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Mrs. Alma Phillips Jackson April 30, 1919 • November 7, 1993 "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Seventy-four, was born Wednesday, April 30, 1919, in Springfield, Illinois. A daughter to the late Charles E. Phillips, Sr. and Juanita G. Overton Phillips. She was one of four born into this union.

"...I would not have you ignorant. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Mrs. Jackson received her formal education in the Illinois Educational System, where she attended the University of Illinois for three and one half years. Her field of concentration was Liberal Arts and Sciences. She was a nutritional expert. Mrs. Jackson expressed one of her creative talents through music where she found great enjoyment in playing the organ.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1956, in Chicago, Illinois Miss Alma Phillips was united in Holy Matrimony to Mr. Frank Jackson. He survives. Mrs. Jackson was a United States Postal worker for more than thirty-five years in the Chicago area. When she returned to



Champaign, to be the primary health provider for her father, she continued to be employed by the Champaign Postal System until her retirement. She was a member and regular attendant of Bethel until a decline in health.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and the time of my departure is at hand. On Sunday, November 7, 1993 at Eleven-Forty P.M. in Chicago, Illinois Mrs. Alma Phillips Jackson went quietly to receive her crown of righteousness. She leaves warm memories to be cherished by her husband, Mr. Frank Jackson, Chicago; one brother Mr. David Phillips, Champaign; one sister Mrs. Esther Mae Phillips Kemp, Urbana; one devoted niece, Debra A. Lomax, three great nieces, Jacqueline Brown, Anita Lomax, and Kimberly Lomax. Mrs. Jackson was preceded in death by both parents, two brothers, Richard, and Charles Ir. three uncles and one aunt.

The clock of life is wound but once, and no one has the power to tell just when the hand will stop at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own, live, love, toil, with a will. Place no faith in tomorrow for the clock may then be still.

Fulfillment

I have worked in the fertile earth and planted a garden, so I know what Faith is. I have listened to the birds caroling in the morning and at dusk, so I know what Music is. I have seen the morning without clouds after showers, so I know what Beauty is. I have sat before a woodfire with loved ones and old friends, so I know what Companionship is. I have worked the path of quietness along the forest floor, so I know what Peace is. I have dwelt in the valley of remembrance on the hills of home, so I know what Love is. I have seen the miracle of spring, the friction of summer and the beauty of autumn, followed by the reposes of winter, so I know what Life is. And because I have perceived all these things I Know Who God Is.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Mrs. Alma Phillips Jackson are grateful and have been comforted by all the loving expressions of sympathy and deeds of kindness shown during this period of bereavement. Each will be acknowledged at a later date

Dont Forget Me

Don't forget me, Don't forget my smile. Please don't forget me; When I've gone my last mile.

I'm not asking you to grieve, I don't want you to cry. Please don't grieve, And I'll tell you why;

The gentle air you breath... It will be me. The soft clouds you see... They will be me.

The stranger on the street... He will be me. The kind words that are heard... They are from me.

The little children playing... They are with me. The love needed saying... Will also be from me.

THE PEOPLE WHO CARE Bluitt - Parker Funeral Home IN CHARGE

In Loving Memory

Mrs. Alma Phillips Jackson Saturday, November 13, 1993

Eleven O'Clock A.M. Mt. Hope Cemetery 611 Pennsylvania Avenue Champaign, Illinois

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Rev. Steven A. Jackson Officiating

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Wednesday, April 30, 1919 to Sunday, November 7, 1993 Obituaries

Friday, November 12, 1993

Alma Jackson

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CHAMPAIGN — Graveside services for Alma Phillips Jackson, 74, of 706 Bethune Court, C, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Mount Hope Cemetery, Champaign. In case of inclement weather, services will be held in Mount Hope Mausoleum, Champaign. The Rev. Steven A. Jackson will officiate.

Bluitt-Parker Funeral Home, Champaign, is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Jackson died at 11:40 p.m. Sunday (Nov. 7, 1993) at Jackson Park Hospital, Chicago.

She was born April 30, 1919, at Springfield, a daughter of Charles E. Phillips Sr. and Juanita G. Overton Phillips. She married Frank Jackson on Sept. 11, 1956, at Chicago. He survives.

Also surviving are a brother, David Phillips of Champaign; a sister, Esther Mae Phillips Kemp of Urbana; and a niece.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Mrs. Jackson was a member of Bethel AME Church at Champaign. She retired as a postal worker after 35 years of employment. She attended the University of Illinois for 3½ years. She was interested in nutrition and played the organ.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel AME Church, Champaign.

'Dad based his philosophy on self-help. In his early years dad said he prayed for help. When he got older he prayed for help to help others. And when he was 75 he said he prayed for others to help themselves."

By Kirby Pringle News-Gazette Staff Writer

gas a time when Charles Phillips Sr. walked the muddy streets of Champaign's north end and was pained by what he saw: tar paper shacks - some without floors, electric- nessman who had a deep concern for the ity or running water. In some instances. three or four homes shared a single outhouse.

It was 1939 and John Steinbeck had just published, "Grapes of Wrath." Steinbeck concentrated on the plight of poor, white dirt farmers in dustbowl Oklahoma.

Phillips concentrated on the plight of

blacks who were snared in the grip of poverty and racism. But instead of writing about it, he did something about the conditions and helped them get new homes. and a sense of dignity.

"I remember him as a dedicated busistatus of his people," said his daughter, Esther Phillips Kemp of Urbana. "It seems to me he was born with this burning desire to leave the world a little bit better place."

PHILLIPS DIED IN 1975 at the age of 86 and will be honored at 7 p.m. Friday for his relentless efforts to bring Champaign



Esther Phillips Kemp holds a photograph of her father, Charles Phillips Sr., who will be honored Friday for his efforts to improve Champaign-Urbana's black community.

Phillips tried to leave the world a little better place to live in

and Urbana's black community to a higher level. Also being honored at the benefit for the United Negro College Fund are assistant dean at the University of Illinois Mildred Barksdale and Chanute Air Force Base commander Brig. Gen. Joel McKean.

The third annual Achievement Awards Banquet will be at Jumer's Castle Lodge. Urbana, and is sponsored by the Champaign County Section of the National Council of Negro Women.

Phillips, with the help of Clarence Taylor and Milton Clark, promoted the first housing development for blacks in Champaign County. Known as Carver Park named after famed black botanist and chemist George Washington Carver - the development is located in the far northeast corner of Champaign.

"In 1947, Carver Park became the communities' first major Negro housing development," Kemp said. "Before Carver Park it was necessary to get people out of the mud holes."

Phillips found a willing seller of land for the development, Marietta Busey Tawney, but she wanted an incredible \$10,000 for 10 acres of land. Prospective homeowners contributed \$350 each to a fund for the purchase of the land, according to Kemp, and the \$10,000 was raised in three days. Construction started a few years afterward and by 1951 the first 47 families had moved into Carver Place.

Attucks Place, another housing development for blacks in Champaign, was started in much the same way — through savings generated at the Future Homeowners Association. Phillips was one of the founders of the savings and loan and also its president.

"Dad based his philosophy on self-help," Kemp said. "In his early years dad said he

prayed for help. When he got older he prayed for help to help others. And when he was 75 he said he prayed for others to help themselves."

THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS were only a few of Phillips' accomplishments. He was involved in state politics, active with the Boy Scouts - he helped start the first black troop, owned his own insurance business, aided in the founding of the Frances Nelson Community Home for Children (now Frances Nelson Health Center) and the Douglass Center, served with the county housing authority, and was on the sponsoring committee for the formation of the Urban League of Champaign County.

The list of personal and civic accomplishments goes on and on. Kemp said her father was a man who believed in leadership by example.

In a newspaper story in 1975, Phillips was asked how difficult it had been to raise the money for the Carver Park housing development.

"It was an easy matter. We just had to show them how to do it." Phillips replied.

Anna Wall Scott, an instructor at Parkland College and the president of the local National Council of Negro Women, said that upon moving to Champaign, Charles Phillips was the first name she heard. He was a leader who had the ear of Champaign-Urbana residents in the 1940s and '50s.

"I think 'persuasive dignity' is one of the terms that comes to mind in describing dad," Kemp said. "He commanded the attention of the right people to get the job done."

Perhaps the strongest belief that Phillips carried throughout his life and (See PHILLIPS, C-5)

January 8, 1993

To me, it is a great privilege to pay tribute to our Past President. As Secretary of the Unit under the Presidency of the late Louise Leonard and those devoted Women who followed her as President, Esther demonstrated her great love and devotion to Church Women United.

Carrying on as President these past years, further enhanced her love and devotion, her ability to lead.

Keeping all of this in mind, she is truly "A Valiant Woman" of Church Women United, and deserves recognition as such in 1993.

And now, to Esther - Madame President - I present to you this small token of love and admiration. Please accept it from your Sister in Christ.

Doris

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October 16, 1993

TO THE VALIANT WOMAN AWARD COMMITTEE Ann Garvin, National President Church Women United Attention: 474 Riverside Drive, Room #812 New York City, New York

Dear President Garvin:

The Women of the Champaign-Urbana Unit of Church Women United wish to honor Mrs. Esther Phillips Kemp as our "Valiant Woman", at our World Community Day Celebration.

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She served as Secretary to Louise Leonard, Past President, (deceased) for several years and most recently as President of our Unit from 1988 thru 1992.

Through her leadership, our Unit attained a great measure of growth, not only in our spirituality, but also included an increase in the number of churches involved in our Unit.

For the past two years, her health has become very fragile nonetheless her love for Church Women United has not wavered. I has been her reason for living. It

As Chairman of the Awards Selection Committee, we prayer-fully hope that our request will be given approval and the Award sent as soon as possible so that we may present it to her.

Enclosed, you will find a photograph of her along with our check for fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Yours in Christ, The Awards Selection Committee Doris K. Hoskins, Chairperson Mary Regnier Dorothy Rae

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Eulogy

Benediction

Interment and Committal

Mt. Hope Cemetery



Mrs. Esther Phillips-Kemp November 25, 1913 • January 26, 1994

rs. Esther Phillips Kemp was born November 25, 1913 in Monticello, Illinois to the late Charles E. Phillips, Sr. and Juanita G. Overton Phillips. She was one of four children born into this union.

Mrs. Kemp was a faithful member and worker in Bethel AME Church. She served as a steward, lay reader, and a member of the Lou Anna Riley Missionary Society. She also worked as an advisor to the Biblical Art Group. She served as administrative assistant to four pastors including the Rev. Steven A. Jackson. She was also a member of the National Council of Negro Women. In November 1993, Mrs. Kemp received the Valiant Lady award from the Church Women United Organization in which she served as president until her illness.

Mrs. Kemp retired from the Federal Civil Service where she performed as a procurement contract agent. On March 31, 1939, in Petersburg, Illinois, she was united in Holy Matrimony to Attorney John M. Kemp.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1994, at 2:10 a.m. Mrs. Kemp went peacefully to receive her crown of glory.

She leaves precious memories to be cherished by one brother, Mr. David R. Phillips, Champaign; nieces Debrae Lomax, Champaign; Jacqueline Brown, Los Angeles, California; Anita Lomax, Urbana; Kimberly Lomax, Champaign; Astriana Pierson, Urbana; Melva Phillips, Champaign; and one nephew, David Wilson, Urbana. Mrs. Kemp was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and one sister.



PALLBEARERS Friends of the Family

FLOWERBEARERS Ladies of Bethel

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the midst of mine enemies; Thou anointedst my head with oil; My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

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Arrangements by: Bluitt - Parker Funeral Home 704 N. Fourth Street, Champaign, Illinois

In Loving Memory



Mrs. Esther Phillips-Kemp

Saturday, January 29, 1994 Eleven O'Clock A.M. Bethel A.M.E. Church 401 East Park Street Champaign, Illinois

Rev. Steven A. Jackson......Pastor

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Rev. Steven A. Jackson Officiating

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Tuesday, November 25, 1913 to Wednesday, January 26, 1994

GREETINGS TO ATTUCKS PLACE RESIDENTS

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Greetings to the residents of Attucks Place, families and friends from the family of the late Charles E. Phillips, Sr., David R. Phillips, son; Esther Phillips Kemp and Alma P. Jackson, daughters; Debra Lomax, granddaughter; great granddaughters Jacqueline, Anita, and Kimberly, and great great granddaughter, Astriana.

All of us feel honored to have an opportunity to bring you a message of congratulations on this historical day in the lives of the residents of Champaign-Urbana. The name ATTUCKS indicates a period in our history as African-Americans, and ATTUCKS PLACE indicates an event of progress affecting the lives of many, their investments in the future in which you all should take pride, as all of us do as we point to our various neighborhoods where people like you live.

When Mr. Phillips returned to Champaign in 1939 after having been away a number of years, he was appalled to find that conditions among our people had deteriorated so much from what he had left. He began immediately to assess the whole situation, and determine how he might turn things around using his experience as a business man and using his contacts in the local governments, social agencies and community groups of which he was a part. In addition, he developed a profile as he perceived changes needed. He started to dream --praying constantly and with some very wonderful people working with him, the dream has become a reality--just look around you-- we are a long way from the tar paper shacks and mudd streets. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU! WE LOVE YOU, AND ONCE AGAIN WE CONCRATULATE YOU!

THE PHILLIPS FAMILY

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

- Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see; Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Amen!!

AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND

- Amazing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, with in the veil, A life of joy and peace. Amen!!

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!! PAGE 6 Section 1

THE CHAMPAIGN-URBAN

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Charles E, Phillips Sr., 86, 0f 706 Bethune Court, C, former musician and civic worker, died at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, (June 17,

at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, (June 17, 1975) at Mercy Hospital after being in ill health for five months.

Burial rites will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday in the mausoleum at Mt. Hope Cemetery, with burial in the family plot.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Salem Baptist Church, followed by a prayer service from 8 to 9 p.m., conducted by Rev. W. H. Donaldson and associate ministers of Champaign-Urbana. Leek and Sons Funeral Home, Danville, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Phillips was born May 26, 1889 at Kansas City, Mo., a grandson of David Johnson, an ex-slave, who was one of the founders of the Second Baptist Church, now the Salem Baptist.

Early in his career Mr. Phillips organized and managed his own musical group. Later he became interested in politics and moved to Springfield, where he served as state inspector for the Department of Registration and Education; worked with the, Council of Social agencies; assisted in the organization of the Springfield Urban League; and organized and promoted the Frederick Douglass Savings and Loan Co., along with his own mutual insurance company. In 1939 he returned to Champaign to develop the Supreme Life Insurance Company, and also became deeply involved in community activities.

He was a fore-runner in promoting low cost housing at Carver Park, Burch Village, Dunbar Court and Attucks Place. He was active in the program of Boy Scouts through the Arrowhead Council and Troop 11 for 25 years.

He was appointed a member of the Champaign Housing Commission and served as honorary vice president of the Champaign County Urban League. He was elected to the board of the Nelson Home, later to become the Frances Nelson - Health Center. He cooperated and served with the Social Agencies Council and the C-U League of Women Voters. Mr. Phillips is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Esther R. Kemp, Barnesville, Ga., and Mrs. Alma Jackson, Champaign; a son, David R.,

Urbana; a granddaughter, Mrs. Debrae A. Lomax, Urbana; and two great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by Phillips 2

CHARLES PHILLIPS SR.



March 3, 1997 THE COURIER

'The Clubwoman' Church Women eye workshops

By Georganne Marty Living Editor

Having just held a Church Women United Board meeting in her home the day before, President Esther Turley, was still bubbling over with enthusiasm about an organization she has belonged to for more than 20 years and has come to feel is an integral part of her life.

"I had been a member in Mount Vernon and when we moved to Champaign, it was the first group I looked for," she said.

At the board meeting, the group had discussed the upcoming 1977 Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly Workshops July 7 to 10 at Purdue University.

"Just look at some of the topics we will be discussing," she exclaimed, holding out the program: "Women in Power," "Women in Groups," "Single and Whole," "Practical Use of Time and Money," "Parent Effectiveness Training," "Values Clarification," "Assertiveness Training," "Women in the Job Market," "Handicapped Persons and the Church."

I had to admit the program looked as though it would appeal to the modern "now generation" woman.

Church Women United first was organized in 1941 in Atlantic City, N.J. as the United Council of Church Women.

"Responding to the needs of those war years, UCCW issued a call for women to work and pray for international peace, collect material aid for war relief, and appointed an official observer at the United Nations. Integration and an interracial program was a basic principle of the UCCW from its inception," she said.

"Workshops on human relations, ways of meeting controversy, on social and economic justice on "Assignment: Race," and on the problems of the poor were developed. "In 1950 under the National Council of Churches, UCCW became the General Department of United Church Women. In 1966 the NCC transferred to United Church Women the administration of the World Day of Prayer which coordinates the work of member committees in 160 countries.

"By the middle '60s, the lib-

erating forces affecting family and community made it apparent to the organization that church women were called to add quality to the social revolution. In 1966 Church Women United in the U.S.A. became an independent movement, enabling more participation by Roman Catholic Women, employed women, and by women from minority groups who had not been closely tied to denominational organizations."

Goals of the organization are "to venture in new forms of witness to Christ, to accept responsibility for justice and peace, to seek creative and healing encounters in the midst of the human community, to release the full potential in every peson and to develop more maturity in faith and discipline in commitment."

"Locally," Mrs. Turley explained, "CWU sponsors eight "celebration events" each year: the annual meeting held this year on Feb. 4; World Day of Prayer, which begins at 10 a.m. Friday at University Place Christian Church; a Lenten Faith-Sharing which began Tuesday and is being held at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday until April 5 at the Mercy Hospital Sisters' Residence; May Fellowship Day on May 6; the Ecumenical Assembly at Purdue; a general meeting Oct. 6; World Community Day, Nov. and Advent Faith - Sharing 4 Dec. 6."

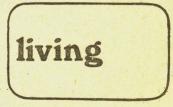
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Esther Turley

Church where she was once the organist and has held other responsible positions including that of church clerk.

"Our children wanted to at- paign before she retired.



tend the University of Illinois and we moved here when they were ready for college," Mrs. Turley said. "My husband, Carl, was retired from the Army and we could live here just as easily as we could in Mt. Vernon."

Mrs. Turley also returned to school to earn her master's degree and was teaching at Carrie Busey School in Champaign before she retired.

"Any woman may belong to CWU," Mrs. Turley s a id. "There are no dues although we do solicit voluntary contributions from time to time which one may earmark for any one of our special projects if she wishes. Giving is not mandatory, but most of us find that God does not demand so much of us that we cannot give something."

She takes her religious life seriously and obviously means it when she says that her "role as a Christian means more to her than all the college degrees in the world."

Friday, January 28, 1994



Esther Phillips-Kemp

Funeral services for Esther Phillips-Kemp, 80, of the Champaign County Nursing Home, Urbana, formerly of 504 S. Cottage Grove Ave., U, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bethel AME Church,

401 E. Park Ave., C. The Rev. Steven A. Jackson will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Champaign.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church.

Mrs. Phillips-Kemp died at 2:10 a.m.

Wednesday (Jan. 26, 1994) at the nursing home.

She was born Nov. 25, 1913, at Monticello, a daughter of Charles E. Phillips Sr. and Juanita Overton Phillips. She married John M. Kemp on March 31, 1939, at Petersburg. He died Oct. 23, 1980.

Surviving is a brother, David R. Phillips of Champaign.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Mrs. Phillips-Kemp was a member of Bethel AME Church and was the administrative assistant to four pastors of the church. She also was a member of the National Council of Negro Women and the Lou Ann Riley Missionary Society and served as president of Church Women United. She retired as a civil service procurement contract agent.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel AME Church.



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by the family of Esther Phillips - Kemp

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