



Jerome Warren Freeman, Sr.

July 3, 1928 - April 2, 2009

Teacher, administrator, professor and director of deaf services in eight states for 48 years passed away peacefully at the age of 80, on April 2, 2009, Indianapolis, Indiana. Jerome always felt that one of his greatest successes came when he worked as Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services for the State of Indiana, with Relay Indiana and the Board of Standards for Interpreters. Dr. Freeman was born July 3, 1928 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He lost his hearing from spinal meningitis at the age of 7. He attended Indiana School for the Deaf, Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and held a Master's in education from Mississippi College, a Master's in administration from San Frenando State University, and a doctoral degree in curriculum and administration from the University of Tennessee. Visitation will be Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 6404 East 46th Street, Indianapolis, 46226. Dr. Freeman was preceded in death by his parents, George Louis and Ida Helen Freeman, two brothers, Russell and Ricky, and a sister, Mildred. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Helen Jackson Freeman of Indianapolis; son, Jerome Freeman, Jr., and daughter-in-law Deborah of Decatur, Mississippi; son, Michael Louis Freeman and daughter-in-law Kelly of Indianapolis; as well as four grandchildren, Jenny, Bob, Joe and Sarah. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Dr. Freeman to Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf.