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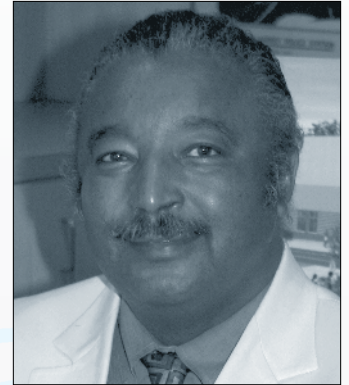
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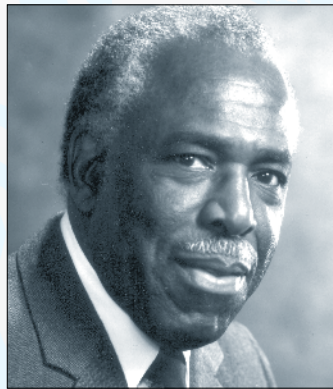
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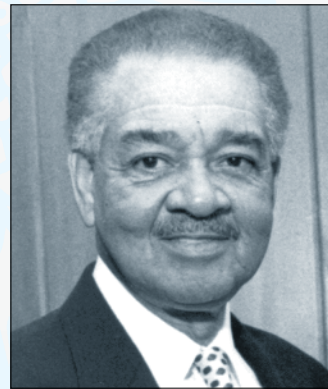
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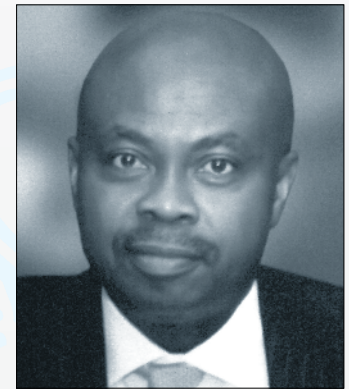
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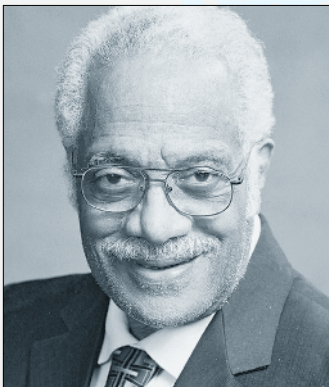
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Adolphus Andrews

Dayton's Sigma Boulé mourns the passing of Archon Adolphus Andrews of Beavercreek at the age of 65 on October 27 at the Hospice of Dayton. Affectionately known as Andy, Archon Andrews was born in Tampa and raised in Daytona Beach, Florida. He was married to his loving Archousa, Ruby, in 1962.

Archon Andrews earned numerous awards and decorations during his twenty-six-year career with the U.S. Air Force. His military service included assignments as a speechwriter for the secretary of the Air Force and commander of the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School. After retiring as a colonel, he became the executive vice president of administration and finance at Central State University, a position he held until his retirement in 2004. An avid golfer and poet, Archon Andrews was also a "soldier of education" who believed that education is the path to success. He received his undergraduate degree from Howard University, his master's degree from Southern Illinois University and his doctorate from The Ohio State University.

At his memorial service, his son, Adolphus Andrews, a U.S. Air Force Academy alumnus and pilot, presented Archousa Andrews with a U.S. flag that had been ceremoniously flown in Archon Andrews's honor in an F-22

Raptor, the most modern American stealth-fighter aircraft. His memorial service also included Omega Chapter ceremonies from Archon Andrews's beloved Sigma Pi Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities, as well as the Wilberforce Chapter of The Links, Inc., of which his Archousa is a member.

In addition to his Archousa, Ruby, and son, Adolphus, Archon Andrews is survived by his daughter, Dawn; grandchildren, Blake, Tiana, Cheyann and Ava; brothers, Willie Lee, Theodore and Melvin; and sister, Cherylynn. Archon Andrews was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Andrews, Sr.



George David Boston

Known for his dry wit and sense of humor, Archon George David Boston of Lambda Boulé, Columbus, Ohio, departed this life on October 4. The second son of Samuel and Iola Amelia Boston, he was born on November 1, 1923, in Columbus, along with a twin sister, Ann. Early on he showed the brilliance that led to him being chosen number one in his class at Ohio State University.

He learned at a young age to help others, whether pulling his red wagon from East Market for a neighbor or picking up coal. He and his siblings, raised by their father, learned good work habits, strong ethics, a sense of fair play and joy in living in the moment. Archon Boston and his twin, both excellent students, were inseparable until she learned to play tennis. Their physical separation occurred when he refused to go to Texas with her to college, a decision he always regretted. After completing college, he joined the army and was commissioned as a first lieutenant from the field.

Upon his discharge, he completed his advanced education in dentistry at Ohio State. Challenging the quota system, he graduated from the School of Dentistry with honors and began a twenty-three-year tenured stint as the first African American professor at the university's medical school. He was also the first African American dentist at Ohio State University Hospital. He married, raised a

family, maintained his membership at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Columbus and achieved a number of other firsts in his professional pursuits. Archon Boston was an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Cavaliers Club.

He was admired and respected for his achievements, his unassuming manner and his willingness to help others. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, reading, flying and boating. In his later years, he sold all his toys—his plane, boat and motor home—to spend more time with his scientific journals.

He was preceded in death by his Archousa, Yohanna, and four brothers: Lloyd, Harvey, Loring and John. He is survived by his sister, Ann Boston Walker; a son, Donald; grandchildren Johanna, Tia, and Tamaul, married to Vanessa; great-grandchildren; several nieces; a nephew, Keith L. Walker; and a beloved companion, Nanci Ransom.



Kermit H. Boston

Pacific Region Sire Archon—Elect Kermit H. Boston passed away on November 23. He was a Past Sire Archon of Beta Upsilon Boulé, San Francisco, and had been elected to the regional position in October 2007. He was memorialized in services at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral on December 9 and at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Germantown, Pennsylvania, on December 20. He also served as Rhetoricos and Agogos of Beta Upsilon, as vice chairman of the grand strategic planning committee and as a member of the 2004 grand intake committee.

He was born on November 4, 1935, in Philadelphia, to Kermit Boston and Ethel Johnson Boston. He attended elementary and secondary schools in Germantown, and on November 8 last year he attended his fifty-fifth Germantown High School class reunion. He earned his B.S. in education from Cheyney University in Pennsylvania and his M.S. in administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He devoted his life to service, growing up in the Mount Zion Baptist Church and becoming a member of its trustee board in 1964. When he moved to New York City, he became the chair of the board of deacons at Riverside Church, and when he came to San Francisco, he joined Grace Cathedral, where he became chair of the board of

trustees and was later named trustee emeritus.

Archon Boston began his career in teaching and educational administration before he was recruited to work for the McGraw-Hill Book Co. in 1969. This was the start of a thirty-year career in educational publishing, and he was the first African American corporate vice president and general manager of two revenue divisions. He traveled to such places as Hamburg, Germany; Singapore; and Sydney and Perth, Australia, on assignments. From 1991 to 1999 he was director of corporate education for the Computer Curriculum Corp. unit of Simon & Schuster Educational Technology Group in Sunnyvale, California. Since that time he worked as an executive coach and facilitator for a variety of organizations.

He was past chairman of the KQED board of directors, on the board of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, vice president of the lay community of the Association of Public Televisions Stations, a founder and vice president of the Bay Area Community Development Corporation, and the bishop's representative and board member of the Episcopal Senior Communities. He was a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a past president of the San Francisco Graduate chapter.

He was past president of the board of managers, Buchanan Street YMCA; chairman of Elkus Ranch board, UC Cooperative Extension; a founding member of the Western Addition Literary Reading & Discussion Group; and board member of the Black Executive Exchange Program of the National Urban League; board member of Literacy Volunteers of New York City.

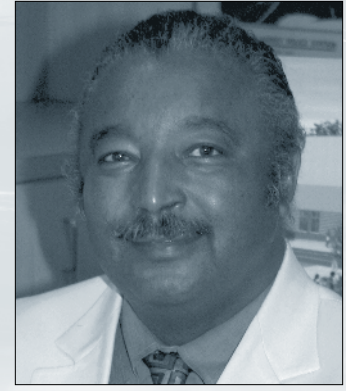
Among his many awards are the James R. Ball Award from the American Society of Training & Development (ASTD); Outstanding Alumnus of Cheyney University;

Black Achievers in Industry Award from the Harlem YMCA; Alpha Phi Alpha Gamma Chi Lambda chapter Man of the Year; and the Business Achievement Award, Cheyney University.

He was a passionate baseball fan, had visited most of the parks, diligently kept baseball scorecards and knew all relevant statistics; he collected coins and stamps and loved model trains. He also loved the organ and would travel a great distance for an organ concert.

He is survived by his wife, Archousa Barbra Ruffin-Boston; his daughter, Kimberly Ketchum of Tucker, Georgia; his grandson, Markus Alixander; his granddaughter, Alicia Marie; his sister, Jane Jordan of Philadelphia; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He is deeply missed by all whose lives he touched.



Bill Brazley

Archon Bill Brazley of Beta Boulé, Chicago, passed away on November 8. He will be missed by his loving family, his fellow Archons and the entire civic and professional community. His work as a master builder will be admired for decades.

He was born on July 19, 1943, to William Earl and Mattie Brazley and grew up in Chicago. He had a younger brother, John, who preceded him in death. He gave his life to Christ as a young man and attended Wesley Methodist Church. He went to Holy Name of Mary Catholic school in Chicago and Thornton High School in Harvey, graduated from Purdue University, and did extended coursework in facilities management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In the early years of his career, Archon Brazley worked for such firms as Wendell Campbell Associates and A. Epstein & Sons. He was director of facilities management and assistant budget director at Governors State University from 1970 until 1975, when he opened his award-winning architectural firm, William E. Brazley & Associates, Ltd., with two employees. By 1993 this firm had forty-two employees and offices in downtown Chicago and Matteson. He said, "As a service company, we are driven by the needs of our clients." He was licensed in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana,

Wisconsin, Kentucky, New York and Texas, and the projects in which his company has been involved range from \$500,000 to \$500 million in construction costs.

In 1985 he became the first African American president of the Eastern Illinois chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). In 1991 he was inducted into the AIA College of Fellows, one of the highest honors bestowed upon an AIA member. In addition to receiving numerous design awards, his firm has received Distinguished Building Awards for Excellence in Architecture from the AIA.

Archon Brazley will always be remembered as a trailblazer in an industry that had yet to embrace minority architects. He considered himself a student of some of the best mentors, and he employed every bit of knowledge gained, then generously mentored others, creating jobs and intern opportunities for aspiring students. In 1993 *Crain's Chicago Business* heralded his firm as one of the top minority-owned design businesses in the Midwest. Featured in that story was the newly completed Air France and Lufthansa German Airlines \$50 million joint cargo facility at O'Hare International Airport, the largest local project wholly designed and built by a minority-owned architectural firm. William E. Brazley & Associates celebrated thirty years of design excellence, and some of its most notable high-profile projects are the \$300 million Navy Pier Heritage Project, the \$400 million United Airlines Terminal at O'Hare, the \$500 million Cook County Hospital, the \$420 million Southwest Transit Project, the \$118 million thirty-five-story AT&T high-rise and the \$250 million McCormick Place Annex.

In addition to being a loyal member of Sigma Pi Phi Beta Boulé, Archon Brazley was a member or a board member of

the following organizations: Governors State University; Rich Township District 227 Educational Foundation; Harvey Public Schools District 152 Educational Foundation, Inc.; Matteson Area Chamber of Commerce; National Organization of Minority Architects; the eta Creative Arts Foundation; Ingalls Memorial Hospital; Lincoln Park Zoo; Children's Memorial Hospital; Chicago United; Economic Club of Chicago; Executives' Club of Chicago; Markham Plan Commission; Chicago Economic Development Commission; the Druids Club of Chicago and the Royal Coterie of Snakes.

He met his life partner and best friend, Peggy Myers, in high school. To their loving union of forty-five years, God added Kendall, married to Kelli, and Kerry, married to Tiffany. They were blessed with five grandchildren: Kendall, Jr., Kerry, Jr., Kristina, Jasmine and Ella Giselle.

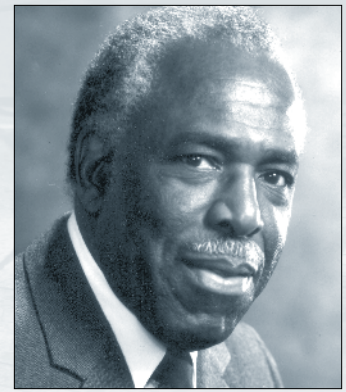
In addition to his immediate family, he leaves to cherish his memory three aunts – Olga Mae Chestang of California, Ida Mae of Alabama, and Ernestine Burkett, married to Herb, of California; one niece, Tara Radford, married to Reggie; three nephews, Johnny Brazley, Jr., Dante Brazley, Jr., and Eric Brazley; and a host of other relatives, friends, professional colleagues, employees and his family from the Emmaus Community Church.



James R. Coles

Archon James R. Coles of Northern Virginia's Beta Nu Boulé died at the age of 84 on September 23. He was born in Roanoke and lived during the latter years of his life in Washington, D.C. Archon Coles, who graduated from Howard University with a bachelor's and a master's in psychology, served twenty-three years in the U.S. Air Force, where he spent time at several bases in the United States and overseas. After retiring from the Air Force, he began a second career with the federal government. Archon Coles was also a loyal and dedicated philanthropist who donated to both local and national causes.

A devout Christian, Archon Coles was an active member of the Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington. He was also a charter member of the East Coast Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. His Archousa, Shirley Young Coles, whom he met when he was a student at Howard, preceded him in death. Archon Coles is survived by his two sons, James R. Coles III and Kevin G. Coles, and his daughter, Sheila Coles Outing.



Oscar L. Daniels, Sr.

Charter member of Beta Upsilon Boulé, San Francisco, Archon Oscar L. Daniels, Sr., passed away peacefully on October 23 at the age of 94.

Archon Daniels, the third child of George and Marie Daniels, was born in New York and raised in Brooklyn, where he began his elementary education. The family soon moved to Hackensack, New Jersey, and at Hackensack High School he sang in the glee club and gospel choir and played violin in the orchestra. He earned his varsity letter as manager of the football team.

He attended Rutgers University for a year before transferring to Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. He graduated with a B.S. in chemistry in 1940, then attended Howard University School of Medicine, graduating with an M.D. in 1944. While in medical school, he married Ismay Richards, and their marriage lasted fifty-nine years, ending only with Ismay's passing. Their first child, the late Oscar, Jr., was born a year later in Hackensack.

Archon Daniels completed his internal medicine internship and residency at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis and was chief medical resident. While there, their second child, Owen, was born.

Archon Daniels was one of the Bay Area's pioneer black physicians. He brought his family to San Francisco in 1949 and established a

private medical practice in the Western Addition community. His two daughters were born soon thereafter. He was called to duty in the U.S. Army in 1952 and served at Fort Ord, California, during the Korean conflict, earning an honorable discharge in 1955, having attained the rank of captain.

He returned to San Francisco with his family and resumed his practice. He was an attending physician at Mount Zion Hospital. He was appointed medical officer to the U.S. Post Office in 1963 and managed the medical unit, the first African American to attain that position in San Francisco history. As a member of the Post Office Promotion Board, he helped many formerly overlooked employees advance in their careers. He served in this position until his retirement in 1985 and continued his community-based medical service until 1995. Even after retirement, he kept busy managing a small business. He lived independently in his home until just two months before his death.

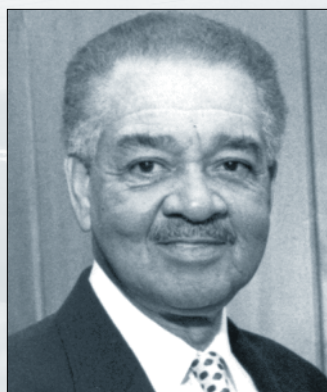
Avid track-and-field fans, he and his Archousa attended the Summer Olympic Games in Montreal, Los Angeles and Atlanta. Throughout the years, they traveled to Bermuda, China, Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt, Senegal and Kenya.

Archon Daniels led a life of service. He was a founding member of the Northern California Medical, Dental & Pharmaceutical Auxiliary and the John Hale Medical Society and a member of the National Medical Association. He was active in the Boy Scouts, the Urban League and the YMCA. He was an officer of the NAACP and a Golden Heritage Life Member. He belonged to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and served on the bishop's committee of St. Cyprian's Church.

He is survived by his son, Dr. Owen Laurence Daniels of Daly City, and daughter-

in-law Janice Latson Daniels; daughter Carol Marie Daniels of San Francisco; daughter Lynne Estelle Daniels of Oakland; grandchildren Amber Rose Daniels of Santa Cruz, Oscar Llewellyn Daniels III of San Francisco, Benjamin Jamal Daniels of San Francisco, Christopher Evan Daniels of Daly City, and Edward Daniel Rucker of Oakland; great-grandchild Evan Jacob Daniels of Santa Cruz; and a host of loving relatives, friends and associates.

Archon Daniels will be remembered as a man of principle who was committed to bringing positive change to each community he embraced.



Arthur J. Edmunds

Archon Arthur J. Edmunds of Rho Boulé in Pittsburgh passed away at age 86 on October 5 after an extended battle with cancer. In reporting his death, the headline of the *New Pittsburgh Courier* read, "Civil rights giant Edmunds passes." The article went on to describe him as a "transformative leader of Pittsburgh Urban League."

The Des Moines native became the executive director of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh in 1960 at the age of 38; he would hold that post until 1985. During his tenure Archon Edmunds transformed the Pittsburgh affiliate of the National Urban League into one of the country's largest and most effective, increasing its budget from \$60,000 to \$2.5 million, and its staff from 9 employees to 150, serving more than 10,000 clients. During that time he also earned a reputation as a civil-rights leader.

In an article published in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Archon Wendell Freeland, who sat on the search committee in 1960 that brought Archon Edmunds to Pittsburgh, wrote:

Black employment in both public and private sectors was meager and menial. One in 10 city workers was black, but 99 percent of them were garbage collectors. There were no black faces in Gateway Center at quitting time, in the offices of the utility

companies or in Allegheny County schools. . . .

Intuitively, he knew that he had to reach beyond the league's traditional allies and into the city's power structure to effect meaningful change. He did that . . . by convening an ongoing dialogue between the region's top corporate executives and leaders from the black community.

. . . Its advocacy for affirmative action, fair housing and school desegregation was rarely popular, but Mr. Edmunds didn't worry about offending a source of funding. "If we let our funders set our agenda," Mr. Edmunds would say, "we should go out of business." The league went right on offending, but never lost a contract because of it.

Archon Edmunds extended the same efforts toward achieving equality in health services and ending the violence that was prevalent in the 1960's. Archon Edmunds's life work was celebrated during his lifetime when, after his retirement, the Pittsburgh Urban League named its buildings at 101 Hazlett Street in the Northview Heights neighborhood the Arthur J. Edmunds Center. His name is also engraved on the Freedom Corner monument along with those of other Pittsburghers recognized as civil-rights heroes, and he was named a director emeritus of The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Archon Edmunds graduated from Fisk University with a B.A. in history and government and earned a master's degree in education from Drake University. Before joining the Pittsburgh Urban League, he was chief of the Flint, Michigan, affiliate; he also served with the Urban League of St. Louis. Archon Edmunds is survived by his Archousa, Gladys Bayne Edmunds; four children; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



Enyi Okereke

The Archons of South New Jersey's Delta Epsilon Boulé were extremely saddened by the sudden death of their beloved colleague, friend and brother Archon Enyi Okereke, who succumbed to a heart attack on November 24. He passed into eternity while doing the Lord's work: As part of his ongoing efforts to develop programs to improve medical care in his beloved country, Nigeria, Archon Okereke had traveled to the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital in Enugu to participate in a training program for surgeons who specialize in arthroscopic techniques in orthopedic surgery. His Sigma Pi Phi sponsor, Immediate Past Sire Archon Carey Tucker, said of him: "Archon Okereke was a consummate physician, academician and researcher who was respected by his peers, students and patients for the knowledge and expertise that he commanded."

An associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and chief of the division of foot and ankle surgery at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Archon Okereke dedicated his life to serving the university and his patients after completing his formal education: In 1977 he received his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in biochemical pharmacology; in 1983 he earned a doctor of

pharmacy degree at Mercer University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; and in 1987 he received his doctor of medicine degree from Howard University College of Medicine.

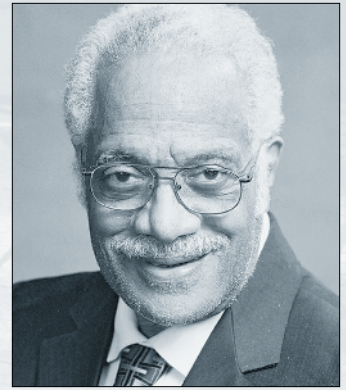
For more than twenty years Archon Okereke was an integral part of the department of orthopedic surgery, both as a resident and as an attending. He was fondly referred to as the International Man of Mystery by his residents, as trips abroad were not unusual for him. Although residents were sometimes disappointed to hear that he would be away for a few weeks during their rotation, that disappointment was tempered by inspiration in witnessing how important this outreach work was to him. Often he could be seen arriving promptly at the hospital on Monday in time for his first case at 7:30 A.M., having just returned from a four-day trip that had taken him through countries such as Italy, Tunisia and Brazil. At the end of each day, his custom was to collect the orthopedic and other medical devices and equipment that would normally be discarded so that they could be sterilized and used for his next medical mission.

Archon Okereke's students will always remember his profound energy and love for life as well as the high standards he set for patient care. Under his mentorship, there was much to learn both inside and outside the operating room. Archon Okereke's ability to maintain life balance was without a doubt his most important lesson: "No matter how successful you are in any industry, the hardest thing that you will ever work toward is achieving life balance. Never lose perspective – that is the key to attaining happiness.

In the words of a former resident who worked under him, "Dr. Okereke will be sorely missed, but his teachings will forge ahead through us, his residents. We thank him for

his tutelage, and our wish is to perpetuate the values and skills he has bestowed upon us. If we have the good fortune to be able to touch the lives of a thousandth of the number of people Dr. Okereke has, with such sterling character and grace, we will have lived our lives according to his teaching. His encouraging words and countless acts of sincere caring for his family, his patients and his residents will live on as a loving legacy of a man of character and integrity who led by his example."

The Archons of Delta Epsilon give thanks for the life of their beloved brother, who was also vice president of the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society, as well as a longtime active member of the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas, New Jersey Chapter. A dedicated, God-fearing husband and father who loved the Lord, Archon Okereke is survived by his Archousa, Moriam, and his children: Kelechi, Kalaya and Karim.



Isaac H. Miller, Jr.

Archon Isaac H. Miller, Jr., of Greensboro, North Carolina's Beta Epsilon Boulé died November 1 at the age of 88. He was born September 26, 1920, in Jacksonville, Florida, the third child and second son of Isaac H. Miller, Sr., and his wife, Hattie. Archon Miller was the principal of Cookman Institute before it moved to Daytona Beach, Florida, and became Bethune-Cookman College. How fitting that his youngest child would grow up to become a professor and later the eleventh president of Bennett College, continuing a magnificent legacy dedicated to the educating of young minds.

Archon Miller spent his formative years in both Mississippi and North Carolina as his father moved the family while serving as dean and teaching at Bennett, Rust and Livingstone Colleges. After graduating from J.C. Price High School, Archon Miller became a proud Livingstone College Blue Bear. When he completed his undergraduate work, he started his teaching career in the North Carolina public-school system at Granite Quarry. Archon Miller always had a love for research, and early in his teaching career he decided to return to higher education, ultimately earning his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The young Archon Miller made a commitment to teach students who were pursuing higher education, a

decision that would forever enrich his life.

Archon Miller served his country proudly in World War II as a member of the 92nd Infantry Division's Buffalo Soldiers Division in Italy. After the war he returned to higher education, teaching in the chemistry department at North Carolina A&T State University. Toward the end of his tenure there, an intelligent and beautiful young woman by the name of Effie Jane Elliott caught his eye. They were married on October 9, 1953, and blessed with five children. He always said that his best decision was asking Effie Elliott to be his bride. After leaving North Carolina A&T State, Archon and Archousa Miller moved to Nashville to begin their family life, with Archon Miller joining the faculties of Meharry Medical College and Tennessee A&I. In 1966 Archon Miller was offered the incredible opportunity to become president of Bennett College.

A devoted church member and civic leader, Archon Miller was a member of many organizations and boards, including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Prince Hall Masons, the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, the Children's Home Society, the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society, United Methodist Men, the Wachovia Bank Board and the Greensboro Men's Club.

His Archousa, Effie, and his son Kevin Elliott Miller preceded him in death. Archon Miller is survived by sons Isaac III, Eric and Keith Miller; daughter Kay Miller Askew; nephews J. Cecil Simpson, Jr., Ralph Shaw, Clarence Harris and Eugene Harris; niece Essie Harris; grandchildren Jillian, Isaac IV, Elena, Joshua, Braxton, Colby, Kacy and Kyla; and a host of dear cousins, other relatives and friends. Archon Miller's family and friends pay tribute to and celebrate the life of a phenomenal man who was a model son, father, uncle, grandfather and friend. From Isaac III, Eric, Keith and Kay: "Daddy, we will love you eternally!"



Albert J. Parker

Archon Albert J. Parker of Dayton's Sigma Boulé passed away November 1. Archon Parker, who was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, and educated in the Portsmouth public schools. He received his B.S. in 1943 from Wilberforce University and his M.A. in 1957 from American University.

Boo, as he was affectionately known to his friends, completed the four-year ROTC program at Wilberforce; however, because the Advance ROTC Summer Camps were suspended in 1942 as a result of World War II, the nationwide class of 1943 was not commissioned. Upon graduating from the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1943, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve. In 1946 he accepted a commission as a second lieutenant, infantry, in the regular Army. Archon Parker was also a graduate of the Infantry Officers Advanced Course and the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1963 he was inducted into the honor roll and hall of fame for officer-candidate graduates at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning for displaying outstanding leadership ability.

During a military career that spanned more than thirty years, Archon Parker had a number of command and staff assignments in the United States and Pacific, Europe, Korea and Vietnam. In the

United States he worked in the Pentagon's Office of the Secretary of Defense for manpower and personnel. He was also an assistant professor of military science at Howard University and a professor of military science and tactics at Florida A&M University. Archon Parker served a tour as chief of operations, senior division, and deputy chief of staff, ROTC, Headquarters, Third U.S. Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia. His foreign assignments included the Republic of Korea Infantry School, Combined Investigations Division in the Office of Inspector General, and U.S. Military Assistance Command in Vietnam. After retiring from the Army, Archon Parker continued to be involved with JROTC at the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home and went on to become director of alumni affairs at his alma mater, Wilberforce.

Archon Parker received numerous decorations and awards, including the Bronze Star Medal with Oak-Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak-Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak-Leaf Cluster, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with Oak-Leaf Cluster, the United Nations Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device and the Department of Defense Identification Badge. His other honors include receiving Wilberforce University's Dedicated Service Award in 1982; Sigma Boulé's Dedicated Service Award Plaque, in recognition of outstanding and significant service as Grammateus in 1986 and 1987; and the Dedicated Service Plaque of the Chi Lambda chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, in 1994.

This Archon truly dedicated his life to public service and volunteerism. He was a member of the Holy Trinity A.M.E.

Church; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; the board of directors of the Wilberforce University Alumni Association (WUAA); the Presidents Club, WUAA; Daniel A. Payne Society WUAA; the Wilberforce Community Property Owners and Voters Association, Inc.; Disabled American Veterans; and the board of the Greene County Public Library. He and his Archousa, Jeanne, were married for more than sixty years, and he was the proud father and father-in-law, respectively, of Carolyn and Eugene Williams and a devoted grandfather to Van, Lanita and Kevin Scott. He was also the beloved great-grandfather of Timothy, Chelise and Blair Scott; Brianna Turner; and Caleb Flinn.



Maxine Phillips

Wife of Archon Edward Phillips of Sacramento, California's Gamma Epsilon Boulé, Archousa Maxine Phillips, died on November 1. She spent her professional life as a mentor, role model and advocate for young people.

Born in New Iberia, Louisiana, in 1940, Maxine Teresa Broussard moved with her family to California and graduated from high school in Salinas. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and two master's degrees – one in counseling and the other in black studies – from California State University at Hayward. Archousa Phillips began her teaching and counseling career at Laney College.

As a counselor at Sacramento City College (SCC), where she worked from 1989 to 2006, Archousa Phillips helped students select courses for transfer to schools in the California State University and University of California systems. She and Archon Phillips, whom she married in 1986, also led visits to historically black colleges such as Morehouse and Spelman to inspire African American students to aim high. In addition, the couple raised scholarship money, including a fund established in memory of her son, Kevin Anthony Chapman, who died in 1989. Archousa Phillips was much loved by faculty, staff and students at SCC.

Prominent in the African American community,

Archousa Phillips belonged to The Links, Inc., and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. She was also a member of book clubs in Sacramento and the Bay Area. A longtime survivor of breast cancer, she shared her story with support groups and participated in breast-cancer fund-raisers. In 2002 the *Sacramento Observer* named her one of its Women of Inspiration for speaking out about the disease.

A dignified, caring and unyieldingly truthful woman, Archousa Phillips loved to dance and throw a good party. She enjoyed traveling internationally with Archon Phillips, playing cards, cooking gumbo and relaxing with her "sistah" friends.

Archousa Phillips was preceded in death by her father, Elie Joseph Broussard, and son Kevin Anthony Chapman. She is survived by her beloved husband, Archon Edward Phillips; son, Craig W. Phillips; daughter, Kimberly Phillips; mother, Dula Broussard; brother, Norman Joseph Broussard; sister, Charlotte Ann Broussard; nieces, April Marie Broussard, Stacey Renee Hollis, Elizabeth Broussard, Candace Broussard and Karen Heines; nephews, Anthony Carson and Christian Broussard; and many other relatives, extended family and friends. A memorial service was held on November 7 at SCC. In lieu of flowers, contributions were made to the SCCF Kevin A. Chapman Scholarship Fund at SCC. Archousa Phillips will be deeply missed, but the spirit of this phenomenal woman will live forever within the many people whose lives she touched.



Deborah Louisa Ratliff

Archousa Deborah Louisa Ratliff of Eta Boulé, St. Louis, departed this life on September 25, 2008. She was born on July 11, 1951, in St. Louis, the only child of Arthur Odell Martin and Velma Louise Martin. Her grandmother Polly Jefferson, affectionately known as Nanny, was a major influence in her life.

She graduated from Lutheran High School North in St. Louis, obtained her nursing certificate from St. Louis Municipal School of Nursing, received her undergraduate and master's degrees from St. Louis University and went on to obtain a nurse practitioner's certificate in oncology from St. Louis University.

Well regarded in the field of nursing and highly sought after because of her ability to nurture and teach, Archousa Ratliff was a nurse in bone-marrow transplant units at Washington University and St. Louis University School of Medicine and an educational specialist with Amgen, Inc. She was also a lecturer and an oncology nurse-practitioner in a private medical practice. Most recently she was a clinical instructor for Chamberlain College of Nursing.

Her life was a testament to her belief in God, her dedication to the nursing vocation and her devotion to family and friends. She was an active member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday school, and a member of Alpha Kappa

Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Advanced Practice Nursing Association and Jack and Jill of St. Louis.

She has left to cherish her memory her loving husband of thirty-four years, Archon Harry K. Ratliff; a son, Geoffrey Byron Ratliff, married to Jasmine Hall Ratliff; a daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth Ratliff; her mother, Velma L. Martin; her half brother, Charles Martin; and a host of loving relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur O. Martin. Ω