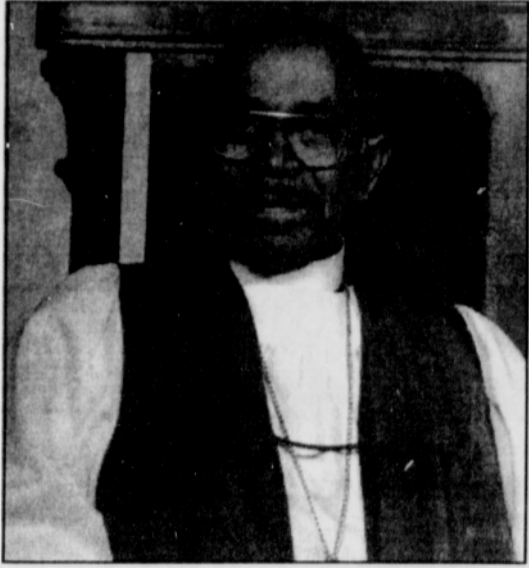


# RELIGION

## Obituary

In Memory of Rev. Joseph C. Foster



Also known as Bishop J.C. Foster. He was the Bishop of several churches in Christ churches in the Portland area.

Bishop Foster was married on August 3, 1942. He came to Veronica, Oregon and was the minister of his first C.O.G.I.C. church there, he moved to Portland as was pastor of St. Paul C.O.G.I.C. at its first location in 1945 and has been at his present location since 1958. He has been bishop since about 1958. Bishop Foster was a Co-Founder of the Albina Ministerial Alliance and had been a member of the Albina

Rotary Club.

Survivors include: Wife; Bertha B. Foster, Son; Earl L. Foster, Daughter; Wilma Faye Foster, Son; Lynn Foster, Son; James Foster, Daughter; Jo Evelyn Foster, Son Rev. Donald R. Foster, children were listed in order of age.

17 Grandchildren and a host of Great Grandchildren, Nieces and nephews survive him.

He was preceded in death by 9 sisters and 2 brothers.

His parents names were Jerry and Ellen Foster - now deceased.

July 25, 1905 - October 19, 1997

In Memory of Annie Ruth Hammond-Taylor



Annie Ruth Hammond-Taylor was born January 2, 1924 in Fordyce, AR, to the union of Ms. Donnie Wilkes and George Freeman. Annie Ruth and her two children, Patricia and Theodore joined her mother in Vanport in 1944.

She then met and married Finley "Joe" Hammond and three children were born, JoAnn, Finley, Jr. and Donna Jean. She worked with the public for 20+ years for Brooks Grocers and Tradewell (More For Less) as a grocery clerk.

She will be remembered for her warm smile and her thoughtfulness for others. Annie Ruth was a loving

mother and wife and a good friend to all.

She leaves to celebrate her home going, a loving husband, Oscar C. Taylor "Terry" of Portland, OR; six children, Patricia A. Williams, Theodore L. Freeman, JoAnn Marshall all of Portland, OR; Finley Hammond, Jr. of Phoenix, AZ, Donna J. Hammond and Oscar C. Taylor, Jr. both of Portland, OR; her mother, Donnie W. Long also of Portland, OR; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and good friends.

In Memory of Annie Lee Mays

Annie Lee Mays departed this life on October 13, 1997.

Mrs. Mays was born on February 11, 1917 in Shreveport, LA to Tom & Pearl Alexander.

She was one of 8 children, and confessed Christ at an early age. She became member of the Spring Hill Baptist Church. Under the leadership of the late Pastor Caples. She met and married Mr. Ben Shelton. To this union was born two children.

In 1956 she married Mr. Jessie Mays Jr. Seeking a better life for herself, with a grade school and high school education. She work several different jobs.

Moving to Portland, Oregon, working at the V.A. Hospital and several other jobs. Keeping good attendance, always on time until health wouldn't allow her to work.

In 1971, she became a member of the Paradise M. Baptist Church, where she served faithfully as an Usher. Until her health no longer permitted. She demonstrated her love and faithfulness by being in her Sunday School class every Sunday.



Sitting in her seat on the Mother's bench. Sunday School was her first commitment until her recent illness.

She leaves to mourn her home-going Daughters; Margaret J. Hill, 1 to proceed in her death, Estella M. Hamlin, Son in law; Rev. Robert C. Hill, 2 Sisters; Alberta Hershey, Tommy D. McCloud, 9 Grandchildren; Arenetter L. Freeman, Charles L. Hill Sr., Terry L. Hill Sr., Ruby M. Hill, Gracie A. Watkins, Patrick D. Hill, Cornell Hamlin. All of Portland, Oregon.

17 Great-Grandchildren 2 Great-Great-Grandchildren. A host of Nieces, Nephews, and Friends.

## Dr. Douroux joins forces to build "Gospel House"

Legendary gospel composer Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux, top selling gospel artist Kirk Franklin, along with some of gospel's top stars have joined forces to produce "Already Done", a benefit album recording whose proceeds will be used to build a national gospel museum- "The Gospel House."

"If Classical music has its shrine in Carnegie Hall; If Country music has its shrine in the Grand Ole' Opry; then Gospel music too deserves a shrine."

Know internationally for her compositions, many of which have become church standards such as "If It Had Not Been For The Lord On My Side," "What Shall I Render," "Give Me A Clean Heart," "If God Is Dead What Makes The Flower Bloom" and others. Dr. Douroux has been crisscrossing the country for the last decade lobbying for support to build the national gospel museum.

"Gospel music is uniquely American, created in this country by our slave forefathers. It's tremendous influence on American music and culture has never been fully recognized. The Gospel House will address this issue by commemorating and honoring gospel pioneers such as Mahalia Jackson, Rev. James Cleveland, Thomas Dorsey and others as well as providing a place for new and upcoming gospel artists to learn, study and record," says Dr. Douroux.

Nominated for a 1997 Stellar Award, gospel music's highest honor,



Dr. Margaret Douroux

the critically-acclaimed "Already Done" album is a 10-song compilation featuring one of the greatest col-

lections of gospel songwriters ever assembled including Kirk Franklin, Glenn Burleigh (Order My Steps), V. Michael McKay (The Potter's House) and Dr. Margaret Pleasant Douroux.

## Life Threatening Emergency

Christians must keep in mind biblical principles and instruction when making health care decisions. I Corinthians 6: 19-20 states: "What? Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your Body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

We are to realize, as Christians, our bodies belong to Christ and not ourselves. Therefore, the Christian is obligated to seek the Lord's will when making Health Care decisions. Additionally, Christian Health Providers also are to seek the Lord concerning patient health and medical ethics issues. James 5: 14-16 gives the Christian the following instruction: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the Prayer of faith shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" This scripture is also for today. When Christ walked this Earth, he was the greatest Physician. He was the golden standard with a cure rate of 100% in all diseases. The Holy Spirit has been

sent. Since Christ's ascension, he has bestowed on Christ's true church many different gifts, including the gift of healing (I Corinthians 12 12-1-14). \*Note verse 9, hence the admonition for the Christian is given in the previously quoted text found in the book of James.

We need to be reminded that, as Christians, our failure to seek and wait on the Lord' carefully for direction often leads to painful and difficult situations for our lives. A biblical example of this in the realm of illness was demonstrated in the life of king Asa when he sought the physician and not God (I Chron 1 6-12).

God uses physicians in the healing process. I, as a physician, am fully aware of this. Jesus Christ used a variety of methods in healing the sick. We, as Christians, are not to limit the Lord in the method he uses in our healing but we are to Seek the Lord's direction first in our decisions since we belong to him.

Proverb 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path."

We must keep life and death decisions in God's Hands-People make mistakes! Jesus said in Revelation 1:18, "I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore...and have the keys of hell and death."

We must make sure that the patient has every option for life before death is considered.

## Youth Gospel Music Workshop

Portland Metropolitan Youth Mass Choir hosts a youth gospel music workshop featuring guest conductors, Darriel Menefee and Neal Jones.

The Portland Metropolitan Youth Mass Choir will host a youth gospel music workshop Wednesday - Friday, November 5th - 7th, 6:00 - 9:00pm nightly at Bethel A.M.E. Church located at 5828 NE 8th.

Guest conductors will be Darriel Menefee and Neal Jones of the Washington State Chapter

of the Gospel Music Workshop of America in Tacoma, Washington.

The workshop will culminate in a Concert on Saturday, November 8th, 6:30pm at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church located at 3725 N. Gantenbein.

For further information, call Pearl Thomas (503) 283-0492 Portland Metropolitan youth Mass Choir is the youth division of the Portland/Vancouver Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc.



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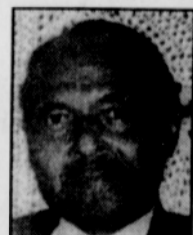
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