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CALLIE WYNNE BRAGG

The Board of Directors of the Mary Allen Museum of African-American Art and History is saddened to announce the death of our beloved Founder and Chair, Mrs. Callie Wynne Bragg of Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Bragg passed away at Parkland Hospital Monday, November 18, 2002 of complications of surgery.

Mrs. Bragg was eulogized at Munger Avenue Baptist Church, 3919 Munger Avenue, Dallas on Saturday morning, November 23, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. John D. Mangram gave the eulogy. Mrs. Bragg was buried at the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Dallas.

The wake was held at Black and Clark Funeral Home, 2517 Illinois Avenue on November 22, 2002, 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Callie Wynne Bragg was the seventh child born to Stephen and Hattie Sanders Wynne in the Fodice Community southeast of Crockett. While still a small child the family moved to Crockett. Mrs. Bragg had four sisters and five brothers. Six of her siblings preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bragg was married to Jesse Lee Bragg, Jr. who preceded her in death. To this union two children were born, Glenn Lofton Bragg and Sandra Bragg.

Mrs. Bragg united with Bethel Baptist Church in Crockett, Texas at an early age and upon moving to Dallas, she united with Munger Avenue Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend Bernard O. Byrd where she remained a faithful member for over half a

century.

Mrs. Bragg attended public schools and Mary Allen College in Crockett, which closed in 1972. Mrs. Bragg earned a bachelor's degree from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, and a Master's degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. In Dallas, she taught first grade at C.F. Carr Elementary School and fourth grade at George Washington Carver Elementary School for 31 1/2 years.

In retirement, she decided to do something about the drug and alcohol problems young people faced in West Dallas. Mrs. Bragg founded an advisory board at the Joseph McMillian Community Center. For the next 14 years, she worked to make the neighborhood drug-free. Mrs. Bragg won a State award for this effort.

"The purpose is to have a better community and to cut down on crime and children losing their sight on life itself," Mrs. Bragg said in 1998. "We want them to understand the things that will lead to a better life and the experiences that will be wholesome for them.

Mrs. Bragg's organization gave rise to other support groups for people with addictions.

This year, the South Dallas Business and Professional Women's Club presented Mrs. Bragg with its highest honor, the Sojourner Truth Award, for her efforts.

Mrs. Bragg was an active member of the NACCP and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for over a half Century.

In 2000, she came to Crockett to organize the Mary Allen Museum of African-American Art and History. She contributed over \$25,000.00 to start the Mary Allen Museum. The Board of Directors have pledged to continue to bring Mrs. Bragg's dream, her vision into a reality.

Mrs. Callie Wynne Bragg is survived by a daughter, Sandra Bragg Berry and her son, Stephen, a son Glenn Lofton Bragg and his three daughters Jenee and her husband, Dr. Cliff Andrew Guidry, Sharon, and Whitney, and three great-grandchildren, B.J., Cliff Andrew, and Caitlyn; one brother Willie Wynne and wife, Dorantha of Galveston, two sisters, Mrs. Tenola Wynne King of Crockett, and Mrs. Steve Wynne Lewis of Houston, nieces and nephews; and the Board of Directors of the Mary Allen Museum of African-American Art and History.

Memorials may be made to the: Mary Allen Museum, P.O. Box 63, Crockett, TX. 75835.