



Oscar Griffith

November 18, 2007

Oscar B. Griffith Ph.D 79, passed away November 18, 2007 at University of Toledo Medical Center. Born in Toledo, he was a graduate of University of Southern California earning his Master's and Doctorate Degrees in the field of Economics. He was an honorably discharged veteran (attaining the rank of Lieutenant) of the U.S. Army, where he served in the 32nd Airborne Division during World War II.

Dr. Griffith served as the Executive Director of Economic Opportunity Planning Commission (EOPA) for 31 years. During his career he received numerous honors, awards and recognition from civic, cultural and social organizations for his contributions to the betterment of life in Toledo. He was the proud member of Masonic Order F & AM, Maumee Chapter #6, St Matthew's Consistory #24. He attained the distinction as a 33rd Mason and was past Potentate of Mecca Temple #43 and Honorary Imperial Past Potentate. In addition, he was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. One of his pleasures was bowling and his affiliations were National Travelers Bowling League and Glass City Travelers serving as their past president.

Dr. Griffith was preceded in death by his daughter Oslynn Griffith, his parents, three brothers and five sisters.

He leaves to cherish his memory grandson Saji Jordan Latif of Southfield, MI, three sisters Marcia (Robert) Matlock, Gwendolyn Shealey of Westerville, OH and Relda Griffith of Toledo, loving companion Lois Crutcher of Dayton, OH, devoted friends Theodore Patton, Gregory Hopkins, Jim Powell and Marsha Madison, caregiver Stephanie Watson and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Friday 4–6p.m. followed by wake services 6-8:30p.m. including Omega Rites at 6:30p.m. Masonic Rites at 7:05p.m. followed by Mecca Temple Rites 7:30 p.m. funeral services Saturday at 11:00 a.m. all at the Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Stephen C. Matlock officiant, interment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. www.dalefh.com