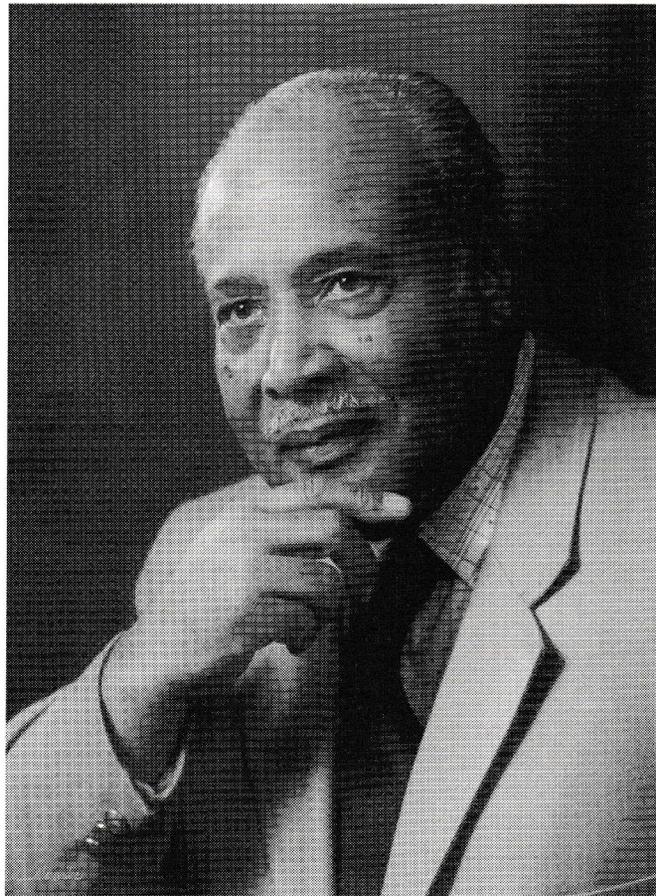


Funeral Service
for
Dr. Emery Loubelle Rann, Jr.



Thursday, September 19, 1996
3:00 P.M.

Memorial Presbyterian Church
2600 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, North Carolina
Reverend Edward B. Newberry, Officiating

Obituary

DR. EMERY LOUVELLE RANN, JR., of 4566 Ogburn Avenue, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and formerly of 4301 Hamilton Circle, Charlotte, North Carolina, expired Saturday, September 14, 1996. He was a resident of The Winston-Salem Convalescent Center.

Dr. Rann was born in Keystone, West Virginia on March 9, 1914. He was the first born of four children and the only son of Emery and Vicie Froe Rann. He received his B.S. Degree in 1934 from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina; M.S. Degree from The University of Michigan in 1936; M.D. Degree from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee in 1948; and an Honorary D.Sc from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina in 1982. He penned the lyrics of the alma mater for Meharry Medical College. He also was a Captain in the United States Army.

He served as a teacher of science and coach of McClelland Academy, Newnan, Georgia; Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Mary Allen College, Crockett, Texas, and Second Ward High School, Charlotte, North Carolina. He served as President of the Johnson C. Smith General Alumni Association from 1951-1953, and was a member of its Board of Trustees for twenty-one years from 1967-1988. In addition, he served as Chairman of the Imhotep Conference for Hospital Integration from 1964-1969, and as President of the National Medical Association from 1973-1974. From 1989-1991, he served as Regional Sire Archon of Sigma Pi Phi Boule'. Further, he was a member of the Guardsmen and a life member of both the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He was an Elder in Memorial United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Rann was the first black physician accepted into the Mecklenburg County Medical Society and the North Carolina Medical Society and one of the first African-Americans to secure hospital privileges at Charlotte Memorial Hospital — three achievements which earned him the reputation as a courageous and effective advocate for civil rights.

An avid and passionate writer, Dr. Rann compiled and published two manuscripts of his poetry and recollections: *Beat of the Tom-Toms* and *Potpourri*.

During the last year of his life, Dr. Rann was cared for by his loving and devoted son, Emery, III. He is survived by Flossie Rann of Charlotte, North Carolina; four children, Judith Rann Thompson of Greensboro, North Carolina, Emery Louvelle Rann, III (RaVonda), Lara Diane Rann and Jonathan Cheshire Rann of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; five grandchildren, Alison Thompson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Stephen Thompson, Jeffrey Thompson of Greensboro, North Carolina, Eric Coles of Tacoma Park, Maryland and Christon Webster of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; two dedicated caregivers, Syvonne Holley of Charlotte, North Carolina and Kathy Reaves of Kernersville, North Carolina; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins and friends.



*In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in the name of
Dr. Emery L. Rann, Jr. to Johnson C. Smith University,
100 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28216.*