

EULOGISTIC SERVICE
for
JUDGE CECIL AUGUSTUS IVORY, JR.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1986
11:00 A.M.
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
Rev. Dr. Raymond Worsley, Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	<i>"The Funeral March"</i> Chopin
Invocation	
The Lord's Prayer	
Hymn No. 266	<i>"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"</i>
Old Testament Scripture	Psalms 121
New Testament Scripture	I Corinthians 13
Prayers of Confession and Thanksgiving	
Hymn No. 88	<i>"God Of Our Life, Through All The Circling Years"</i>
Solo: Mr. Samuel Stevenson	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i> Traditional
Expressions:	
Mr. Gerald Johnson	Former Classmate
Rev. Robert G. Toatley	Family Friend
Mrs. Barbara W. Davis	Former Teacher
Anthem: <i>"Infernum"</i>	Rossini Choir ... Soloist, Dr. Mary Turner Harper
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Worsley
Hymn No. 77	<i>"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"</i>
Benediction	
Recessional	<i>"Eternal Father, Strong To Save"</i> Dykes
Interment	Beatties Ford Memorial Park

OBITUARY

JUDGE CECIL AUGUSTUS IVORY, JR.

June 28, 1947 - October 1, 1986

Administrative Judge Cecil Augustus Ivory, Jr. died on Wednesday, October 1 in Manhattan, New York, of injuries he suffered as the result of an assault while jogging in the park.

Born the first of three children of Emily Richardson Ivory and the late Rev. Cecil Augustus Ivory, Sr. on June 28, 1947 in Charlotte, North Carolina, Cecil, Jr., as he was called by family and friends, attended elementary school at Edgewood School and junior high at Emmett Scott School in Rock Hill, South Carolina. When he was 14 years old, his father died on November 10, 1961, and he along with his mother, brother and sister, moved to Charlotte where he attended West Charlotte High School as a gifted, distinguished and respected student until his graduation on May 29, 1965.

Cecil entered Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, studied there for four years and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree during the June, 1969 commencement. During the summer after graduation, he enrolled in a special pre-law program at New York University which led to acceptance in law school. On June 4, 1972, he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Juris Prudence by George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D.C.

For two years, he served as Assistant to the District Attorney in the borough of Queens. He accepted the position of Assistant to the Attorney General of the State of New York as consumer fraud specialist, and remained for 12 years until the appointment as Administrative Law Judge in the State of New York. At the time of his death, he was presiding judge over Workers Compensation controversies in Brooklyn, New York.

Judge Ivory served on the Board of Directors of the Bowery Residents Committee of Advocates for the Homeless. He was also a member of several bar associations which included New York Bar, Federal Bar of Eastern District, Federal Bar of Southern District, and United States Supreme Court. Other organizational affiliations included treasurer of the Judges Association of Brooklyn, New York, membership in the New York Lawyers Association, secretary of the Meacon B. Allen Black Bar Association, a founder of the Third World Lawyers' Caucus and 1979 Outstanding Young Men of America.

Memorial Services were held in the Brooklyn Surrogate's Court Building in Brooklyn on Wednesday, October 8, 1986. At that time his colleagues eulogized him. They described Judge Ivory as a gentle, calm, reliable, competent, compassionate and caring individual who "possessed the intangible qualities of what it takes to be a good judge." They said that he "lived in the ivory tower of law and brought others up there with him." According to his colleagues, he had the "talent for keeping speech to a minimum but would get a job done." They spoke of him as a person who gave meaning to the phrase "gentle giant".

A funeral will be held at First United Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 11, 1986, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in the Beatties Ford Memorial Park.

Survivors are: mother, Emily Richardson Ivory of Los Angeles, California; brother, Titus L. Ivory of Charlotte; sister, Darnell L. Ivory of Charlotte; sister-in-law, Carlenia G. Ivory of Charlotte; aunts, Catherine R. Hawkins of Charlotte, Lenese Shepherd of Los Angeles, California, Beulah Mae Duncan of Arkadelphia, Arkansas; uncle, John Stitt of Los Angeles, California; a niece, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

A TEACHER REMEMBERS

*"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing,
while others judge us by what we have already done".*

Those are the words young Cecil A. Ivory, Jr. wrote in his yearbook in 1965. Though twenty-one years have passed, since he chose those words as his motto, it is my belief it is still his motto.

An ideal student, a young gentleman among senior high school students of the sixties, Cecil was a troubador for what he believed, an honest, soft-spoken young man who found good in his fellow classmates and one who showed utmost respect for his teachers and all adults. Cecil was an avid student of literature, often stopping by my desk after class to further discuss his feelings about some literary passage. Thus, it was no surprise to me when I received a letter from him telling of his intent to enter the field of law. His was a probing, questioning mind — a teacher's delight.

Though his academic interests were primarily in literature and the humanities, he actively participated in school related activities as the Student Council, the Science Club, the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the School Band. He was admired and respected by both students and teachers.

It was Alfred Lord Tennyson who said centuries ago, "I would that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arise in me". So, to his family I say that your loss is likewise my loss.

More than a year ago, I had the opportunity to converse briefly with Cecil. He said to me at that time, "I'm glad you remember me". Yes, Cecil, I do remember you — not only for what you felt capable of doing, but I also remember you for what you have done in your short life on this earth.

Until we meet again

Barbara W. Davis
High School English Teacher