

Obituaries

Mallory W. Bransford, 89, was professor, church organist

Mallory W. Bransford, 89, Indianapolis, an organist and music instructor, died Wednesday.



Mr. Bransford

Mr. Bransford was chairman of the organ department 55 years for Butler University Jordan College of Fine Arts, retiring in 1997. He also was a music specialist 35 years for Indianapolis Public Schools.

He was an organist and choirmaster 43 years for Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, retiring in 1990. He also was a 50-year member of the church.

A 33rd-degree Mason, Mr. Bransford was an organist for the Masonic Grand Lodge of Indiana, from which he received the Caleb B. Smith Medal of Honor.

Mr. Bransford also had been an organist for the Scottish Rite Cathedral and First United Methodist Church, Anderson.

He was a member of the American Guild of Organists Executive Board, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and DeMolay Legion of Honor.

He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1983 and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Indiana Music Educators Association in 1973.

Mr. Bransford earned a bachelor's degree in 1934 from Oberlin University, a master's degree in 1936 and bachelor's degree in 1944 from Butler University, and a doctoral degree in 1976 from Walden University.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mallory Bransford Scholarship Fund or Butler University Jordan College of Fine Arts music department.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Aug. 23 in Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Aug. 22 in Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Burial will be private.

Survivors: wife Helen Zahn Bransford; son Robert W. Bransford; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

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Dr. E. Paul Thomas, 81, was pioneer in black medicine

Services for Dr. E. Paul Thomas, 81, Indianapolis, a retired physician, will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 8 in Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, of which

he was a member, with calling from 10 a.m. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

He died Aug. 2.

Dr. Thomas was self-employed for 49 years, specializing in allergies, before retiring in 1994.

Practicing during a time when blacks, both patients and physicians, were barred from many hospitals, Dr. Thomas was a pioneer in the black medical field.

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Fellow American College of Asthma Allergy Immunology, a life fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and section chairman of Methodist Hospital.

He also was an Army and Navy veteran.

Dr. Thomas was a 1940 graduate of Butler University and a 1944 graduate of Meharry Medical College. He also was a member of Omega Psi Phi and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities.

Dr. Thomas pursued post-graduate studies at Cook County Graduate School and attended the 1977 World Health Conference in Tanzania.

Survivors: wife Ruby Leah Thomas; children Paul A., Bradford E., Leeland M., Leah A. Thomas; sisters Naomi T. Gray, Ruth L. Long, Doris Thomas; five grandchildren.

Stuart Mortuary is handling arrangements.