

*Obituaries*

# In Loving Memory

**Clarence Leon Borden**

Services were held on Thursday for Clarence Leon Borden, who died Feb. 11, 2011.

He was born Oct. 4 1937 to Julius Borden and Susan Wyatt (Borden) of Victoria, Texas where he completed grade school and high school. He attended Prairie View A & M University for one year prior to joining the United States Air Force in 1956. He remained in the Air Force until he retired with over 20 years of service in May 1976.

Clarence met and married

Dahlia Maggetti in 1968, while stationed at Great Falls, Mont. They were married for over 39 years.

He continued pursuing his education while in the Air Force and after retiring by attending the U.S. Air Force Community College at San Antonio, Texas; University of Puget Sound, Tacoma; Portland Community College; Portland State University; Western Oregon State University; and Concordia University.

He earned bachelor's degrees in corrections and psychology,



business administration and health care administration. He retired for the second time after serving five years with the Oregon Adult and

Family Services Division when frail health forced his retirement in 2003.

He was a member of numerous fraternal organizations, including the Mosaic Lodge #1, Grand Forks, N.D., African Lodge No. 459, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Enterprise Lodge #12001; Willamette Consistory #23; the Ancient Egyptian Arabis Order Nobles Mystic Shrine; and Mina Temple #68. He was an active member of the American Legion Post 30 in Gresham. His church affiliations were Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Greater St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church and Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church.

To know him was to love him. He was a tall soft-spoken person with kindness in his heart for

everyone. He often said, I've made some mistakes and God saw fit to forgive me. I want to spend my last days doing good for humanity. His favorite Bible passage was Psalms 121.

He shared the sorrow and joy of surviving his wife, mother, father and sister. Now they are together once again in a place where every day is Sunday and there is joy, joy, joy! ??

He leaves to cherish his memories, daughters Monica Borden-Ooley, Julie King, Silvana Dailey, and Victoria Boham; a foster daughter Victoria Boham; sons Dalroy Connell and Romeo Connell, 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

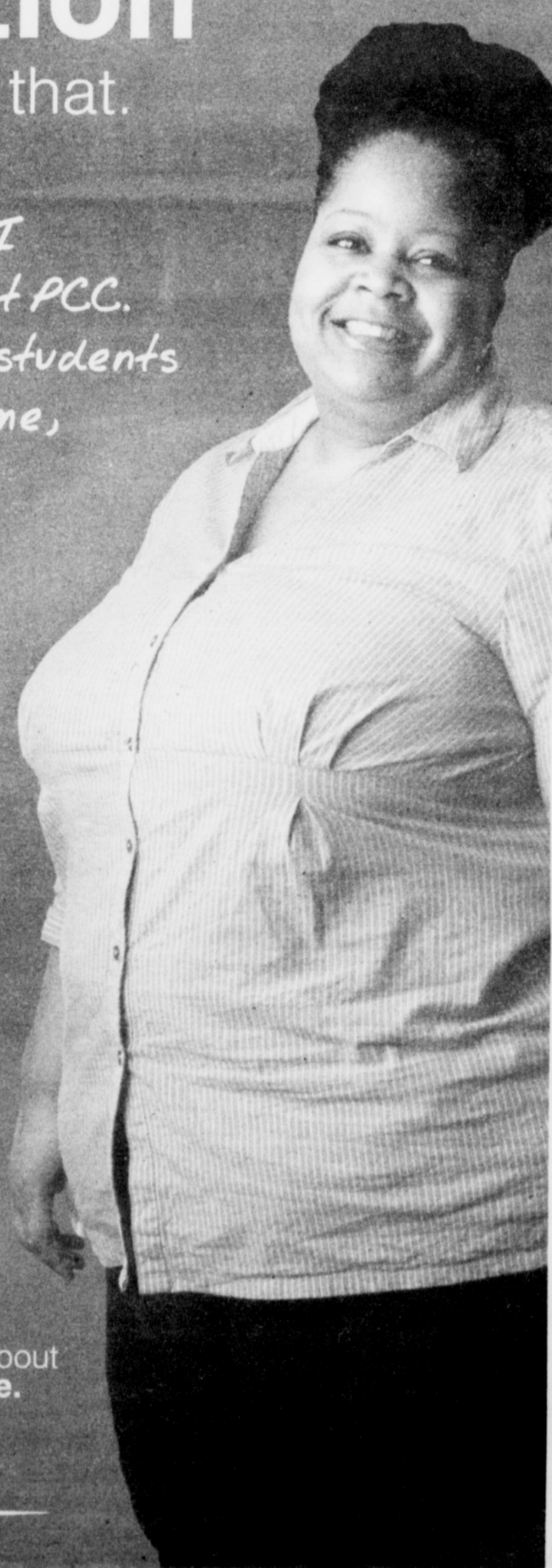
Arrangements entrusted to Terry Family Funeral Home.

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## Community Activist Dies at 63

**Evelyn Crews**

A celebration of life for Evelyn Marie Crews will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N Tillamook St. Everyone who wants to celebrate Evelyn's life is invited to attend. A private interment will be held at Rose City Cemetery.

She was born in Multnomah County on June 14, 1947, and died of cancer of unknown origin on Jan. 27, 2011.

Evelyn was the youngest child of the late Sadie Belle and Hosea Crews who came to Oregon from Alabama. Her older sister Ursula and brother Charles preceded her in death.

Evelyn graduated from Jefferson High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Portland State University. She was an active participant in various volunteer community organizations over four decades, including the Black United Front. She was a member of the Shining Start of Unity #1379 and the Mahogany Red Hatters.

Evelyn could be found at marches, rallies and other cultural events that focused on black people and what was right, just and fair.

Evelyn worked a variety of jobs. Notably, she directed two YMCA afterschool programs; counseled victims of domestic violence and youth; originated the Rider Advocate program, coordinating a team that delivered customer services on Tri-Met buses; served as the first legislative assistant to then Rep. Avel Gordly; and in her later years, Evelyn

worked as a school secretary at several Portland Public Schools.

Many will remember Evelyn for her involvement with Thara Memory and others in the Jazmin Community Marching Band. She and Thara got the Portland Public School Board to provide unused musical instruments for students in their all-volunteer program. The Jazmin Marching Band introduced



many students to music. After being unfairly denied entry, the band "crashed" one of the Portland Rose Festival parades to become the first all black bands to march and they were the hit of the parade.

Evelyn is survived by cousins Enda Robertson, Synetta Morris, Terry Lynn and Felicia Robertson,

Shelly May Penix and Benny Blanton; nieces Sheri and Traci McAlister-Crews and Angela Golden; nephews Uhuru, Zawdie and Karanja Crews; and a host of their children.

Evelyn was assisted in her final three months by cousins Synetta Morris and childhood friends Avel Gordly and Charlotte Rutherford who thanks everyone who cared for, assisted and prayed for Evelyn's peace and comfort.