

In Memoriam



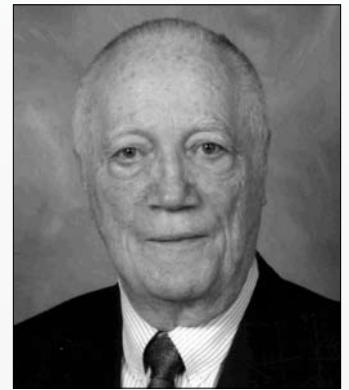
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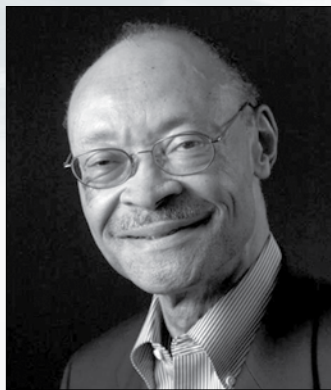
After several years of declining health, Archon Carl L. Armstrong, a retired obstetrician-gynecologist and a founding member of Alpha Phi Boulé, Toledo, passed away on February 24 at the age of 81. He was attracted to medicine as a career when, in his youth, he witnessed his father dying from lack of prompt and adequate care in a hospital emergency room. During his forty-four years of medical practice Archon Armstrong provided unsurpassed comprehensive reproductive services to thousands of women, delivered countless babies, and trained and mentored many local physicians. The highlight of his career was sharing his practice with his son Anthony, the present chief of the medical staff at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo.

Archon Armstrong was born in Pontiac, Michigan, and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in two and half years. He received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College and served his country as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

In addition to enjoying family-oriented activities, he loved flying his airplane and was an avid auto-racing enthusiast, and he fixed – or attempted to fix – anything that was broken in the house, car, cottage and everywhere else.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-eight years, Archousa Vernelis, a U.S. magistrate judge; sons Karl,

Anthony, Christian, Gregory and Michael; brothers Leonard and Richard; sisters Hazel Cobb, Geraldine Smith, Barbara Campbell, Valerie Irwin and Sharon Holmes; and loving mother-in-law Pearlean Kinsey.



Frank S. Greene, Jr.

Archon Frank S. Greene, Jr., Ph.D., died unexpectedly on January 26 at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, California. A charter member of Gamma Chi Boulé, San José, he served as its first Thesauristes and later as Sire Archon. He is credited with guiding the growth and development of the boulé, making it one of the most vibrant in northern California.

Born in Washington, D.C., in 1938, he was raised in St. Louis, where he began his extensive studies in electrical engineering, graduating with a B.S. from Washington University. He went on to earn a master's degree from Purdue University and later, after serving in the U.S. Air Force, a doctorate from Santa Clara University; he was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from that institution and the first to sit on its board of trustees.

One of the first black cadets to complete the four-year U.S. Air Force ROTC program, he went on to attain the rank of captain. He served for four years as an electronics officer devel-

oping high-performance computers for the National Security Agency.

In 1965 he began working in the research department at Fairchild Semiconductor, assisting in the development of a patented memory-chip design, the fastest at that time. In 1971 he became the founding CEO of Technology Development Corp., a computer-software and technical-services company that grew from four employees to more than 300 by 1985, with annual revenues of more than \$30 million. That year he founded Zero One Systems as an offshoot of TDC.

As the founding general partner of New Vista Capital in 1993, he focused on funding minority businesses and those run by women. Subsequently he launched New Vista Capital Funds, a private equity venture capital fund to assist start-up technology companies as a business and financial adviser.

He was also an excellent teacher who shared his expertise with students of computer science and electrical engineering at Stanford University, Santa Clara University, Howard University and Washington University.

An active board member of such companies as Technology Development Corp., Networked Picture Systems, Comsis Corp., Beyond Software, BroadWare Technologies, Compliance Coach, Inc., Quippe Technologies, ZNYX Networks, Inc., and Epicentric, Inc., he excelled as a community leader. He also participated in numerous community activities as a board member of the National Conference for Community and Justice, the American Musical Theater of San José and the Home Savings Community Partnership Council.

He received the Purdue University Outstanding Electrical Engineer Award in 1999 and was named Santa Clara

University's Distinguished Engineering Alumnus in 1993. He was inducted into the *BusinessMakers* section of History Makers in 2002. A senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley and affiliated with The African Network, he founded the GO-Positive Foundation to prepare disadvantaged youths for leadership roles in higher education as well as other venues using what he called "core positive values." Members of these groups and Gamma Chi Boulé met with relatives and friends on March 6 for a touching Celebration of Life ceremony for the beloved Past Sire Archon.

Archon Greene is survived by a daughter, Angela W. Gage; a son, Frank Greene III; two grandchildren, Henry Joe Gage III and Jacqueline Phyllis Gage; and a brother, Arthur Greene, M.D., of Moorestown, New Jersey.



Ruby Hemphill Handcox

Archousa Ruby Hemphill Handcox, wife of Archon Berl L. Handcox, Sr., of Austin, Texas's Gamma Gamma Boulé, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on February 12, 1932, in the Woodland community west of Mexia, Texas, to Dixie Mae Carroll and William Hemphill, Sr., Archousa Ruby attended the Woodland public schools, graduating in May 1950. She began

her undergraduate studies at Prairie View A&M College of Texas, where she met and married Archon Handcox. While pursuing her degree – her majors were business administration and Spanish – she worked for the director of the Texas Interscholastic League and Placement Services. After graduating with honors in 1959, she launched her distinguished career in education, teaching at these Texas schools: Schwartz High School in Hempstead, the Austin County High School in Sealy and Kemp High School in Bryan.

After obtaining her master's degree in counseling and administration from Texas State University, Archousa Ruby moved with her family in 1965 to Austin, where she continued her illustrious career at several levels with the Austin Independent School District (AISD): She was a teacher at Lanier High School; a counselor and dean of girls at Austin High School; assistant principal for thirteen years at Johnston High School; and principal at the Alternative Learning Center. After a brief retirement, she returned to hold several interim AISD administrative assignments until finally retiring in 2003.

Distinguished by her gifted strategies, caring attitude and disciplined approach as an educator, Archousa Ruby was recognized as an excellent teacher and outstanding administrator. She loved all students, and her expectation that all of them would excel was undergirded by her belief that classrooms must be environments that support effective teaching and promote students' potential. Because of her devotion to education within the AISD, the Austin Teachers Association named her Administrator of the Year in 1988. On the day of her second retirement, the Austin City Council and then-Mayor

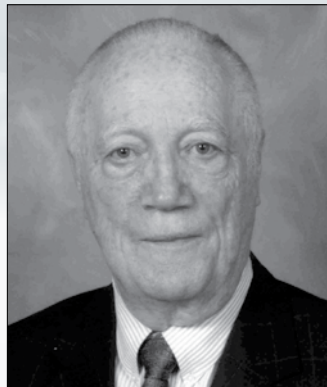
Gus Garcia declared it "Ruby Handcox Day" in Austin.

In addition to her educational accomplishments, Archousa Ruby was actively involved in the Austin community. A charter member of the Town Lake chapter of The Links, Inc., she became its secretary, parliamentarian, vice president and president. Archousa Ruby, who sat on the boards of Austin Child and Family and the United Way, was also an active member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. She had a passion for the game of bridge and belonged to five bridge clubs: the Grand Slam Bridge Club, the I Bid a Club Bridge Club, the Austin/Travis County Duplicate Bridge Club, the Players Bridge Club and the Northwest Neighbors Bridge Club. She treasured her garden and backyard and could often be found tending to her plants well into the night.

Early on Archousa Ruby had joined Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church in the Woodland community; she continued her faith journey at the Metropolitan A.M.E. and St. John's United Methodist churches, both in Austin. As a devoted member of St. John's, she sang in the Cokesbury and Chancel choirs, participated in a Sunday-school discussion class, and was treasurer of the Joanna Circle of the United Methodist Women.

Archousa Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, William and Dixie Hemphill; three sisters: Willie Mae Jackson, Gladys Hobbs and Dixie Nelson Washington; and her son Berl L. Handcox, Jr. Left to cherish her memory are her husband of fifty years, Archon Berl L. Handcox, Sr.; her sons Gary A. Handcox and Robert T. Handcox; three sisters: Margaret Echols, Naomi Reed and Joyce Arterberry; two brothers: William Hemphill, Jr., and Waymon Hemphill; seven grandchildren; three

great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. The Archons and Archousai of Gamma Gamma Boulé will miss her inspiring, calming and endearing presence.



E. Perry Palmer

Archon E. Perry Palmer of Alpha Iota Boulé, Columbia, South Carolina, president and director of Palmer Memorial Chapel of Columbia, died on February 3 at Providence North-east Hospital.

Born in Sumter, South Carolina, on August 9, 1935, he was the third of four sons born to Edmund Perry and Ellie Naudin Dibble Palmer. His paternal grandfather, Robert John Palmer, and maternal grandfather, Eugene Herriott Dibble, served in the South Carolina Legislature during Reconstruction, and Archon Palmer was a descendent of Bonds Conway, the first black citizen in Camden to buy his own freedom.

Archon Palmer prepared himself early for his life's work by following in the footsteps of his late father, who had been the first black funeral director and embalmer in Sumter County. In keeping with his legacy, he would become passionate in ensuring that professional standards of excellence be achieved and maintained.

After attending Mather Academy in South Carolina and Monson Academy

in Massachusetts, Archon Palmer went on to graduate from North Carolina A&T State University and to complete his professional training at the American Academy of Funeral Service in New York. He was past president of the South Carolina Morticians Association and held leadership positions in the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association. His efforts earned him many honors, including a citation from the American Academy of Funeral Service.

A successful businessman, he was beloved as a philanthropist and humanitarian who would personally sponsor Adopt-A-School, Youth-at-Risk and Just-Say-No programs. He also supported various youth and adult recreation programs and provided scholarships for students at the Benjamin E. Mays Academy for Leadership Development and the South Carolina Small Minority Business Development Corporation.

In 1998 he was the first African American to receive the United Way of the Midlands Humanitarian Award since its inception in 1984. In 1999 the state of South Carolina presented him with the Order of the Silver Crescent. Other awards included the Joint Concurrent Resolution from the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives for his humanitarian efforts, induction into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame, a Lifetime Service Award from Carolina Scholarships, Inc., and the Vessel of Honor as a sustaining charter donor from the National Council of Negro Women.

He was generous with his time as a board member of such organizations as Columbia Urban League, Indian Waters Council of the Boy Scouts of America (Silver Beaver), Palmetto Health Foundation, the State Chamber of Commerce, United

Way of the Midlands, First Citizens Bank, Central Carolina Community Foundation, Benjamin E. Mays Academy for Leadership Development, James R. Clark Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, South Carolina Arts Commission, South Carolina State Museum Foundation, Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia College and Heathwood Hall Episcopal School; he was past chairman of the Board of Juvenile Corrections.

Archon Perry's Archousa, Grace Justine Brooks Palmer, preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, Brooks Naudin Palmer, and his daughter, Ema Pinn Palmer, and six grandchildren.



Dallas's Alpha Epsilon Boulé lost a decorated veteran and an accomplished engineer when Archon Hugh G. Robinson peacefully passed away at his home on March 1. Born August 4, 1932, in Washington, D.C., to James H. and Wilhelmina Robinson, he received his bachelor's degree in 1954 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he achieved the distinction of being named the academy's first black regimental commander. He obtained a master's degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1954. He also received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Williams College and completed the Harvard Management Program for Executives.

After graduating from West Point, Archon Robinson pursued an illustrious career in the Army until his retirement in 1983. He was sent to Korea with the Corps of Engineers. After his tour of duty there, he held several Army staff positions in the United States and France. Returning from France, Archon Robinson worked for the deputy chief of staff for operations at the Pentagon. He received an Air Medal, a Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit and Army Commendation Medal. During his tour in Vietnam, he commanded the 39th Engineer Battalion (combat) and was executive officer of the 45th Engineer Group.

His military career included a number of prestigious posts and milestones as "first African American soldier." Upon returning to Washington, D.C., from Vietnam, he was appointed a military aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965, becoming the first African American to serve in this position in the White House. He held the appointment for the remainder of Johnson's presidency. With fond memories of service in the White House, Archon Robinson recalled, "I learned more in that tour than I could have ever learned in fifty years of college or university anywhere about the political process – how powerful people deal with powerful people."

In 1972 he returned to West Point as 3rd regimental tactical officer, developing and training cadets to be future leaders. After his assignment at his alma mater, Archon Robinson was promoted to colonel and chosen to command the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In 1978 he was promoted to brigadier general and became the Corps of Engineers' first African American general officer. He was deputy director of the Civil Works program at the

corps and in 1980 assumed command of the Southwestern Division, a position he held until his retirement. He oversaw myriad engineering projects in one of the largest areas of responsibility for the corps in the United States.

After retiring from the military as a major general in 1983, Archon Robinson became vice president of Southland Corp. and president of Cityplace Development Corp., a Dallas subsidiary of Southland. He was responsible for construction of Cityplace's huge new office complex. From 1989 to 2002 he continued as a consultant to the development and was also chairman and chief executive officer of the Tetra Group, Inc., a construction management company. He was also vice chairman and chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for seven years.

Despite his demanding postmilitary career, Archon Robinson was deeply involved in civic affairs and a tireless worker in the community. The founder and board chairman of the Dallas Youth Services Corps, he was also cochairman of Dallas Promise – which provides young adults with opportunities to enhance their education, work ethic and citizenship skills – and the Dallas Together Forum. A member of numerous boards of directors – including CarMax, Inc.; Circuit City; Guaranty Bank; IMCO Recycling, Inc.; Belo Corp.; and Aleris International, Inc. – he was also a trustee or board member of the Dallas Museum of Art, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, the African American Museum in Dallas and North Texas Public Broadcasting, Inc. In addition, Archon Robinson was a member of the Dallas Citizens Council, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas Black Chamber of

Commerce. Most recently he sat on an advisory council to President Barack Obama.

Archon Robinson is survived by his lovely Archousa, Paula; his son, Colonel Hugh G. Robinson, Jr. (retired), and his wife, Kim; his daughter, Susan Robinson Wells, and her husband, Art, and daughter, Ashley; his sister, Leonora Robinson Fay, and her husband, David; his stepdaughter, Mia Lane; and a host of other family and friends. Alpha Epsilon Boulé celebrates the life of Archon Robinson, who was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full honors.



Pioneering civil-rights attorney and judge Archon John H. Ruffin, Jr., of Kappa Boulé, Atlanta, died on January 29 at the age of 75. Born on December 23, 1934, in Waynesboro, Georgia, to John H. Ruffin, Sr., and the late Anna Louise Davis Ruffin, he attended Morehouse College and Howard University School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1961. His crusade for justice on behalf of children is legendary, and his mentoring, advising and teaching contributed to the development of countless legal minds. In 1967 he married Judith Fennel, a Spelman College graduate from Bath, South Carolina, and they made their home in Augusta.

In 1986 Governor Joe Frank Harris appointed Archon Ruffin as a superior court judge of the Augusta Judicial Circuit. The first

African American to hold this position and the first African American member of the Augusta Bar Association, in 1994 he became the sixty-second judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia when he was administered the oath of office by Governor Zell Miller. At that time he established a residence in Atlanta. Named chief judge in 2005–06, the first African American to hold that position in the court's history, he spearheaded the court's centennial year celebration in 2006.

He was a member of the bars of the Supreme Court of Georgia, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia.

He was board chairman of the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education and a member of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia, the Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia, the Georgia Commission on Gender Bias, the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the advisory council of the Georgia Legal Services Program, the Judicial Nominating Commission, the Georgia Conference of Black Lawyers, the American Judicature Society, the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Atlanta Bar Association.

The Court of Appeals of Georgia honored him on September 11, 2008, with a ceremony for the unveiling of his portrait, which hangs in the courtroom.

Archon Ruffin is survived by his wife, Archousa Judith Fennell Ruffin; his son, Simeon Brinkley Ruffin, married to Candace; his father, John H. Ruffin, Sr.; grandsons Bryson and Ellison Ruffin and sisters Jeanette Gordon and Shirley Jones-Brady.



Carrie H.R.F. Simms

Archousa Carrie Hosanna Robinson Freeman Simms, 78, Beta Psi Simms, 78, Beta Psi Boulé, Albany, New York, wife of Archon H. Noble Simms, passed away February 19 at their home.

She was born in Sumter, South Carolina, to David and Louise Tindell Robinson on January 27, 1932. A graduate of the former Brooklyn Jewish Hospital School of Nursing and Empire State College, she was a registered nurse at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady for many years. She also taught the licensed practical nurse program at the former Wilbur H. Lynch High School in Amsterdam for thirteen years, retiring in 1990.

Archousa Sims was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church. She was also a member of New York State United Teachers, the New York State Nurses Association and many other social organizations.

She was predeceased by her first husband, McCalvin E. Freeman, Sr. She is survived by Archon Simms; four children: Michele L. Freeman of Denver; Adrienne C. Freeman of Menands, New York; Carolyn Swasey of Londonderry, New Hampshire; and McCalvin E. Freeman, Jr., of Airmont; five grandchildren: Justin Freeman of Menands; and Taylor, Ashlee, Caylin and Blair Swasey of Londonderry; and a sister, Gloria Gamble of San Diego.



John A. Smith

Longtime veterans advocate Archon John A. Smith of San Diego's Alpha Pi Boulé, who volunteered countless hours to various veterans projects and organizations, died of heart failure on January 31 at the age of 62. Friends and colleagues knew Archon Smith, a former combat medic, as "a veteran's veteran" who fought for veterans' rights long before doing so was popular.

Born January 13, 1948, in New York City to Carmen and Alfred Smith, Archon Smith grew up in Brooklyn. He joined the U.S. Army in 1966 and became a medic with the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam. During his tour of duty he was wounded three times and spent several years recovering from his injuries. After being medically retired as a disabled veteran in 1972, he went on to earn a degree in psychology from Long Island University in 1976. Archon Smith, who worked for the U.S. Postal Service for more than twenty years before retiring in 1999, moved with his family to San Diego in 1982.

Archon Smith made it his mission to assist as many fellow veterans as possible. In addition to helping organize the annual Stand Down event, which provides services to homeless vets, and raising money for the Veterans Village of San Diego, he also sat on the San Diego County Veterans Advisory Council. Archon Smith was also a special representative

for the California Department of Veterans Affairs and was one of the first employees hired by the Veterans Home of California, Chula Vista, when the state facility opened in 2000.

Active with the Mount Soledad Memorial Association, the United Veterans Council of San Diego County, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Archon Smith did not limit his civic activities to veterans groups. In addition to being an executive board member of San Diego's Catfish Club, he was involved with the city's Martin Luther King Day Parade Committee, the Crestwood Community Planning Board and San Diego's Neighborhood House Association.

Archon Smith is survived by his Archousa of thirty-two years, Lenora; his son, Keith, and daughter, Kimberly; his sisters, Sylvia Isabel and Kim Nimoy; his brother, Sydney; and two granddaughters.



R. Jeffery Spencer

Archon Rozelle Jeffery Spencer of Delta Alpha Boulé, Northern Illinois, was gently placed into the hands of the Lord at his home on March 1. He accepted Christ and was baptized by the Reverend Charles Finister of Chicago. Born on July 3, 1936, and raised in Memphis, Archon Spencer graduated from Manassas High School, and that same night he boarded a train for Chicago. He enrolled at DePaul Univer-

sity and later graduated from Northeastern Illinois University.

Soon achieving prominence as an innovative and enthusiastic businessman and entrepreneur, he served Chicago and the state of Illinois in numerous communities – including Bronzeville, South Shore, Hyde Park and Auburn Gresham – for four decades. A few of his contributions in redevelopment areas are Aaron Brothers Moving System in 1969, Hyde Park Self Storage in 1991, South Shore Self Storage in 1996, and 83rd & Halsted Self Storage in 2004. He was a member of several boards and community-based foundations in the Chicago metropolitan area, including the South Side Community Art Center, and a founding member of the National Association of Guardsmen, Inc., Chicago chapter.

Affectionately known as Doc or Jeff by family and close friends, he was the youngest of seven children born to the late William Arthur and Octavia Spencer and the beloved husband of Archousa Winifred Spencer for more than forty years.

He leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Jeffery C. Spencer and Derrick C. Spencer, married to Andrea; grandson Elijah C. Spencer; granddaughter Leah K. Spencer; nephew Vincent Hardy; great-niece Kendra Hardy; niece Yvonne Greggs; great-nephews Vincent Hardy, Jr., Durelle Greggs and Michael Troy; and dear friend JoAnne Hogan.

He loved listening to jazz, collecting African art, traveling, spending quality time at his home in Michigan, being with his family, entertaining friends and sharing his love of fine dining. He touched the lives of many people with his smile and his generosity. If ever there was a life well lived, it was the life of Archon Jeff Spencer.



French Franklin Stone

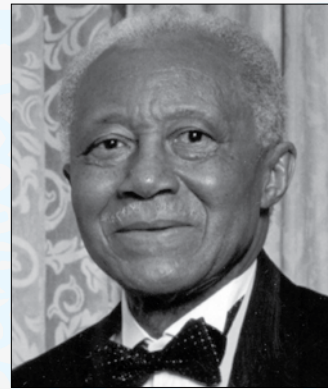
Archon French Franklin Stone, a charter member of Northern Virginia's Beta Nu Boulé, passed away on January 5 at age 96 at his daughter's home in Los Angeles after suffering from pneumonia. He was a retired executive director of the American Savings and Loan League, a trade association for minority savings and loan associations.

A native of Temple, Texas, and a 1933 graduate of Fisk University, Archon Stone pursued graduate studies at Omaha University and Indiana University, where in 1975 he obtained a graduate certificate from the program for savings and loan studies. As an executive vice president for the American Savings and Loan League in the 1970's and 1980's, Archon Stone helped develop an internship program that placed minorities at some of the nation's largest savings and loan associations. He joined the trade association after having worked as a business manager at Texas Southern University in Houston. In that city he became one of the country's first black owner-operators of a Shell gas station. He later became the director of Howard University's Small Business Guidance and Development Center.

Archon Stone, who was given the Outstanding Service Award by the American Savings and Loan League, was also recognized with the Class Honor Award by the Savings and Loan Institute of Indiana University.

In addition, he was awarded keys to the Texas cities of El Paso and Houston as well as New Orleans.

In the late 1990's Archon Stone moved to Delray Beach, Florida, from Arlington, Virginia. His first wife, Anne McIntosh Stone, died in 1963. His second wife, Archousa Elizabeth Walker Stone, died in 2008 after forty years of marriage. His survivors include two daughters from his first marriage: A. Rosemary Royal of Los Angeles and Elena Huckaby of Houston; two stepchildren: Daniel R. Reeves of Seattle and Deborah E. Reeves of Washington, D.C.; a brother; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



Edwin Wells Turner

Northern Illinois's Delta Alpha Boulé joins Archousa Gladys Turner in mourning the death on March 11 of Archon Edwin Wells Turner. Born September 20, 1913, in Gilmer, Texas, Archon Turner was the first of Estella Wells Turner and Lonnie Turner's three children.

Raised in the segregated South, Archon Turner was tempered by the challenges he met as he learned to navigate that social system. His father, his father's twin brother and their younger siblings were entrepreneurs who established a number of successful businesses throughout eastern Texas. Archon Turner's experience working in those enterprises

taught him that the only limits on success were those he allowed to constrain him. By helping out in the family restaurant as well as an upstairs boarding house and adjacent laundry, Archon Turner gained expertise in customer service. He learned to play the drums and trombone and to craft that great tenor voice while traveling with a small band and playing for various church events. Assisting his dad and uncle in their mortuary and insurance businesses gave him insight into comforting and connecting with people during difficult times.

After high school, Archon Turner attended Texas College, where he was an exemplary athlete: a two-time all-American in football for two different positions, a three-time all-conference basketball player and a track-and-field star. Not satisfied with his participation on the athletic field, he also sang with the glee club and choir. After graduating with honors, Archon Turner returned home to a teaching position at his old high school, where the school librarian – a petite young woman named Gladys Genevieve Ward – quickly captivated his heart. They were married in 1940 and remained a devoted couple for nearly seventy years.

Archon Turner entered the U.S. Army in 1942 as a second lieutenant. Ranked in the top of his class at the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was honorably discharged in 1946 as a first lieutenant. Soon afterward, Archon and Archousa Turner moved to Chicago. In 1948 Archon Turner joined Archousa Gladys on the staff at Roosevelt University. He also continued his education while teaching at the school, attending Michigan University and completing his master's studies at DePaul University.

At Roosevelt, Archon Turner founded the physical-education department, transforming it from just a recreational program into a curriculum that included an intramural and competitive collegiate program. At the time, Archon Turner was the only black coach of an integrated collegiate basketball team. He also coached soccer, softball, track, bowling, tennis and golf, yet the customs of the period prevented him from accompanying his players on the greens at the private golf courses where they competed. Because of his commitment to the students he coached, Archon Turner ignored this discrimination. He wanted the team to have opportunities – even those denied him – so he channeled his anger and worked harder than ever to encourage the young athletes in his care.

A great teacher and coach, Archon Turner also profoundly affected his students' lives off the court. He taught them respect, self-worth, honor, discipline and drive. One of those students – a basketball player named Ira Berkow – became a columnist and senior writer for *The New York Times*. Berkow wrote about the encouragement and support he received from his coach in the best-selling book *To the Hoop: The Seasons of a Basketball Life*. Archon Turner's outstanding work with his students contributed to his being named professor emeritus when he retired from Roosevelt in 1981.

Archon Turner, never one to sit still for long, remained an active sportsman in retirement and became even more involved in helping young people through civic and community organizations. A lifelong member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, he was also a charter member of Delta Alpha. His leadership over fifteen years helped bring the Northern

Illinois *boulé* national recognition through its mentoring program, designed to help young men complete their high-school education and attend college. Archon Turner was also a founding member of the Tee Birds Golf Club, as well as a board member of the Boy Scouts of America and the North Shore Senior Center. He contributed countless hours to assisting his wife in her capacity as a Delta Dear and Connecting Link, and enjoyed a hand or two of bridge with the Techny Bridge Club.

Devoted to his family and friends, Archon Turner kept in touch with them through telephone conversations, notes and letters, and the occasional visit. Most of all, he loved his wife, with whom he had a very special relationship. They drove to and from work together every morning and evening for more than thirty-five years. The couple also traveled around the world, attending the conferences of their various civic organizations.

Archon Turner was a loving husband; a committed, outstanding educator; a tremendous leader who passionately gave his gifts of inspiration and instruction; a wonderful son, big brother, cousin and uncle; a true friend; and a man who lived his faith rather than preached it. His life was an inspiration to family, friends and colleagues, and his death leaves a huge void. He will be missed beyond measure.



Joanne Elizabeth Workman

Archousa Joanne Elizabeth Workman, Alpha Kappa *Boulé*, Buffalo, died on February 11 at Buffalo General Hospital following a lengthy illness; she was 63. She was preceded in death by Archon Daniel S. Workman, Jr., whom she married in 1966 and with whom she had three children: Latrise, Daniel III and Stewart.

Born on February 20, 1946, in Buffalo, Archousa Workman began her education at St. Boniface School, graduated from East High School and continued her education at Buffalo State College. She began her thirty-five-plus-year career with the Buffalo Public School System in 1971. In addition to follow-through programs in numerous elementary schools, in 1992 she began working at the Howard Lewis Parent Center as an educational-support professional, participating in the Even Start family literacy program, Project Spider and the Parent and Child computer program until her retirement in 2006.

A founding member and the first and second vice president of the Teacher's Aide Union's Buffalo Educational Support Team, she was also a trustee for the union's medical, dental and vision plans. Archousa Workman represented the local union as a state and national delegate for the National Education Association and was on the union's membership, newsletter and budget committees. She negotiated contracts for

teacher's aides, was a member of the New York State NEA Minority Affairs Committee, and lobbied for the union in Albany.

Dedicated to working with children and families, she said, "I believe all children have the right to learn and be protected and that all people should be respected no matter what their circumstances or the working environment they have endured." She was the recipient of a Black Educator Award, the True Bethel Church's Invisible Soldier Award and a New York State Assembly Congressional Recognition Award in addition to a citation for outstanding community service.

Archousa Workman sang for more than thirty years in parish choirs at St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church and St. Martin de Porres Roman Catholic Church, which presented her with two consecutive director's awards. She went on to join the Gospel Music Workshop of America. In keeping with her commitment to improving the lives of children and families, she participated in the family program Generation Strong in Faith at St. Martin de Porres and was a vacation Bible-school teacher.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Latrise, and son Daniel III; a granddaughter, Danae; and five sisters. In addition to her beloved Archon Workman, her son Stewart also preceded her in death. Ω



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