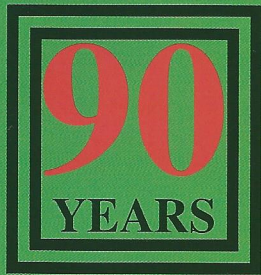


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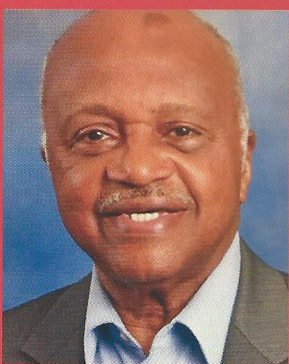
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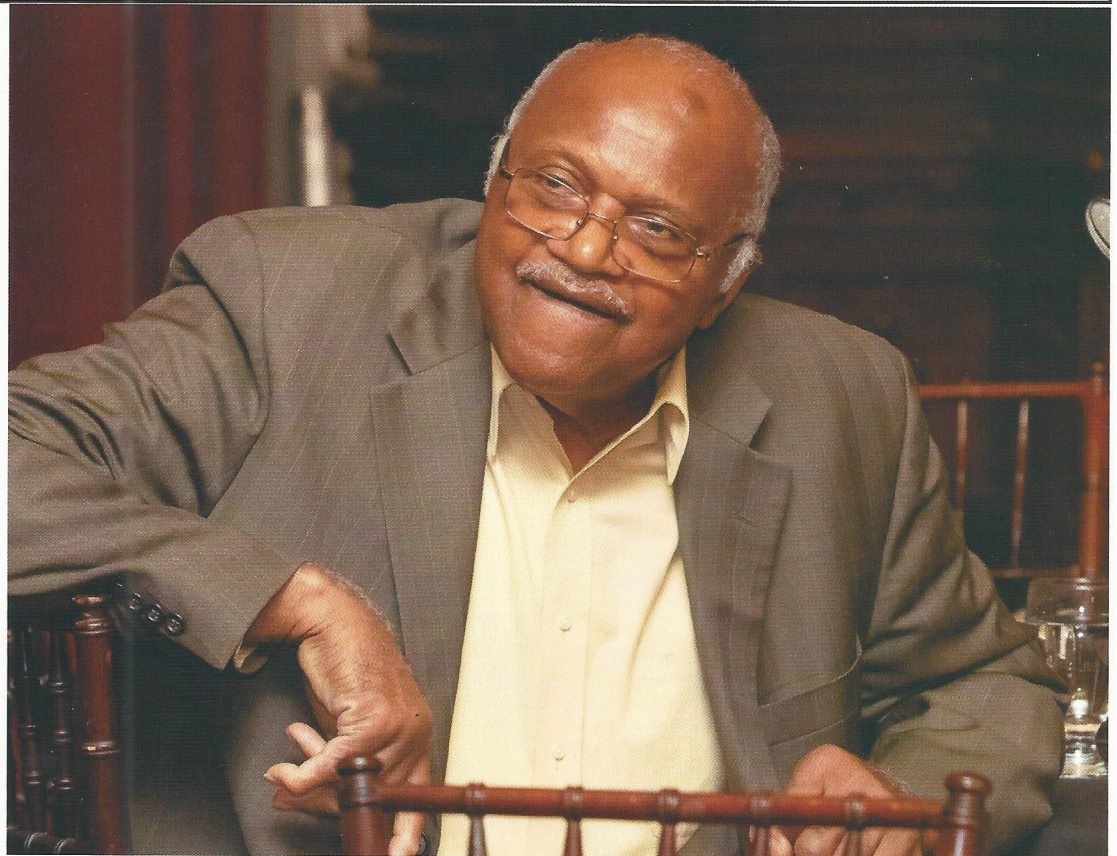
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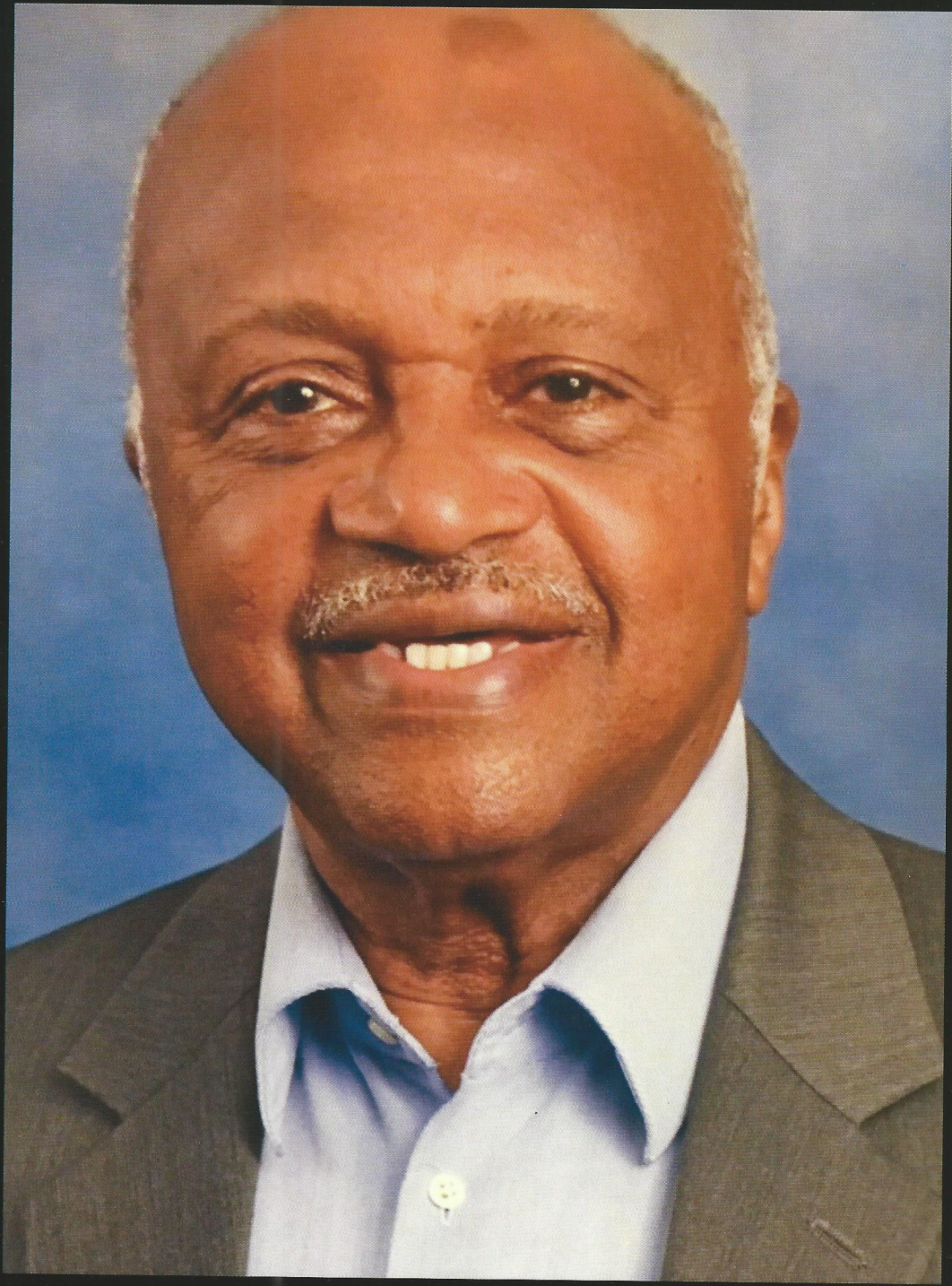
Deacon Benjamin Latimer celebrates 90th Anniversary of the Westchester County Press. (PHOTO by Barry Mason)

Monday, January 14, 2019 • 12:00 P.M.
Bethel Baptist Church • 1 Fisher Court • White Plains, New York 10601
Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor

Order of Service

Dr. Frozine Reece-Smith, Officiant

ORGAN PRELUDE:	Bro. James Patterson
OPENING SELECTION: #248	<i>Hold To God's Unchanging Hand</i>
SCRIPTURE READINGS	
OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 1	Deacon John Wade
NEW TESTAMENT: II Timothy 4:7&8	First Baptist Church, Mamaroneck, NY Bernard & Jaetyn Richardson (Grandsons)
PRAYER OF COMFORT:	Rev. Gary Colter, Pastor Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Peekskill, NY
EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY:	Sis. Barbara J. High, Church Clerk
OBITUARY:	Ocean Latimer (Grandson)
SOLO:	Monica Powell (Cousin)
PRESENTATION:	Youth of Bethel Baptist Church
SPECIAL REMARKS: 2 minutes (please)	Deacon Frank Williams City of White Plains Hon. Ben Boykin, Chairman Westchester County Board of Legislators
REFLECTIONS:	Rev. Anthony Montague David Christopher Latimer
TRIBUTE:	Naim Owens (Cousin)
SOLO:	LaNesha Latimer (Niece)
EULOGY:	Dr. Edward O. Williamson
RECESSIONAL: #325	<i>We'll Understand It Better By and By</i>







A tropical beach at sunset with palm trees and waves. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple, with the sun low on the horizon. The ocean is a deep blue, and the waves are gently washing onto the sandy beach. Palm trees are silhouetted against the bright sky.

Never Forgotten

*You'll never be forgotten
That simply cannot be.
As long as I am living
I'll carry you with me.
Safely tucked within my heart
Your light will always shine;
A glowing ember never stilled,
Throughout the end of time.
No matter what the future brings,
Or what may lie ahead,
Know that you will walk with me
Along the path I tread.
So rest my angel, be at peace
And let your soul fly free.
One day I'll join your glorious flight
For all eternity.*

Obituary

Deacon Benjamin Latimer

Benjamin Latimer was born in Pendleton, South Carolina on August 21, 1937, to the late Willie C. Latimer and Corrine Latimer. He peacefully transitioned into eternal rest after a brief illness on January 3, 2019 at Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, NY.

He received his high school diploma from West-side High School in Anderson, South Carolina where he ran track; played football; and was selected as captain of his basketball team. Additionally, he served his country by joining the army and completing his three-year obligation before receiving an honorable discharge.

Benjamin relocated to New York where he was employed at The County Home, a senior center in Hawthorne, New York, which was later renamed The Ruth Taylor Institute. He was afforded several opportunities for professional development and awarded the privilege of leading in several managerial positions because of his positive work ethic and perseverance. This display of professionalism would contribute to him being inducted into the Senior Hall Of Fame.

Benjamin, being a devout man of God, found a new family for worship at the Bethel Baptist Church in White Plains, New York. He rendered dedicated service as a Trustee of the church and was later elected as the chair of the Trustee Board. His precise and accurate keeping of records led him to be appointed as church treasurer for many years.

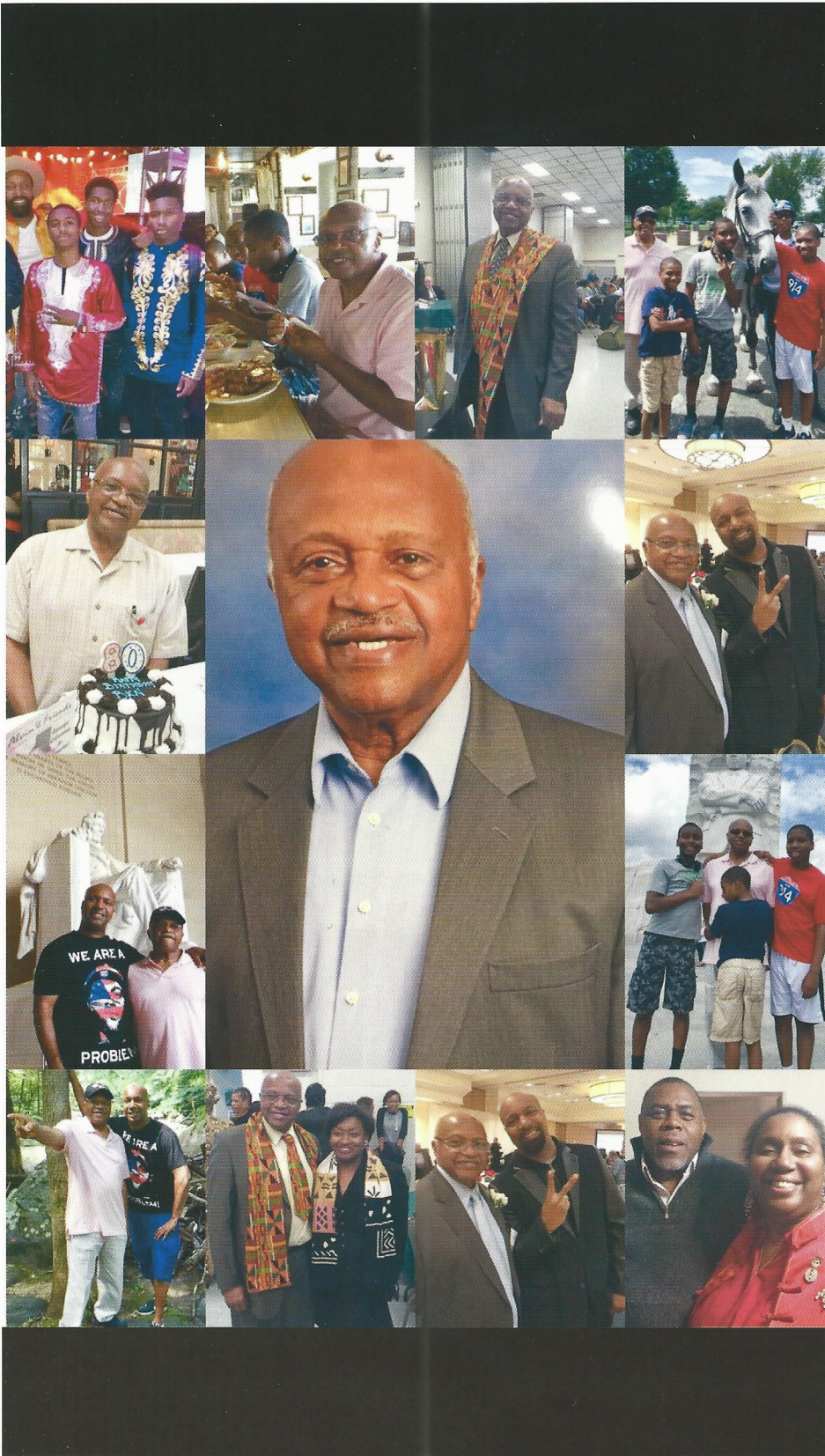
Benjamin was appointed as a deacon in March, 2001. The commitment to this calling expanded his ministry to include starting the Transportation Ministry; becoming president of the Men's Ministry; "Go To Deacon" for the Senior's Ministry and Chaperone/Driver for the Youth Ministry.

Deacon Latimer continued to be active even after retiring from 32 years of working with the County. Benjamin was a professional painter and his compassion for the elderly led him to become "The Home Improvement Guy" for seniors. He also worked at Lee's Funeral Home and *The Westchester County Press* until he became ill.

He leaves to mourn his passing in celebration of his life; a loving and devoted wife, Sylvia; three children: Sharon Latimer-Mosley (Michael); David Christopher Latimer and Cassandra Richardson (Bernard). One sister, Willie Mae Trayman; one sister-in-law: Pollie Latimer; one Aunt, Ellen Sherard – the family matriarch; as well as, seven grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Benjamin was pre-deceased in death by both parents; one sister, Arah I. Wright; one brother, James A. Latimer; the mother of his children, Sudie Hardy and two brothers-in-law, Harold Wright and Johnny C. Trayman.

--Ben was loved by all and will be sorely missed by many--



*Those we love
 Don't go away,
 They walk beside us
 Every day. . .
 Unseen, unheard,
 But always near,
 Still loved,
 Still missed and very dear.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family graciously
 acknowledges your prayers,
 cards, and many acts
 of kindness.
 Your expressions of love
 will be sources of comfort
 in the days to come.

The Family

REPAST

Immediately following the
 Celebration of Life, the family
 will receive friends at
 Don Coqui
 107 Mamaroneck Avenue
 White Plains, NY

PALLBEARERS

Deacon Dewitt Smith
 Deacon Richard Jackson
 Davon Wilson
 Randy Latimer
 Benjamin Ransome
 Sinclair Wright



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