



Dolores Sykes Mackie

November 11, 2007

Dolores O. Sykes Mackie, 72, passed away November 11, 2007 surrounded by loved ones at Hospice of Northwest Ohio-Detroit. Born in New Orleans, LA, she attended Xavier University in New Orleans earning her Bachelors Degree and continued her education at Texas Southern University. She began her teaching career in Toledo in 1958 at Lincoln School and retired from Spring Elementary School in 1990 as a Mathematics Laboratory Instructor.

She developed a computer teaching tool, "Pupil, Profile and Progress" for the laboratory, co-authored proposals for the Toledo Public Schools System and conducted numerous new teacher in-services. Her career with the Toledo Board of Education also included teaching at Lincoln Elementary School, adult education at Scott High School and the Headstart Summer School program.

Her professional affiliations consisted of the Toledo Federation of Teachers, The Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the International Reading Association. She was a member of many social and cultural organizations and a supporter of many civic causes including the Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Toledo Chapter of Girlfriends, Inc. where she also served as president.

She was a Charter Member of The Squaws, Inc. and Tots and Teens Inc. In addition, she served as a member of the NAACP, as an emeritus member of

The Toledo Museum of Art-Cultural Diversity Committee and was a sponsor of the Toledo Symphony to name a few. As a faithful member of St. Jude's and for the last three years St. Martin De Porres Roman Catholic Churches, she served as a member of the Rosary Altar Society and as a Lector-Commentator.

Dolores Sykes Mackie received outstanding recognition from Chapter 1 Toledo Public Schools, and was nominated for the Ralph "Buck" Martin Award and the Teacher of the Year Award in Mathematics. She also received the Toledo Public Schools Outstanding Service award.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred H. Mackie Jr. in 1991.

She is survived by children Alfred H. Mackie III, Vincent E. Mackie and Madelyn E. Mackie, two stepdaughters Lorna Edwards of Harvey, LA and Cheryl (Daryl) Byrd of Brentwood, TN, brother Wilbert (Joyce) Sykes of New Rochelle, NY, brother in law Byron (Shirley) Mackie of Dallas, TX, daughter in law Claudette Smith of St. Port Lucie, FL, 7 grandchildren Brian, Kiana, Nathaniel, James Daniel, Gregory, Colin and Justin, cousins Lois James, Lionel Young both from New Orleans, LA, nieces and nephews Drew, Derek, Eric, Valerie, Kenneth, David, Julie and Brian and a host of other dear relatives and friends.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority rites will begin at 11:00 a.m. Friday followed immediately by the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Martin De Porres Roman Catholic Church interment Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

Memorial donation can be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio and the American Cancer Society.