

RELIGION

Civil Rights Champion Dies at 100

Augustus F. Hawkins, the first African American from California to be elected to Congress and a champion of workers, fair housing and civil rights, has died. He was 100.

Hawkins, a Democrat who represented South Los Angeles first in the state Legislature and then in Congress for more than half a century, died Saturday at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md. of symptoms related to old age, his niece, Susan Jefferson, said Monday.

He began his public-service career in an era that was far less con-

genial to minority politicians, serving as a state assemblyman from 1935 before winning election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1962 as the civil-rights movement was taking center stage.

By the time he retired in 1990, Hawkins had served as a legislator for most of the 20th century.

His legislative legacy includes a key role in shaping federal statutes, most importantly as sponsor of the equal employment section of the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act that created the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Hawkins

fought with president after president for minimum-wage increases and, with Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), wrote the Humphrey-Hawkins Act of 1978 that was designed to reduce unemployment and inflation.

He also helped form the Congressional Black Caucus in 1971 and was the dean of the caucus when he retired.

Rep. Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles) said Hawkins had mentored a generation of black politicians.

"He was 'the only' for a long time," she said, referring to his

role as one of the first African-American members of the Assembly and Congress. "It was Gus Hawkins who gave us the credibility. It was Gus Hawkins who gave us the ideas. . . . He has left a sterling legacy."

In a statement, Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles), who holds Hawkins' former seat, called him "the author of some of the most significant legislation ever passed in the House . . . particularly in the areas of education and labor. . . . He cared about poor and working people."

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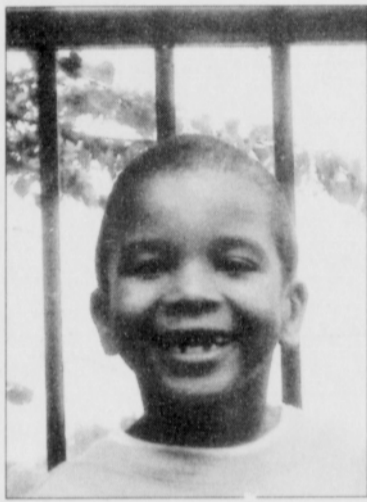


— Waiting for Adoption —

It won't be too hard to fall in love with this Romeo! He's true to his name, as folks describe him as engaging, sweet and caring -- an adorable little guy that is almost always in a good mood and has a delightful sense of humor.

Romeo is healthy and developmentally is on target in most areas. He suffered some early substance-withdrawal symptoms following his birth. Enriching and varied experiences can provide him with some of the learning opportunities he missed out on due to early neglect.

Romeo loves other children, and would be thrilled to have same-age



Romeo, age 7

or older siblings as playmates. An energetic, on-the-go family that can continue to introduce him to the many exciting possibilities the world has to offer would be a perfect match.

He is one of approximately 300 Oregon children available for adoption through the state, generally because of abuse and neglect.

For more information on the availability of this child, or on how to become a foster or adoptive parent, contact the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 503-542-2392 or the Department of Human Services at 800-331-0503.

Sisters in Action Celebrate

The community is invited to join a night of food and fun as the activist group Sisters in Action for Power hold their 12th-annual celebration, Friday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym near Alberta Street's St. Andrew Catholic Church, 4940 N.E. Eighth Ave.

Tickets are priced on a sliding scale from 10 to 25 dollars. If you have questions, or if you would like to RSVP, call 503-331-1244.

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Obituary In Loving Memory

Hattie Williams

Hattie Williams, a longtime Portland resident, died Oct. 26, 2007 in Los Angeles. She was 93 years old. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date with close friends and relatives to be notified.

Hattie moved from the Portland area in 2000 to live with her son Jerry Williams in Roundrock, Texas. In 2002, they moved to Los Angeles. She previously lived with her daughter Shirley and son-in-law Michael Thomas in Fairview, Ore.

She was born on April 12, 1914, in Mayhew, Miss. to Jefferson and Mary Alice Mustin Her formative years were spent in Baxter and McGee, Ark. On Sept. 25, 1941 she married Clarence C. Williams. He passed away July 22, 1995. They moved to Portland following the Vanport flood in 1948.

Hattie was a homemaker for many years. She also worked for the State of Oregon at the Albina Multi-Services Center for 18 years until her retirement in 1983. Hattie and Clarence traveled extensively. She always enjoyed sharing her vast experiences and encounters during her travels.

Hattie was very spiritual and had a good sense



of humor. She was always willing to share a funny story, some wisdom of advice. She had a very giving heart. If someone needed something, she would not hesitate to give, no questions asked.

Hattie loved to cook. Her family states she was the original "Rachel Ray," cooking a meal in 30 minutes or less with her pressure cooker. She was outspoken and enjoyed sharing her expertise and knowledge. She will also be remembered for the classy way she dressed.

She loved her family and will be forever missed and forever remembered by all those she loved and all who loved her.

Hattie leaves to mourn her passing, her children, Jerry, Delores Johnson of Portland, David Williams and wife Ana of Portland, Shirley and husband Michael Thomas and June A. Hill of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preceded in death by sons Charles Ford, Clarence Williams Jr., step daughter Dorothy Layden, sisters Mary Ann Miller, Irene Baker and brother Louis Mustin who died at age five; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and other friends.

Arrangements by Aaron Cremations and Burials of San Bernardino, Calif. Remembrances to the Susan G. Komen foundation.

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503-282-0555
- St. Vincent de Paul Holy Redeemer**
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Days/Hours: Sat. 3-5 p.m.
503-235-8431
- St. Vincent de Paul Immaculate Heart**
Services: Emergency food box, go to site for assistance.
Days/Hours: Tue. 3-5 p.m.
503-235-8431
- St. Vincent de Paul St. Charles**
Services: Emergency food box; no walk-ins.
Days/Hours: Mon.-Sun. (on call)
503-235-8431
- Salvation Army Moore St. Center**
Services: Emergency food box/pantry.
Days/Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 1-5 p.m.
503-493-3925, Ext. 34
- Carpenters Food Bank**
Services: Emergency food box/pantry.
Days/Hours: Third Friday of the month;
9 a.m.-2 p.m.
503-286-1898
- Allen Temple Food Pantry**
Services: Emergency food box/pantry.
Days/Hours: Tue. 5-7 p.m.;
Wed. & Sat.: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
503-284-1010
- St. Vincent de Paul St. Andrews**
Services: Emergency food box, go to site for assistance.
Days/Hours: Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.
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503-235-8431
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon NE Emergency Food Program**
Services: Emergency food pantry, harvest share.
Days/Hours: Mon., Tue. Thu., Sat.
1-4 p.m.
503-284-5470
- New Hope Missionary Baptist**
Services: Emergency food box, some clothing assistance, harvest share.
Days/Hours: Last two Wednesdays of the month;
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
503-282-8960
- We Care Outreach**
Services: Emergency food box/pantry, on-the-job training.
Days/Hours: Mon. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
503-287-6343
- William Temple House**
Services: Emergency food box, hygiene products, counseling, referrals.
Days/Hours: Mon.-Thu., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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