

Celebration of Life
of
Verdell Trice



Visitation

Thursday, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Unique Funeral Home
3425 W. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Services:

Friday May 27, 2016
Wake: 9:30 am -- Funeral: 10:30 am
St. Paul CME Church
4644 South Dearborn Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Reverend Carlee Adams Pastor, Officiating

Sunrise
April 10, 1923

Sunset
May 22, 2016

Obituary

VERDELL TRICE WAS BORN ON APRIL 10, 1923, TO THE LATE MR. ROBERT TRICE AND MRS. DINAH WILLIAMS TRICE IN VERNONA (LEE COUNTY) MISSISSIPPI. HE WAS THE SIXTH OF EIGHT CHILDREN. IN ADDITION TO HIS PARENTS, HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS LOVING WIFE OF 65 YEARS, MATTIE EVELYN JENNY TRICE, HIS BELOVED SON, RUDOLPH TRICE, FIVE BROTHERS, ROBERT LEE TRICE, HERBERT TRICE SR., JAMES B. TRICE, PERRY TRICE AND DR. JUNIPER YATES "JY" TRICE, TWO SISTERS, ELAINE TRICE NANCE AND MALISSE TRICE RAINY. VERDELL LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY: DAUGHTER, JACQUELINE TRICE, OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, DAVID FIELDS OF BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS AND MANY FRIENDS.

VERDELL RECEIVED HIS EARLY EDUCATION AT MARY C. WADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN VERONA. VERDELL ATTENDED GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER HIGH SCHOOL IN TUPELO (3 MILES) WHERE HE PLAYED FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL. WITH HIS G.I. BENEFIT, VERDELL ENROLLED AND GRADUATED FROM MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE, RUST COLLEGE, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI. AFTER COLLEGE, VERDELL WAS A HIGH SCHOOL COACH FOR TWO SEASONS. IN 1952, VERDELL MOVED TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. HE WAS A CTA BUS DRIVER BEFORE OPENING THE FIRST OF SEVERAL PROSPEROUS BUSINESSES. FOR FOUR DECADES, VERDELL OWNED A NUMBER OF WESTSIDE BUSINESSES, GAS AND AUTO SERVICE, TOWING SERVICE, GROCERY STORE AND CAR WASH.

ACTIVE IN WESTSIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICS, VERDELL HELPED ELECT ALDERMEN, AND STATE WIDE POLITICIANS WHOM HE FELT WOULD HELP IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR WESTSIDE RESIDENTS. VERDELL WAS ELECTED TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL AT MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL. OVER THE YEARS HE SERVED ON SEVERAL BOARDS INVOLVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WITH HIS YEARS AS A BUSINESSMAN BEHIND HIM, VERDELL BECAME A SUPERVISOR OF THE JANITORIAL CREW FOR BETHANY HOSPITAL, A POSITION HE HELD FOR TWENTY YEARS. VERDELL IS A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS WHO MADE THE GREATEST GENERATION, WWII.

AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE "MAYOR OF THE WESTSIDE", VERDELL, WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS GOOD DEEDS.

FOR SIX DECADES VERDELL WAS A PROUD AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST. PAUL CME CHURCH. HE WILL BE BURIED IN THE MILITARY CEMETERY ALONGSIDE HIS WIFE IN JOLIET, ILLINOIS.