



Samuel Richardson

February 10, 2009

Richardson, Samuel L. Age 81, of Minneapolis, died from complications from cardiac Amyloidosis 2/6/09. Preceded in death by parents, Willie and Inez Richardson. Survived by wife, Virginia; children, Deborah, Sandra (Arthur), Mark, and Kelli; granddaughters, Stephanie, and Sierra; sister, Maplelee Reese of Houston, TX; and nieces, Augusta Sampson of Dallas, TX; Shadariah Richardson of Atlanta GA. Sam grew up in Longview, TX and graduated from Morehouse College where he joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the NAACP. During his lifetime he was employed as Advertising Director for Applebaum Supermarkets, and Commissioner of Human Rights for the State of Minnesota. His last place of employment was the MN Dept of Ed., Finance and Data as an Education Specialist. Sam was a warrior for civil and human rights. He held many roles of leadership in the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at the local, state and regional level, and was a proud member of the Minnesota delegation to the 1963 March of Washington. His other passions were his family and his church, gardening and always improving and building community. He served on the board of many non profits and community organizations, including Walker West Music Academy and the United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. of MN. He was aslo very active in the DFL party. He always encouraged young people to aim high, pursue further education and give back to the community. His family would like to extend sincere appreciation to the staff of Martin Luther Manor and the staff of Fairview Homecare and Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Oakland Avenue United Methodist Church, and Walker West Music Accademy. Private interment Lakewood Cemetery. Funeral service 11 AM Thursday, Feb. 12 at Oakland Avenue United Methodist Church, 4405 Oakland Ave, Minneapolis, with visitation 1 hour prior at church. Visitation also Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 5-7 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651 1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway