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## **Cornelius Garfield "C.G." Fowler, Jr.**

November 03, 1922 - June 10, 2014

### ***Service:***

A Home Going Service will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Coleman Chapel AME Church, 4111 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Interment will follow in Sunset Ridge Memorial Park.

### ***Visitation:***

A visitation for Cornelius will be held at the funeral home on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### ***Obituary:***

Cornelius Garfield "C.G." Fowler, Jr., 91 went home to be with his Lord on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Born November 3, 1922 in Muskogee, OK, this bundle of joy was born to the late Cornelius Garfield Fowler, Sr. and Maggie Louise (Patton) Fowler. He received his education in Muskogee, OK and graduated from Manuel Training High School at the age of 15 years old.

Cornelius continued his education at Texas College in Tyler, TX, where he was a member of Omega PSI PHI Fraternity. He furthered his education in CA and graduated at the age of 19 years old. He received his Master's Degree in Computer Science, and his Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Biology at Langston University. He was a proud recipient of a Lifetime Mathematics Certificate.

On April 8, 1950, in Tulsa, OK he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Wilma Jean Robinson. They lived a wonderful love story for 49 years, until her death in June, 1999.

Cornelius began his teaching career in Pawhuska, OK where he taught mathematics and directed their Marching Band. In 1943, he relocated to Ponca City, OK where he was employed with Attucks Schools, teaching mathematics and was director of their Marching Band Director. With Cornelius' dedication and help, the band won many first place competitions.

Cornelius moved from Ponca City, OK to Tulsa, OK where he taught for many years in Sand Springs, OK. It was during this time that he intermittently played his trumpet with various Big Bands. He played Swing Music with great legends such as Count Basie and many others traveling with the Chitlin Circuit.

Cornelius' final relocation was to Kenosha where he taught math, computer science, chemistry, biology and geometry at Tremper High School, retiring in 1997. He was a proud recipient of an award for introducing computers to the school. On a part time basis, he also wrote computer programs for American Motors Corporation.



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Cornelius owned Service Taxi Cab in Tulsa, OK and Fowler Accountant and Tax Consultant for over 50 years.

He was a faithful member of Coleman Chapel AME Church where he served as Steward, Trustee, and was a member of their Senior Men's Choir, and was the music band director until his death. For many years, Cornelius taught musical instruments to anyone in the community who was interested in playing an instrument in the church orchestra. For those who were unable to obtain their own instrument, Cornelius always made sure they had one to practice on.

He was a member of the Ethic Elders, Omega PSI PHI Fraternity, and was an active member until his death of the Lions Club of Greater Kenosha where he had served as President for one year.

Cornelius loved playing and listening to music of all kinds, watching Westerns and old movies. Most of all his lifetime love was his model trains, and model cars.

He is survived by his sister, Carmen Ercell Fowler Fair of Chicago, IL; his special niece that was like a daughter to him, Toni (Nathaniel) Wolfe of Kenosha; his nephews, Earnest (Gina) Fair, Jr. of Las Vegas, NV, Michael Reed, Peter Reed, Hugh (Sharriah) Wells, Ermon Bowen, Jr. and Ronald Bower; his nieces, Tanya Reed (John) Denson, Joan Reed George, Mary Ann Reed, and a host of other nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Omadell Louise Fowler Reed and Cornelia Postelle Fowler Bowen.

*The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Vincent Rizzo and Hospice Alliance, Inc.; especially Mohamad, Zelma, Elaine and staff, for the special compassionate care they provided to Cornelius.*

## Condolences

**Posted on: June 14, 2014 | By: Betsy Vogel Teixeira**

I graduated Tremper 40 years ago and don't remember a lot of my teachers but I DO remember Mr. Fowler. Great teacher; wonderful man! He made learning fun! I'm glad to know he had a long and happy life!

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**Posted on: June 16, 2014 | By: Scott Deerwester**

Few people have made a bigger impact on my life than C.G. Fowler. He was my high school computer science teacher until I graduated in 1974. His love, wisdom and passion were a shining light in my life and the lives of other students, and that light continued to shine over the many decades since. I'm looking forward to jamming with him when my own time comes.

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**Posted on: June 18, 2014 | By: Theresa winker**

I was just a lil girl when my father brad would bring me by ur house.. even being so young i still remember how gentile n kind you were.. my prayers are with the family at this time of need.. rest in paradise..

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**Posted on: June 18, 2014 | By: Mr. Bradley G. Winker**

To a Great man and friend he was a family friend and neighbor loved listening to him play his trumpet and always enjoyed his company and yes how his trains a very welcome wise and joyful loving friend will be missed by many for he had a connection with people a true humanitarian will be missed by many .now you onto your new journey with Jean and all your loved youl always be with us play your trumpet with all the great ones above .God Bless your in paradise enjoying your new life

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**Posted on: June 20, 2014 | By: Kathy Morrill Agnew**

My condolences to Mr. Fowler's family. He was a wonderful educator, and I'm grateful for having had the privilege of being his teaching assistant my senior year at Tremper..43 years ago. Rest in Peace, you were truly a great man.

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**Posted on: June 24, 2014 | By: Tina**

I'm a former student of Mr. Fowler's, and was sad to hear of his passing. He was my most favorite teacher and I was glad that I had a chance to tell him that when I saw him at a restaurant a few years back. He had quite a full life it seems, I only knew the teacher side of him, but sounds like he had a wonderful life and a wonderful family to match, God bless, and may he forever be at peace.