

OBITUARIES

Sheryl Marie Miller

Sheryl Marie Miller was born March 2, 1961 to the parentage of Sammie Lee Miller and Oweda Hamilton Miller in Palastine, Texas. Sheryl recieved her education in the Palastine School District. At an early age she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. In March, 1979, she married a young man by the name of Herbert Lewis Johnson. To the union three children were born. On Thursday, the 20th day of March 2008, Sheryl Marie Miller passed away. She was preceeded in death by her father, Sammie Lee Miller Sr. Sheryl leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, LaDominque Johnson and Crystal Johnson, one son, Herbert Lewis Johnson Jr.; four sisters, Jacqueline Collen Miller, Oweda Johnson (Durman) all of Dallas TX; three brothers, Sammie Lee Miller of Portland,

Lester Bryan Miller of Portland and Chester Brent Miller of Tyler, TX; one grandson, Kerlon Sapeda, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Oliver Bradley, Jr.

Mr. Oliver Bradley, Jr., the son of the late Oliver and Annie Bradley was born on April 30, 1923, in Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas. He graduated George W. Bradford High School, Rusk of received his Bachelor degree from Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Mr. Bradley was a teacher and principal serving in Wells, Sweet Union and Diboll. He was married to Mary E. Hill Bradley for 56 years. He was a member of the Wells Chapel Baptist Church for over fifty years. He departed this life on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at his home in Lufkin, Texas. Survivors are his wife Mary E. Bradley, his cousin Shirley Jo Hughes and a host of other relatives and friends.

NAACP new president takes helm

The NAACP National Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Benjamin T. Jealous as National President & CEO. He is the 17th person chosen to lead the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization in its 99-year history. The 35 year old is the youngest president to ever lead this historical organization.

Mr. Jealous began his career as an organizer with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund working on issues of healthcare access.

He was born, raised, and attended public and parochial schools in Monterey County, California. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Columbia University and a master's degree in comparative social research from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Mr. Jealous is a member of the Asia Society. He is a board member of Northern California Grantmakers and the California Council for the Humanities. During the mid 1990s, Mr. Jealous served as Managing Editor of the Jackson Advocate, Mississippi's oldest black newspaper. His reporting for the frequently-firebombed weekly was credited with exposing corruption amongst high-ranking officials at the state prison in Parchman, and helping to acquit a small farmer who had been wrongfully and maliciously accused of arson. He initially came to Mississippi as a field organizer on a successful campaign to stop the state's plan to close two of its three public historically black universities, and convert one of them into a prison. The 4th Annual NAACP Leadership 500 Summit is rapidly approaching.



Ben Jealous

workshops, interactive panel discussions and general session led by prominent private sector, non-profit, corporate, and community leaders.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend "Economic Parity and Wealth Creation: A Path to Greater Wealth Creation," a workshop dedicated to answering questions about owning your own business and sharing information about other wealth building opportunities.

July 12-17, 2008, the 99th Annual NAACP Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

July 30 - August 3, 2008 the NAACP Act-SO 30th Anniversary will be celebrated at - Walt Disney World Florida ACT-SO is a year-long enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. The ACT-SO program centers around the dedication and commitment of community volunteers and business leaders who serve as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence among African-American students. There are 25 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, performing and visual arts.



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