Relatives said he had been in good health, and his death was unexpected. When he began feeling ill and was taken to the hospital, he was diagnosed with a cerebral hemorrhage. He underwent surgery and died of complications from the surgery and pneumonia.

Archon Green's father had migrated from the Virgin Islands to finish his high-school education and become a lawyer. Although his father's dream was never realized, the Archon was a product of the American Dream. "My parents," he once wrote, "constantly encouraged me to continue my education and provided both inspirational and economic support."

After graduating from West Philadelphia High School, he worked in a variety of nonprofessional jobs before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps Reserves in 1942. He was called to active duty in 1943 and assigned to the radar-repair unit of the U.S. Army Air Forces, the predecessor of the U.S. Air Force, and rose to the rank of sergeant.

Upon his honorable discharge in 1946, Archon Green enrolled in the School of Business at Temple University. Although his academic performance was excellent, he soon realized that opportunities for black certified public accountants were very limited. In 1948, after receiving his B.S. in accounting with honors, he entered Temple Law School, where he received the Robert E. Lamberton and A. Lincoln Meyers memorial awards for the highest grades in constitutional law and conflicts of law, respectively. He was also an associate editor of the Law Quarterly and Moot

Court director, representing Temple in the American Bar Association Inter-Law School Moot Court Competition. He earned his juris doctorate in 1951 and achieved the highest grade on that year's Pennsylvania bar exam.

On admission to the bar, he joined Pennsylvania's first black law partnership – Norris, Schmidt, Green, Harris, Higginbotham & Brown, where his senior partner, J. Austin Norris, a civil-rights leader, became his mentor. Archon Green later became the managing partner of this pioneering African American-owned law firm, which produced a cast of renowned judges, including the late Archon A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.

In 1964 Archon Green was appointed judge of the County Court of Philadelphia (now the Court of Common Pleas) by Governor William W. Scranton. He volunteered to hear juvenile cases, served as a member of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission and subsequently won the seat by election. His temperament, scholarship and dedication to the law were recognized, and on December 9, 1971, President Richard M. Nixon appointed him to the U.S. District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania.

Shortly after his appointment, Archon Green was assigned the most protracted, politically charged and precedent-setting case of his judicial career: *Bolden v. Pennsylvania State Police*. On November 16, 1973, a class-action lawsuit was filed in federal court on behalf of minority enlisted members of the Pennsylvania State Police and all minority applicants for employment as troopers. After a trial, a settlement was reached and incorporated into a consent decree that was approved by Archon Green in 1974. He presided over the consent decree for twenty-six years, never once having any of his

rulings overturned on appeal and single-handedly opening the doors for hundreds of minorities and women to join the ranks of the Pennsylvania State Police.

In 1984 he turned down a seat on the bench of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, citing the joy his work in the district court provided him.

In 1985 he became the first recipient of the Judge William Hastie Award, established by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. He also received the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia J. Austin Norris Award and, in 2002, the prestigious Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. He was a member of the board of trustees of Philadelphia State Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Temple University; a member of the board of directors of the Temple University Law Foundation and the Crime Prevention Association of Philadelphia; and a member of the Judicial Counsel of the National Bar Association.

"He was a remarkable figure," said senior U.S. district judge Louis H. Pollak. "I cannot overstate how good a judge Clifford Green was. There was a serenity about him. He understood the human context of the cases he handled, but he was not sentimental." Theodore McKee, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and a friend, said that he admired Archon Green's humanity as much as his legal acumen. "He never allowed the paper – the complaints, the indictments, the motions – to obscure the people," McKee said. "He had incredible sensitivity, particularly for a judge. Cliff never got hardened; he was able to maintain a sensitivity in a way that I always admired."

Even greater than his professional achievements were

his roles as husband, father, grandfather, friend and mentor. His cherished wife of thirty-five years, Archousa Mabel Louise Green, and his son, David Scott Green, preceded him in death. He is survived by his beloved second wife, Archousa Carole Chew Williams Green; his daughter, Tern Alice Green; his loving granddaughter, Qiana Green-Lucas; his sister-in-law, Eula Green; and his niece, Margo Holloway. He also leaves to cherish his memory his son by marriage, Clifford Kelley Williams, Esq.; his daughter by marriage, Lisa Williams-Smith, and her husband, Gregory Smith, Esq.; and his son by marriage, State Senator Anthony Hardy Williams, and his wife, Shari A. Williams. "As much as he has achieved within his professional life, he exceeded that as a father to his children and me and as a husband to my mother," said Senator Williams. "I cannot express how deeply painful these circumstances are for our family, but I can tell you he has left us with many joyful and uplifting memories and many lessons that we will continue to practice in our own lives."

Archon Melvin J. Chisum, who was admitted to Alpha Boulé along with Archon Green in 1966, said that he was a role model for countless aspiring lawyers at Temple's School of Law. "I've attended the Clifford Scott Green lecture at Temple Law School for the last couple of years," said Archon Chisum. "It's pretty obvious that he was highly respected by the black students." Archon Nolan Atkinson, Esq., a longtime friend and colleague, said, "Judge Green was an outstanding judge and lawyer, but more important, he was a warm individual who was always looking to be helpful to the next generation of lawyers, always willing to be a cheerleader and provide advice to younger lawyers throughout



Grace Thomas Green

On February 12, Archousa Grace Thomas Green, the beloved wife of Archon Elmer L. Green of Albany, New York's Beta Psi Boulé, was called home, leaving behind a legacy of faithful service to God, family, church and community. Archousa Green was a loving wife, sister, aunt, friend, mentor, role model, teacher, educational administrator, community volunteer, art collector and world traveler.

Grace Thomas was born in Chicago, the seventh of eight children born to Julius C. and Lucy Beatrice Thomas. She graduated from DuSable High School and earned a bachelor of arts from Chicago Teachers College, an M.A. from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Prior to her arrival in New York's Capital Region, Archousa Green developed and honed her skills and talents as teacher, reading consultant, developer and coordinator of educational curricula, and consultant to school systems in Illinois, Texas and Iowa. In the Capital Region, she was employed in the South Colonial Central School District as a language-arts supervisor. After her retirement, she continued working with youths in the Science and Technology Entry Program at area schools Albany Medical College; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; the University at Albany, the State

University of New York; and Union College. She worked at the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, where she trained children in Archon King's principles of nonviolence. She was also employed by Albany's Focus Churches as an assistant in the community ministries.

Archousa Green faithfully served her church, the Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Albany. She gave unselfish service as director of Christian education, Sunday-school teacher, choir member, trustee and historian. She wrote the definitive history of her church, which is the oldest African American church in upstate New York. The church recently dedicated the Dr. Grace T. Green Library as a testament to her educational leadership and inspiration.

Her volunteer work included several collaborative community programs that embraced her passion for teaching and youth empowerment. She sat on the board of directors of the Albany Symphony Orchestra and of Black Dimensions in Art, was director of Christian education for the Albany-Kingston area at the Western New York Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Church, and was an adjunct instructor of Christian education for Payne Theological Seminary. Archousa Green was also an officer and active member of the Albany District chapter of The Links, Inc., and the Delta Mu Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Archousa Green had a wonderful sense of humor and enthralled family and friends with her wit, creativity and intellect. Her interests and hobbies were multifaceted. An avid reader, she contributed significantly in book-discussion groups. She loved to cook and was well known for her pound cakes and other desserts. Archousa Green also enjoyed entertaining, and she and Archon Green frequently opened their home, which is adorned with the artwork of talented local artists, for various celebrations. Archousa Green, who loved to travel, had been eagerly awaiting a planned trip to China, Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong. She and Archon Green had visited every continent except Antarctica and Australia.

Archousa Green is survived by the love of her life, Archon Green; two sisters: Freida Thompson and Lillian Hennings; three brothers-in-law: John Green, Reuben Green and Allen Stamps, Sr.; three sisters-in-law: Marie, Sylvia and Mary Thomas; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins, godchildren and devoted friends. She was predeceased by siblings Julius C. Thomas Jr., Marvin Thomas, Kathleen Stamps, Allen Thomas and Riley Thomas.

Barbara Patience Hughes

Delta Pi Boulé of Pensacola, Florida, mourns the death on January 28 of Archousa Barbara Patience Hughes, wife of Archon Ulysses Hughes.

Archousa Hughes was born in Dadeville, Alabama, and was raised as a member of the town's Haven Chapel Methodist Church. She attended public schools in Tallapoosa County and upon graduation entered Talladega College, where she earned a B.A. in economics. She went on to teach in Tallassee city schools as well as in Sylacauga city schools before moving to Pensacola, where she worked for the Escambia County School System until her retirement in 1999.

Archousa Hughes was an active member of Pensacola's Greater Union Baptist Church, singing in the choir, serving on the board of ushers and chairing its numerous decoration committees. Patience, as she was called, was the dedicated director of the Catholic Charities of Pensacola. She was also a past president of the Pensacola chapter of The Links, Inc., and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

This beloved Archousa is survived by Archon Hughes; a son, David; two grandsons: Brenden and Brandon Carter; and a stepdaughter, Dianne Hughes Piper.



M. Boyd Jones

Services for Archon M. Boyd Jones of Beta Lambda Boulé, Hampton-Norfolk, Virginia, who died on January 19, 2007, at the age of 98, were held on January 26 at Grace Episcopal Church in Norfolk with Archon Harold Cobb, Jr., officiating.

A distinguished educator at several institutions, including Norfolk State University, from which he retired in 1979, the Gloucester, Virginia, native played a pivotal role in the desegregation of public schools in the United States. As *The Washington Post* noted in its obituary, Archon Jones, as principal of the all-black Robert R. Moton High School in Farmville, Virginia, "helped set in motion . . . a school-desegregation struggle that changed the landscape of American education." In 1951 the students decided to go on strike to protest the school's woefully inadequate facilities, and they stayed out of class for two weeks. During this time the NAACP persuaded the students' parents to sue to end segregation in public schools. Referring to the students, Archon Jones told the newspaper that he had been "training them for four years" to stand up for their rights. "We taught them to become dissatisfied with mediocrity, with hand-me-downs." Three years later their case, *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*, was combined with similar lawsuits that together became

known as *Brown v. Board of Education*, which led to the landmark Supreme Court decision of 1954.

A man of modesty and humility, Archon Jones rarely discussed his role in the Civil Rights Movement. But because of his involvement, he lost his job at the high school and could not find work elsewhere in Virginia. He went on to join the faculties of Alabama State and Maryland State colleges and West Virginia State University, eventually joining Norfolk State University in 1963 as a professor of mathematics; he ultimately became department head and division chairman.

An alumnus of Hampton University, Archon Jones earned a Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1959. A member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for more than sixty-seven years, he also belonged to the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men and the Metro Anglers Fishing Club. A man of remarkable vitality and energy, he learned to fly-fish at age 88 and continued to garden until he was 94. Archon Jones is survived by his Archousa, Inez D. Jones; a daughter, Charlene Marchant; three sons: Myron, Eric and Robert Jones; and nine grandchildren.



Quincella Pearl Nickerson Kimbrough

Born on November 17, 1909, in Houston, Texas, and affectionately known by her family and friends as Quincee, Archousa Quincella Pearl Nickerson Kimbrough of Alpha Pi Boulé, San Diego, died on January 1. The third of eight brothers and sisters, she was the daughter of William Nickerson, Jr., the founder of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Bertha Birdie Benton Nickerson. Archousa Kimbrough's appreciation of other cultures and her penchant for design were evident in the way she decorated a table to break bread among friends. Her attention to detail, whether regarding flower arrangements or the color of the candles, was how she showed her love. Whether offering a simple cup of tea to be shared with a friend or extravagant dinners and large cultural festivities to be enjoyed by many, Quincee and Archon Jack Kimbrough were the consummate hosts.

Archousa Kimbrough was a charter member of the San Diego chapter of the The Links, Inc., and a founding member of the African Arts Committee of San Diego. She was affiliated with the San Diego Girls Club; the San Diego Sister City program with Tema, Ghana; and Women, Inc. These are only a few of the organizations that benefited from her spirit, enthusiasm, hard work and love for her community. Archousa Kimbrough was a true humanitarian and civic activist. She will be missed by her family, friends, community and Alpha Pi Boulé.

Robert Weldon Lawrence

Archon Robert Weldon Lawrence, a cofounder of San Jose, California's Gamma Chi Boulé in 1988, died on November 8, 2007, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was active in Gamma Chi for many years and was proud of the growth of this member boulé.

Archon Lawrence was born on June 12, 1922, in Elizabeth, New Jersey. As a boy, he dreamed of flying planes; as a young man, he was fortunate to be chosen as one of the Tuskegee Airmen. In a racist experiment, Archon Lawrence and about a thousand other African American men were tested to answer the humiliating question of whether a black man could be a fighter pilot. The airmen excelled, not losing a single fighter plane in hundreds of missions over enemy skies. It was not until March 2006, more than sixty years after the war, that Archon Lawrence and the surviving airmen were fully recognized for their achievements.

In a March 2006 ceremony at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., President George W. Bush presented Archon Lawrence and the surviving Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award bestowed by the U.S. Congress. The President apologized for the way the airmen had been treated and saluted them for their service.

After Archon Lawrence completed his military service, he relocated to Silicon Valley and earned an accounting degree from San Jose State University in 1949. He had a distinguished career in education as a teacher and administrator and as the deputy superintendent in the California Department of Public Education.

Always an active member of his community, Archon Lawrence was president of the local NAACP chapter; he led the memorial march for

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1968. He was also a cofounder of the Alum Rock Youth Center in San Jose. After he retired, Archon Lawrence and his Archousa, Ernestine, moved to Santa Fe.

His many survivors include his Archousa; a brother, Richard Lawrence, and sister, Dorothy Gantz; his daughter, Judith Lawrence, and daughter-in-law, Claudia Lawrence; a grandson; and several stepchildren. His son, Gregory Lawrence, preceded him in death. Archon Lawrence was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.



William Wendell Layton

Archon William Wendell Layton of Washington, D.C., and Millwood, Virginia, emeritus member of Epsilon Boulé, Washington, D.C., died on September 12, 2007, at the Methodist Home. Funeral services were conducted at Grace Episcopal Church in Berryville, Virginia, and a memorial service was held at the Methodist Home. He was 92 and had been inducted into Lambda Boulé, Columbus, Ohio, in 1947.

A native of Hanover, Virginia, he earned his undergraduate degree at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and his master's at Fisk University, doing additional graduate work at Michigan State University. His lifelong interest in writing poetry began when he wrote his first poem at age eight. Many of his poems, among them "A Paul Robeson Retrospective" and "My Bridge," have been widely published, and the latter was set to music. In his eighties he authored two books, *Layton Looks at Life* and *More of Layton Looks at Life*, compilations of short stories and reflections written over the years.

Archon Layton worked for the Urban League for seventeen years, first as an employment specialist in Columbus and then as the league's executive director in Muskegon, Michigan. From there he became director of education and community services for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission in Lansing.

In 1965 he moved to Washington to become director of contract compliance for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 1971 he was the first black appointed to the official staff of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System, from which he retired in 1977, although he continued as a consultant until 1981.

His noted collection of letters and documents from the U.S. abolitionist movement and the Civil War period included more than 1,500 items autographed by Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Beecher Stowe, George Washington Carver, Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis and numerous others. He lectured widely and presented exhibitions of the collection, which was placed on microfilm by the National Archives.

Over the years Archon Layton was active with a number of fraternal and historical organizations and societies, including the Columbia Historical Society of Washington, D.C., the United States Capitol Historical Society, the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, the McCormick Civil War Institute at Shenandoah University, the Kiwanis Club, the Torch Club and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Archon Layton was a founding member of the Fort Collier Civil War Center and a founder and chairman of the board of the Tri-County Virginia OIC in Winchester. He also was on the boards of the Grafton School, the Shenandoah Arts Council, the Clarke

County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Wayside Theatre in Middletown, Virginia. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Berryville and Christ United Methodist Church in southwest Washington, D.C.

An avid tennis and bridge player in his day, Archon Layton also loved to travel, visiting various countries in Europe as well as Senegal, the Gambia, Egypt, Israel and Russia. In 1954 he was the guest of the city of Schweinfurt, Germany, on an exchange visit.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-seven years, Archousa Phoebe Anderson Layton, a retired math teacher and guidance counselor with the District of Columbia public schools; two daughters: Archousa Andree Roaf of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a retired state appellate court judge; and Mary Layton, director of communications for the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital; son-in-law Archon Clifton Roaf of Pine Bluff; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. A daughter, Serena (Clara) Davis, predeceased him.



Kenneth B. Smith, Sr.

Chicago's Beta Boulé lost Archon Kenneth B. Smith, Sr., a member and leader of the boulé since 1971, on January 21. A kind and faithful gentleman, Archon Smith – “Ken” to his friends – was a man of great warmth and deep insight. He was also gifted with the rare ability to bring people together no matter what their background and to see the best in others. His funeral on January 26 was attended by the mayor of Chicago, elected officials, bankers, educators, clergy of all denominations and those he cherished simply as friends. Also in attendance were spouses he had married and family members of the people he had eulogized as minister. Everyone at the ceremony took solace that on this day he rested after so many years of work and achievement.

At the time of his death, Archon Smith was entering his fifteenth year as Beta's Grammateus; he was also Sire Archon in 1981. His contributions to the boulé were exceeded only by his contributions to the larger Chicago community and the country in education, civics, theology, politics and charitable works.

Archon Smith was born on February 19, 1931, in Montclair, New Jersey. The fifth child of Dorothy and William Smith, he had ten brothers and sisters, six of whom predeceased him. After attending the Montclair public schools, he enrolled in college at Virginia Union University, where

he majored in history. He obtained a master's degree from Drew University and a degree in divinity from Bethany Theological Seminary.

An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Archon Smith was an assistant minister at the Congregational Church of Park Manor, the founding pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ and senior minister at the Church of the Good Shepherd. For fourteen years he was president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, which conferred on him the Graham Taylor Award in Public Ministry and created the Kenneth B. Smith Chair in Religious Studies in his honor.

A fourteen-year member of the Chicago Community Trust's executive committee, and chairman from 1994 to 1996, Archon Smith was also cochair of its initiative on children, youth and families and the first chair of its African American–legacy initiative. In 1998 he became senior fellow at the trust, focusing on grant making to faith-based organizations and improving the quality of life in the Chicago region.

A committed member of the Chicago community, Archon Smith was active in the Friends of Chicago State University Scholars mentoring program. He was also president of the Chicago Board of Education, a trustee of DePaul University, a board member of the Illinois Service Federal Savings & Loan Association and a treasurer of the United Way of Chicago. In addition, he was on the board of the Community Development Corp. of the Bank of America in Illinois and a member of the visiting committee of the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. Archon Smith also led the Chicago Urban League, from which he received the Urban Leaguer of the Year

Award. A devoted member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for more than fifty years, he was active in its Sigma Omega chapter in Chicago.

Archon Smith called Chicago home, but his reach extended far and wide. He sat on numerous national boards and committees throughout his career, including the board of the National Center for the Humanities, the national board of the American Association of Retired Persons, the Carnegie Adolescents Council in New York, the United Church of Christ pension board, the board of the Amistad Research Center at Tulane University, President Bill Clinton's Task Force on Teen Pregnancy and the board of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He was also a Talladega College trustee.

Among his numerous honors, he was named Volunteer of the Year by the United Way of Chicago and Humanitarian of the Year by Chicago's Abraham Lincoln Center. He also received the Humanitarian Award from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. Eight educational institutions, including Roosevelt University and Chicago State University, bestowed honorary doctorates on Archon Smith.

His devotion to his family was unparalleled. He leaves behind his loving Archousa of thirty-seven years, Gladys; his devoted children: Kenneth B. Smith, Jr., Kourtney Montgomery and Kristen B. Smith; his adoring grandchildren: Kenneth B. Smith III, Kara Smith, Kevin Smith, Kara Montgomery, Kelsey Smith and Luther Montgomery; and his cherished siblings: Juanita Smith, Hettie Smith, Hester Robinson and Peter Smith, Sr.

Melvin Douglas Smith

World-renowned physician Archon Melvin Douglas Smith passed away at age 66, surrounded by his loving family and friends, on January 14 in San Antonio after a valiant battle with prostate cancer. He was the fourth child of six children born to Lonnie B. Smith and the late George T. Smith of Atlanta in April 1941.

A natural leader who pursued excellence, Archon Smith received his B.S. from Morehouse College in 1961, where he was a Merrill Scholar and president of his senior class and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. In 1965 he received his M.D. from Howard University and began his internship at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, completing his general surgical residency in 1972. Continuing at Wilford Hall, he completed a two-year program of specialty training in thoracic surgery. In 1974 Archon Smith began his final phase of specialty training with a two-year pediatric surgical fellowship at the University of Chicago Children's Hospital.

In 1976 he returned to Wilford Hall as the only pediatric surgeon in the Air Force. He held positions in the general-surgery department and was chairman of the department of pediatric surgery from 1977 to 1985. During this time he also held a variety of other leadership roles, including military consultant to the surgeon general in pediatric surgery and chairman of the General Surgery Section Society of Air Force Clinical Surgeons. He was also associate clinical professor of surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center from 1978 until 2007; vice president of the San Antonio Surgical Society in 1994 and president in 1995; and vice president and president of the C.A. Whittier chapter of the National Medi-

cal Association. At Brooks Air Force Base, he was assistant chief of hyperbaric medicine. Archon Smith retired from the Air Force as a colonel after twenty years of service.

He received many accolades during his stellar career, including being named The Best Doctor in America in 1998 and 1999 and receiving the Legion of Merit medal in 1985 from the Air Force, the Vance Marchbanks Award in Aerospace and Military Medicine in 1983, and a number of teaching awards from the residents at Wilford Hall Medical Center and the University of Texas Health Science Center. He was also honored in 2006 by the Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital for his work as cofounder of the Vertical Expandable Pediatric Titanium Rib Project. In 2007 Archon Smith received the Bennie Award from Morehouse College as an outstanding alumnus who made trailblazing and legendary contributions to the world.

Archon Smith's tenacity, brilliant problem solving and passion for medicine led him to envision the expandable rib that would eventually become the Titanium Rib Project, which he worked on with Dr. Richard Campbell. The artificial rib revolutionized treatments for scoliosis, absence of ribs, fused ribs and thoracic-insufficiency syndrome. It has also saved the lives of more than five hundred children around the world with rib abnormalities. Archon Smith traveled extensively throughout Europe and New Zealand instructing pediatric surgeons in the new surgical procedure, which has since been performed across the United States and in twenty-six other countries.

Archon Smith was also a contributing author to many publications. His most recent work appeared in the reference book *Wound Care Practice*, which will have a profound impact on hundreds of medical students, nurses and physicians throughout the United States.

His zest for life went beyond his medical career: A charter member of Gamma Phi Boulé, he was a member of the Chancellor Choir and was the liturgist at Asbury United Methodist Church; he was also an avid scuba diver and stargazer. He enjoyed these hobbies with his best friend and Archousa of forty-two years, Marylyn.

Archon Smith was a humble leader who leaves a legacy of kindness and integrity among the thousands of lives he touched. He was a man of great vision, compassion and dedication who deeply loved his family, friends and patients. Cherishing his memory are his beloved Archousa, Marylyn; his devoted mother, Lonnie; his siblings, George Taft Smith III, Elizabeth Laythart Smith, Carolyn Smith Walker and Alonzo Lewis Smith; his daughter, Meredith Elaine Smith, and sons, Greg McDew and Melvin Douglas Smith II; his nephews, Traversia E. Viola, Jr., and Gary Sherard Walker II; his nieces, Patrice Michelle Russell, Marchan Russell, India Silva Smith and Nicole Alexis Smith; his grandchildren, Makayla and Amari Gravely-Smith; his grandnieces, Christina and Kathryn; and a host of other relatives and loving friends.



Leatrice Sutton

Archousa Leatrice Sutton of Alpha Alpha Boulé, New Orleans, wife of Archon William W. Sutton, died on October 20, 2007, at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans. She was the daughter of the late Felix Hubbard and the late Mercedes Barthé Hubbard; she was raised by the late Pearl J. Blackburn, her godmother.

Archousa Sutton was a 1949 graduate of McDonough #35 High School, New Orleans, and a 1953 graduate of Dillard University, where she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and was a cheerleader. She earned a master's degree at Louisiana State University–New Orleans and was a public-school teacher in Washington, D.C., and New Orleans before becoming director of student teaching at Dillard.

Well known in her youth as a dancer with the Durden School of Dance, she was selected as Miss Dillard for 1952–53. Archousa Sutton went on to become first lady at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi, when her husband was its president from 1988 to 1998.

Always helping others, Archousa Sutton was a board member of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Mississippi for ten years and had been serving the Girl Scout Council of Southeast Louisiana for nine years at the time of her death.

She was active with several parishes throughout New Orleans, most recently the former St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church and St. Thomas Apostle at the University of New Orleans. She was an active member of the Dillard University Alumni Association and president of the Quette of Rho Phi chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Archousa Sutton leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband of fifty-three years, Archon William W. Sutton, and her children: Will Sutton, married to Cheryl, of Cary, North Carolina; Dr. Averell H. Sutton, Sr., married to Tara, of San Antonio; Dr. Sheryl Sutton Smith, married to Clinton, Jr., of New Orleans; Alan Sutton, married to Deidra, of Houston, Texas; Allison Sutton of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois; and Gavin Sutton of New York City. She is survived by eight grandchildren: William "Tre" Sutton III, Talmon Smith, Brandon Sutton, Jesse Smith, Ashleigh Sutton, Clinton Smith III, Ryan Sutton and Averall H. Sutton, Jr.; brothers Merlin Hubbard, married to Victoria, and Verdel Hubbard, married to Anna Mae; and sister Elva Hubbard Robert, all of Los Angeles. Archousa Sutton is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends who considered her a mother, grandmother, aunt, nanny, adviser and mentor. Her sister, Velma Hubbard Pavageau, preceded her in death.

Catherine Tate

Archousa Catherine Tate, wife of the late Archon Walter P. Tate, a founding member of Beta Nu Boulé, Northern Virginia, died at her home on December 9, 2007. She spent her childhood in Rockville, Indiana, and later moved to the Washington, D.C., area. In 1958 she married Archon Tate.

Archousa Tate was an employee of the federal government; at the time of her retirement she worked as a budget analyst in the U.S. Department of Defense.

She helped establish the first chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., in Northern Virginia and remained active in her community. She was also a charter member of the Arlington chapter of The Links, Inc., founded in 1966; she became director of the organization's national office in Washington, D.C., in 1976.

Walter Alvin Thomas

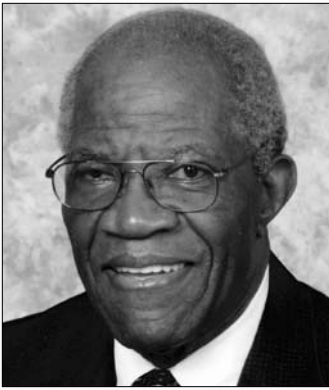
Archon Walter Alvin Thomas of Lambda Boulé in Columbus, Ohio, passed away on October 19 at the age of 84. As an obstetrician-gynecologist, Archon Thomas served the health needs of women and delivered thousands of babies over several generations from 1962 until his retirement at age 80. Archon Thomas's medical practice was located at Columbus's Franklin Park Medical Center, which he helped found.

Archon Thomas was born on May 15, 1923, in Camden, New Jersey, to L. Thomas and Fannie Graham. He was educated in public schools in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, and Canton, Ohio, except for a brief period at a Catholic school in Detroit. After graduating from Canton McKinley High School in 1940, Archon Thomas matriculated at Howard University. His college years, however, were interrupted by World War II. During his time in the military, he earned five Bronze Stars and landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day plus six. Archon Thomas returned to Howard after his service, graduating in 1948. He continued on to Howard University's College of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1952.

After completing his internship and residency at Harlem Hospital in New York City in 1958, Archon Thomas moved to Columbus. He was on the staffs of Mercy Hospital (the old St. Ann's Hospital for Women), Grant Hospital, St. Anthony's Hospital and University Hospital. He was named an honorary member of St. Ann's staff after forty-four years of dedicated service.

Archon Thomas was a member of the Obstetrics-Gynecology Society and the National Medical Association (NMA); he was a founding member of the NMA's local chapter in Columbus. He was

initiated into Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity in 1969. An avid reader who had a passion for movies, Archon Thomas also enjoyed playing tennis and swimming. In retirement, he spent many hours watching sporting events with his faithful canine companions at his side. Archon Thomas is survived by his loving and devoted Archousa, Vera Thomas; his daughter, Lenore, and three sons: Joseph Lee, Noel Brett and Konrad Boyd; his grandchildren: Michelle Lee, Sherri Keene, Kelsi and Konrad Jason Thomas; his great-grandchildren: Adia and Langston Keene; and many other relatives and friends.



William "Bill" Willis

Archon William "Bill" Willis of Columbus, Ohio's Lambda Boulé, often referred to as the Jackie Robinson of professional football, passed away peacefully on November 27, 2007, at Grant Medical Center. Archon Willis broke the color barrier in professional football in 1946, a year before Robinson did so in professional baseball. The first black all-American at The Ohio State University (OSU), Archon Willis played for the Cleveland Browns from 1946 to 1953 and became the first African American starter in modern-day professional football.

Born in Columbus on October 5, 1921, Archon Willis graduated from that city's East High School. A three-year, two-way starting lineman for the Ohio State Buckeyes, he was a two-time all-American, in 1943 and 1944. After graduation, he became the head football coach and athletic director at Kentucky State University. In 1946 Paul Brown, who had been Archon Willis's coach at Ohio State, gave Archon Willis the opportunity to play for him when Brown took over the professional coaching responsibilities at Cleveland. Archon Willis made the most of the opportunity, becoming an All-Pro team member and later earning membership in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. (He was also named to the College Football Hall of Fame.) On November 3, 2007, during halftime of the Ohio State University-University of Wisconsin football game, OSU honored Archon Willis by retiring his number-99 football jersey.

After his career with the Cleveland Browns, Archon Willis became assistant

director of recreation for the city of Cleveland. In 1964, he was appointed deputy director of the Ohio Youth Commission; eleven years later, the governor of Ohio appointed him director of the commission (later named the Ohio Department of Youth Services). Until his retirement in 1983, Archon Willis dedicated his energy and passion to implementing new approaches to treating and rehabilitating troubled youths. He was also an adjunct professor at the OSU School of Social Work.

Archon Willis sat on many boards, including those of the YMCA of Central Ohio-Metropolitan, the Woodland YMCA, the Martin Luther King Performing and Cultural Arts Complex, the Wilson Children's Center, the National Football Foundation, Defiance College and the Metropolitan School of Columbus. He was also a member of the Governor's Council on Crime and Rehabilitation, the Governor's Council on People With Disabilities, the OSU Mentor

Program, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the NAACP, the National Urban League, the Columbus Thursday Club, the NFL Alumni and the Executive Order of the Ohio Commodores.

Archon Willis's other honors include being named to the Cleveland Browns All-Time All Star Team as well as the City of Columbus Hall of Fame, the OSU Athletic Hall of Fame and the Columbus Public Schools Hall of Fame. In addition, he was the Ohio Press Club Man of the Year and the City of Cleveland's Man of the Year. Archon Willis was also the Most Valuable Player of the 1950 World Champion Cleveland Browns.

Archon Willis was preceded in death by his parents, Clement and Willana; his loving Archousa of fifty-five years, Archousa Odessa; and his three sisters: Ida, Dorothy and Georgia. He is survived by three sons: William, Jr., Clement and Dan; his grandchildren: William III, Imani, Kisa and Jehuti; a brother, Claude; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Ω

