

Pallbearers

*John Wesley Atlas Charles Mullins Milton Garrett
Solomon Banks Ellis Jones Chris Moore*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Vincent Atlas Steven Atlas Charles Atlas
Brian Parker Lawrence (Larry) Atlas Cordell Atlas
Norman Fields*

Acknowledgement

Our family acknowledges all kind expressions of sympathy from everyone whose life has touched our lives in someway. We also wish to express our heart felt thanks for all your assistance during our time of sorrow, each of you has deeply touched us.



Interment

*Holy Cross Cemetery
Culver City, CA*

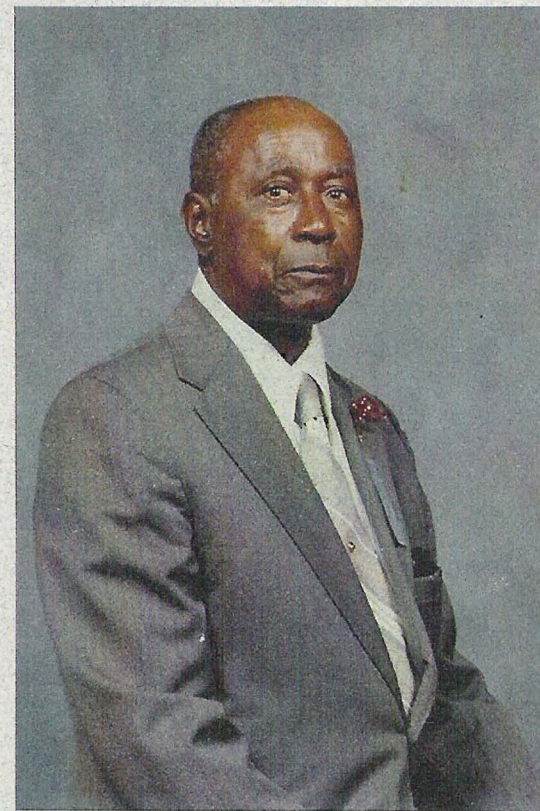
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*Neighborhood Community Church,
326 E. 47th Place
Los Angeles, CA 90011*

Spaulding Funeral Home, *Director in charge*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LAWRENCE ATLAS

October 14, 1906 - February 11, 2004



Friday, February 20, 2004
11:00 A.M.

Neighborhood Community Church
*326 E. 47th Place
Los Angeles, California 90011*

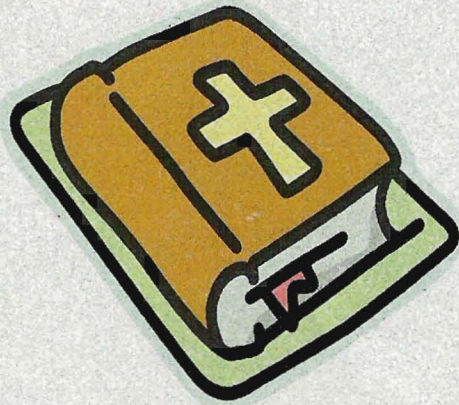
Pastor J. W. Woods, Jr.
Officiant



The Ancestors

There he sits in the midst of them all
 All of her ancestors both great and small
 And from her lips comes that familiar sound,
 "Who are my kin? Please tell me now".
 Then from every corner of Heaven's gates
 Comes a chorus of joy, a litany of names.
 Generations of people in her direct line
 Stating relationships one at a time.
 Grands and greats with welcoming smiles
 Saying, "It's time we tell you
 You've been searching for a while".
 So on and on goes the heavenly roll call
 And there he sits in the midst of them all.

Marilyn Elaine Patrice White 1998



Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content
 with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave
 thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is
 my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Hebrews 13: 5-6

Order of Service

Processional

Scriptures

New TestamentRev. Benny Robinson

Old Testament.....Rev. Melvin Watts

Prayer.....Rev. J. W. Woods

SongJulia Paissley
 (Neighborhood Community Church)

Proclamation.....Arrilla (della) McZeal
 (Tuskegee Institute Alumni)

Presentation.....Charles Andrew
 (Retiree Club/Local 347)

Remarks/Song "I Humbly Yield to You"Marilyn White

Presentation.....Gloria Cook
 (Harmony Bridge Club)

Presentation "Neighborhood Watch Club"Melvin Snell

Obituary.....Melvin Snell

Reflections.....(Limit 2 minutes).....Senator Diane Watson
 Family and Friends

Song..... "How Great Thou Art"Kattie Pre'Jean
 (Saint Eugene Catholic Church)

Eulogy.....Rev. J. W. Woods

Parting View

Recessional



Lawrence's Legacy

*You never asked the Lord the reasons for His will
Nor begged to be relieved of it, but took the bitter pill.*

You followed in Christ's footsteps,

You loved with open arms

Your fervent intercessions kept all of us from harm.

You never lost the fire of that hope and faith within.

Nor joined the sad, sad chorus of this world and all its sin.

You gave your talents freely,

You healed with all your love.

You humbly yielded all you were to the Heavenly Father above.

You never looked for accolades to reward the deeds you did.

Nor pushed your way to the forefront, but quietly you hid.

You worked where you were needed

You always gave your best

No wonder God has welcomed you, you've surely passed the test.

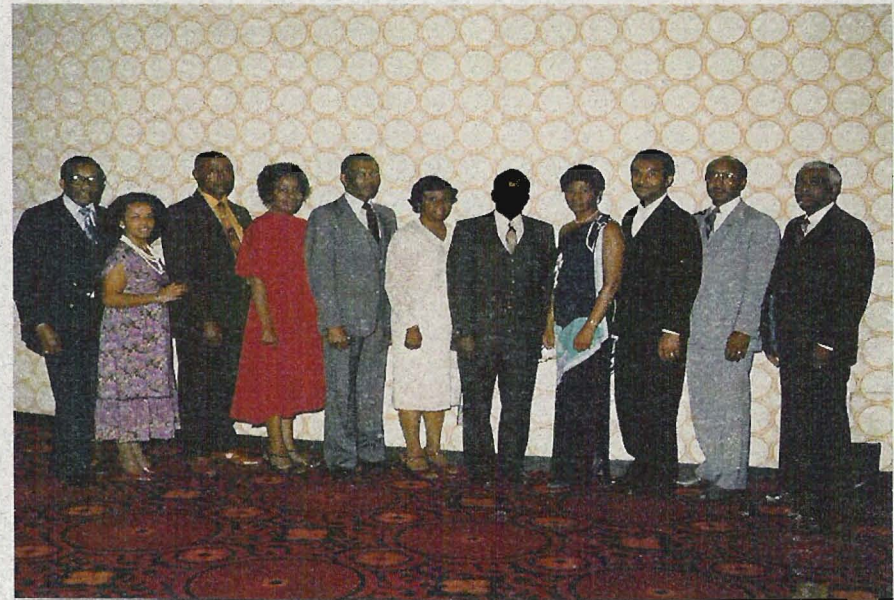
Marilyn Elaine Patrice White



Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Atlas



Sargent Lawrence Atlas



Tuskegee Institute Alumni



I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mine, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12: 1-2

OBITUARY

For Lawrence Atlas

Lawrence Atlas was born the forth child of Louis Bareford "Babe" and Susie Lee in Lake Providence, Louisiana on October 14, 1906. His other siblings in birth order were: King, John, Louie, Joseph, Ethel, Jack, Cora, Annie, Bertha and Susie (Bertha and Susie died as babies). He was their last surviving son.

Lawrence attended primary school in Louisiana, at the New Hope Baptist Church in Lake Providence and high school at East Carroll Parish High School. He then went on to graduate from Tuskegee Institute (then Tuskegee University) in 1929.

Lawrence enlisted in the United States Army on April 18, 1942 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He served until July 16, 1952, re-enlisting twice. During his tenure in the service, he trained in Military Justice Matters and was awarded two Bronze Stars for bravery. He also earned a Good Conduct Medal, a ribbon for participation in the European-African-Middle-Eastern Theater Campaign and four Overseas Bars. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 354th QM Truck Company.

Lawrence met Medora Blanche Patrice Johnson in St. Louis after his enlistment. They fell madly in love with each other and were married on September 24, 1942 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. They moved to Los Angeles in June of 1943. Lawrence was hired by the City of Los Angeles as a heavy equipment operator shortly after his discharge from the Army in 1952. He retired from the City of Los Angeles in 1974. He was a faithful and active member of Local 347.

During his lifetime, Lawrence performed many works of charity through community service and volunteer activities. He and Medora were actively involved in collecting canned goods for needy families, giving service to the elderly in the Leonard Stovall Home for Senior Citizens and prepared neighborhood Civil Defense programs & drills. He was a life member of the NAACP.

Lawrence became active in the Clyde Avenue Block Club and was its Vice President. He worked to make the neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

His volunteer activities with Tuskegee took many forms. There was a long standing, loving relationship between Lawrence Atlas and Tuskegee. He was a staunch believer in supporting the school's scholarship fund. He wanted to make certain that Tuskegee remained the forefront among colleges, which traditionally admitted Blacks who were seeking a solid education. He was a member of the Tuskegee President and Associates' Group, Parliamentarian for the Los Angeles Alumni Group and Assistant Parliamentarian for the Western Region. He was eager to share his knowledge of parliamentary procedure so he trained others. He was the oldest living Alumnus of Tuskegee.

He was a member at Neighborhood Community Church for over 50 years. He truly loved the Lord and has been faithful, constantly giving of himself in many ways; spiritually, financially and physically. He provided transportation, helped with church repairs, served as Trustee and spread the Good News of the gospel everywhere he went.

Lawrence was a bridge player extrodinaire. He was a member of the Los Angeles Bridge Unit, which met in Inglewood. As President, he represented his Harmony Bridge Group well. He was a member in good standing in the American Bridge Association.

To say Lawrence loved baseball would be an understatement. He and Medora were lifelong season ticket holders of the Los Angeles Dodgers, since the Dodgers came to Los Angeles. They were so well known that on their 50th wedding anniversary, Jim Hill interviewed them for television. During the interview, Tommy Lasorda came to their seats to congratulate them.

Lawrence and Medora loved to dance and belonged to the College of Circular Terpsichore (square dancing), the Dudes and Dames and the Round Dance Club.

God called his servant, Lawrence home on the 11th day of February 2004. Those who knew and loved him will desperately miss him. His siblings; King Atlas, John Atlas, Louie Atlas, Joseph Atlas, Jack Atlas, Cora Thompson, Bertha Atlas and Susie Atlas preceded him in death. He leaves behind two sisters: Ethel Atlas and Annie Atlas; four nieces: Donnis Drumgole, Donna Register, Barbara Sewell and Marilyn White; two nephews: Lawrence "Larry" Atlas and Robert White plus a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Two adopted daughters; Arrie Moore and Josephine Alexander.