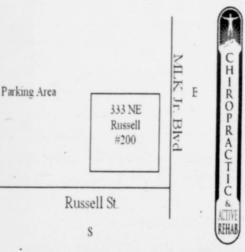
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Business Leader and Advocate Remembered

Floyd N. Booker Sr.

Funeral services for Floyd N. Booker Sr., a long-time business leader and community advocate, will be held Thursday, May 3 at 11 a.m. at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church. Interment will

follow at Willamette National Cem-

Booker died April 26, 2012 at the age of 88. He leaves a legacy filled hope and opportunity for others. with many personal accomplishments and a profound influence on the many individuals who knew him.

on May 17, 1923 from the union of After graduating from Dunbar High School, he served in the U. S. Army Northeast Alberta Street. during World War II and was Hongreat migration of southern born African Americans who were seeking a better quality of life.

Matthews and from this union and respected him, and returned to greet marriage had seven children, six and share their life events. boys and one daughter. In addition to his strong family orientation, he ing a hand to those less fortunate by had a strong work ethic and worked offering them a job with his busifor Union Pacific Railroad for 18 years, eventually becoming a union ing his janitorial business for over shop steward.

ing janitorial services to supplement During the day he worked full time at the railroad and performed janitorial work in the late evenings to early morning. After leaving employment with Union Pacific, and at the urging of his brother Oscar Booker Sr., he devoted full time effort to his janitorial business, Courtesy Janitorial 1956.

people in the African-American community. His witnessing acts of racism during his youth and the



unfolding events during the civil rights movement era had a profound impact on him and a strong desire to help others achieve success.

He built his legacy upon a strong foundation of respect and courtesy for others. Mr.

Booker believed in second chances and was a member of organizations that supported second chances,

He was sought after by academic professors and others for his opinions on historical perspectives and He was born in Rosebud, Texas racial issues. The New York Times and the Oregonian voiced his opin-Oscar Sr. and Ida Mae Clark Booker. ions regarding the gentrification occurring around his business on

His door was always open to orably Discharged in 1943. He ar- listen and offer his sage advice. rived in Portland during the 1940's Many young African American males who had played sports with his sons, or participated in other school activities, including hang-In 1947, Mr. Booker met Mary J. ing around his house after school,

Mr. Booker was often seen lendness. Through owning and operat-56 years, he provided hundreds of He took part time work perform- jobs for individuals in the community, who were not considered emhis railroad employment income. ployable by mainstream employers.

> In addition to his family, Mr. Booker warmly embraced his community and was actively involved in his community. He will be remembered forever by his family, friends and the community he supported and loved, and who loved him.

Survivors include his wife Mary; Service, which he established in daughter Denise R. Booker; and sons Floyd II, Harry, Ronald Sr., The business employed many Michael Sr., and Ricky Sr.; brother Oscar Booker Jr.; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. A son, Ladale died earlier.

Life Celebrated

Dr. Richard **Johnson**

A celebration of life memorial service for Dr. Richard Johnson was held Sunday at Concordia University in northeast Portland.

Dr. Johnson was a popular and well regarded part-time Concordia faculty member who recently passed away. He was the son of Rev. Samuel Johnson, a former pastor at Highland United Church of Christ for many years, and his wife Opal.

Most recently, Dr. Johnson led

the effort that developed the Johnson Scholar's program at

Concordia. He had been teaching several classes at the school, particularly in the College of Theology, Arts & Sciences, including the Sociology of Diversity.

Concordia, Highland Christian Center and the Johnson family have formed a robust partnership to serve the local African Ameri-

can community through a variety of initiatives.

Dr. Johnson, a friend to many at Concordia and so many other organizations, was a talented teacher and a dynamic leader in the higher education community who will be greatly missed.