

RELIGION

In Loving Memory Of Philip "Butch" Washington

Sunrise: July 4, 1945
Sunset: January 16, 1999



Sheila's Poem

"To My Loving Husband"

Things and people come and go,
But the love I have for you will continue to grow and grow.
I will never find a love as strong as the love we had.
It was really what you would call the "Greatest Love of All!"
The Lord has taken you home to a much better place.
You now have no more hurt and no more pain...
Until we meet again.
Already missing you, I will always love you,

Your Wife, Sheila
Obituary

Philip "Butch" Washington who was known to many as "Butch" was born on July 4, 1945 in Vancouver, Washington to Erma Jean Durst and Philip Washington Sr. who preceded him in death.

Butch was called to rest January 16, 1999. Butch leaves behind to cherish his memories: his beloved wife, Sheila; his loving mother, Erma Jean Washington; mother-in-law, Maddie Richmond; his daughters, Shanna Washington and Quince Jenkins; his sons, Davis and Deano Jenkins; his grandchildren, Damien Jaquan Jenkins; and a host of many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Butch's greatest wish was to see his daughter Shanna give birth to her unborn child, her expected due date is March 1999. Her chosen name given by Butch is Shi'philla Washington.

The Thomas Whitfield Company Is Honored At 14th Annual Stellar Awards

Syndicated Telecast Will Be Broadcast throughout Black History Month

The Thomas Whitfield Company, was recently honored with the James Cleveland award at the 14th annual Stellar Awards ceremony in Atlanta, GA. The Stellers are the gospel industry's biggest night of the. the choir performed a rousing four song medley of their hits "Precious Jesus," "Wrapped Up, Tied UP," "Nothing But the Blood" and "Hold On" that drew a standing ovation from gospel stars CeCe Winans and Yolanda Adams and the capacity crowd at the Atlanta Civic Center. The two hour show also featured performances by Kirk Franklin, Fred Hammond and Dottie Peoples among others. It will be syndicated to television stations around the country in tribute to Black History Month this month.

When Thomas "Maestro" Whitfield died in 1992 at the age of 38, many in the gospel industry smirked that his choir's chances of continuing died with him. The choir lost their record deal and no other label would sign them in spite of their #1 hits such as "Hallelujah Anyhow," a few members left the group, and many of Whitfield's peers whispered that the group was dead too. However, the company known for their sophisticated style of gospel rallied their faith in God and persevered. It took five years for Donna Harris, the group's president, to find a record deal. Detroit's fledgling Crystal Rose Records (distributed by EMI Music worldwide) offered the choir a contract after they had been rejected by every major gospel label except one that offered them a rip-off contract that the choir rejected on principle.

Considering the industry's rejection of the Whitfield Company, they consider it a true blessing that the Stellar Awards is honoring their late founder's legacy at this time. This past summer the choir released its first album,



The Whitfield Company

Still... Whitfield (Currently #29 on Billboard's gospel chart), since Thomas Whitfield's death and recently made their first network television appearance when they performed on NBC's "Today Show." The group's current single "Hold On" which symbolizes their personal struggle to survive, is in heavy rotation at gospel radio stations across the country.

"Most people love a Phoenix rising from the ashes story and that's what we have here," Harris says. "So now that we've had success again, people are calling us again. For a long time, the phone never rang. It was no surprise that industry folks stopped calling, the surprise was that friends stopped calling too."

Tribute to African-American History/In God We Trust!

Deuteronomy 31:6
Sunday, February 21, 1999
at 5:45 p.m.

The Northwest African-American Ballet

Prospective Gents Step Troupe

theater, poems, dance, oratory presentations and much more!

St. Paul Baptist Church

8101 N. Fiske Ave.
Portland, Oregon

Come celebrate our heritage!!

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50th Anniversary Celebration

The late Rev. T.A. Sears came to Portland to organize a C.M.E. Church in 1949, the first C.M.E. Church in the Pacific Northwest. The Church was organized February 6, 1949 in the home of Sis. Hattie Spann. It started with twelve charter member and 25 members were added the first week of organization and these were the original members of the Church. (5 are still with us.)

Presently, the Pastor of Allen Temple C.M.E. Church is Rev Dr. LeRoy Haynes Jr. who came to us in November 1996 from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was assigned this charge by Bishop E. Lynn Brown at the 1996 Mid-Winter Council. We are blessed and overjoyed to have such a man after God's own heart to be the pastor at the Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. For more information please call 503-955-1024



Allen Temple CME Church launches it's 50th Anniversary Celebration Beginning Feb. 7, 1999

Revival In The Community

The Hardy Family is holding a Community-wide Revival at The Bew Freedom Assembly Church of God In Christ, 936 NE Beech St., Portland, OR. Nightly at 7:30 pm from January 31 - February 11, 1999. Salvation of Souls, Prayer for the sick, music and singing ministered by: Mo. Anorvia Hardy, Reverend W. J. Hardy, Ja, Mark, Lamar, thomas and Carmen. Everyone is welcome: no charge

The Freedom Assembly better known as: Mt. Sinai CO J.I.C. - Bishop W.J. Hardy, Sr. pastor.)

In Loving Memory of Robert Edward Ford Sr. Sunrise: May 19, 1932 Sunset: January 23, 1999

Robert Edward Ford Sr was born May 19, 1932 in Harell Arkansas to the late Ed and Mattie Ford. He departed this life on January 23, 1999 in Portland Oregon. Robert united with the Mt Tatum Methodist Church at an early age in Jersey, Arkansas. After coming to Portland Oregon he united with Vancouver Avenue 1st Baptist Church. He served in the US Army from 1952-1955. He worked for Boeing Air Craft in Seattle Washington, moving back to Portland where he worked at the Far West Federal Bank until it closed. Brother Robert Ford was a Past Grand Master of Enterprise Lodge #1. He was a member of Willamette Consistory 23 and a 32nd. Degree Mason. Robert leaves to cherish his memory; his loving wife Debra Ford, 16 children, Michael, Robert Perry, Robert Anthony, Robert Edward Jr., Jamarea, Timothy, Lavell Williams of Oakland, California, Vickie, Annette, Rhonda, Tasha, Mattie, Tracey, Angel, Shacoya and Donna Givens who preceded him in Death; 3 daughters-in-law; Phyllis, Eunice and Bobbie Ford, 24 Grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 4 sisters; Maxine Jones of Kansas City, Missouri, Alice Perkins, Frances Clinton and Wilmoth Sanders of Portland, Oregon, 1 Brother, William of Jersey, Arkansas, Katherine York of San Francisco, California, Francine Ellison of Kansas, City Missouri, Beatrice Nicholas of Paris Texas, and Rosie Ellison of Portland Oregon, and 1 Uncle Moses Williams of Jersey Arkansas, A host of Nieces, Nephews and Friends.

We will miss Robert but we know we will see him again. So we say sleep on "Bob" as he was sometimes called, take your rest, we all love you but God loves you best.

The National Black Evangelical Association is holding it's 36th Annual Convention

in Portland, Oregon

April 22-25, 1999. Our theme this year is "Redeeming and Restoring the City:
We are having a talent show March 6, 1999 Saturday at 6:00 pm at Mallory Avenue
Christian Church - 126 NE Alberta Portland, Oregon 97211 - Pastor Aaron Hamlin

• Starting date Feb 1-13 12:00 pm

• Feb. 20 Audition at Mallory Avenue Christian Church
126 NE Alberta. Pastor Aaron Halim

• Talent show March 6 Sat. at Mallory Avenue
Christian Church 126 NE Alberta

Contact person Evangelist Saun Dla J. Thomaston

What is your church/group doing for Black History Month?

New ideas and resources for a spiritual celebration
Are available at

North Portland Bible College Library

And the

Lillian Jenkins Resource Center,

At 4905 N. Vancouver Avenue

During office hours and evening class times.
At N/NE Portland Own Inter-Church Bible College,
Where Biblical Studies and Ministry training
Are offered

From within a multicultural context.

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