

Obituaries

Eva Messick-Bedwell had served as an assistant to Gov. Otis Bowen

Services for Eva Lou Messick-Bedwell, 59, Terre Haute, formerly of Indianapolis, who held administrative positions for Gov. Otis R. Bowen and two lieutenant governors, will be at 7 p.m. June 18 in Callahan & Hughes Funeral Home, Terre Haute, with calling from 4 p.m.

Burial will be at 11 a.m. June 19 in Fairview Cemetery, Linton.

She died June 13.

Mrs. Messick-Bedwell had been executive secretary for Gov. Bowen's executive council and for its Citizens Advisory Committee.

She had also been an administrative aide and executive secretary for Lt. Govs. Robert D. Orr and Richard E. Folz. Under Folz, she was associate director of the tourism division of the Department of Commerce.

After moving to Terre Haute in 1996, she was administrative secretary to the Vigo County Health Department's health officer and administrator.

Survivors include husband David B. Bedwell; son Bradley Paul Conklin; stepsons Michael, Kirk Bedwell; two grandsons.

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Rita Guynn-Douglass taught 42 years at St. Rita School

Rita V. Guynn-Douglass, 73, a teacher for 42 years at St. Rita School, died June 23.

She retired in 1996 from the school, where she also served for a time as vice principal and head of the junior high science department.

She was leader of St. Rita Catholic Youth Organization for 14 years and in 1966 became the youngest and first black to receive the St. John Bosco Medal.

She was named 1979 Outstanding Black Woman of the City of Indianapolis by the National Council of Negro

Women and received the 1987 Gold Medal of Merit from the Third Degree Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver.

She was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Guynn-Douglass was a graduate of Marian College, receiving the 1999 Outstanding Alumni Award.

Services will be at noon June 26 in St. Rita Catholic Church, of which she was a member, with calling there from 9 a.m.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Guynn-Douglass was the widow of Thomas S. Douglass.

Survivors: brothers Maurice A., William J., Curtis J. Guynn; 13 nieces; 46 great-nephews and nieces; six great-great-nephews.

Stuart Mortuary is handling arrangements.



Mrs. Guynn-Douglass