

EPA Biographies

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In Memory Of
IDA MAE DANIEL

Born July 28, 1892
Died October 15, 1977

Funeral Services At
SKYLAWN MEMORIAL PARK
Highway 35 and 92
San Mateo County
California

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1977
1:00 P.M.



Mrs. Daniel's remains will be viewed at:

Palm O'Dell Mortuary

935 Industrial Way
Palo Alto, CA. 94303

Memorial service will start at 7:30.

Conducted by: Members of the Ministerial
Alliance:

Bishop Gillis
Reverend Mothershead

ORDER OF SERVICE

Drums *As Ngai Will* Norman Fontaine

Opening Remarks and Blessing of the Earth . . Arathi

Scripture St. John Baptist Church
Reverend Mothershead

Acknowledgements and Communications . . J. Blakey

Remarks/Prayer Bishop George Gillis

Drums Norman Fontaine

Eulogy J. Sandili

Closing Remarks Arathi

Drums *Prelude* Norman Fontaine

Honored Guests:

Representative of M.E.E.
Mayor Gertrude Wilks

Designee of Drew Medical Center
Mr. Range

Representative of O.I.C.W.
Mr. Gaymon

Representative of E.O.C.
Mr. Araujo

Representative of Development Ctr.
Mr. Blakey

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ida Mae Murphy Johnson Daniel was born in Shepardsville, Kentucky July 28, 1892.

She was the first black person to register to vote in her county.

She graduated from Normal School and taught at the County School in Bullet County. She moved as a young lady to the City of Louisville and from Louisville to Atlantic City where she spent most of her life.

She was a ward leader of the Republican Party.

She was the first black Social Worker in Atlantic City as well as the first black police woman. She retired from the police force after eighteen years of service. During the same period the Daniels' family operated up to five senior citizens homes.

Besides her civic activities she worked with various Social Clubs.

She was an Officer of the State and Local Federated Womans Club.

She founded the White Rose Tea Club of First Baptist Church of Atlantic City.

She was a member of the Sons and Daughters of the Islands.

A Princess of Corinthian Chapter No. 2, and Superintendent of Juveniles of the Benevolent, Protective Order of Raindeer Inc. of America.

With her young people service work, she had a day named in her honor: "*The Ida Daniel Field Day*" where a parade was held each year followed by sports and oratorical contests.

She was one of the members and officers of the Business and Professional Women Club for Atlantic City which she founded.

In East Palo Alto she founded the Art and Travel Club. Accordingly was a member and officer of the Bayshore Senior Citizens Club and a past President of Community Activities Club of Palo Alto. According to Mayor Gertrude Wilks, she was a chartered member of M.E.E. and the Day School. Mrs. Wilks called her one of her Lieutenants.

The lady totally committed her life to Public Service.

She was a fighter - she persisted.

CEREMONY

How goes the stages of life
when Gekoyo walked down the mountain.

His first mortal encounter was Moombi-
symbolized by Ida Daniel

The cycle continues
the seed is interred into the earth.

This beautiful woman was that seed

As the flowering stature is green,

buds shot forth from every twig!

For every twig does not bear fruit,
only the chosen!

First shyly and finally

with boldness one of the chosen shoots forth its petals!

Then the petals open.

The ultimate expansion of beauty.

The full openness is the demise of a flower.

The explosion and petals return to the earth.

The cycle reinstates and reinstitutes itself.

Such fragrance!

The fullness continues to envelope our beings
even after the petals have returned to the earth.

Feed the spirit and the body,
For they are parallel.
They never merge
except in our minds' reality.

Ida Mae Daniel was a Civic Person,
a Church Person,
a Community Person
who has touched
and been touched
by many.

The world cannot do with her
Nor can we do without her-
The ultimate contradiction
between being and non being-
Ida Mae, in all your 85 years,
you achieved all your goals and continued to reach
perhaps for the stars.

Astro flying
apparent flying
real flying.

The flight is absolute
yet transitory,
inside out
outside in

up down
and down up.

History has its own time schedule.

It weighs heavy upon us
it absolves us of sin
it brings us into self
and causes focus.

In Gekoyo, we speak of the termination of
life as a normal process.

Life has been full
no sadness is required.

Ida Mae Daniel has mothered a nation
and set the style for the living process.

Divider of time and matter and energy
allow us the presence of mind to take strength from
Ida Mae Daniel's
example-

Under your guidance
there is nothing that we cannot do.

Praise Ngai, Praise God Peace-Peace be with us all

Finale

Here the torch is passed from Moombi the Mother of the
Gekoyo Nation, to Mida her offspring and the cycle continues.

Praise Ngai, Praise God Victory and Peace be with us.



CONCLUSION

The rhythm of the drum shall hasten Moombi's spirit to immortality. We will now adjourn in the same of the Moombi. We will go to the Daniel-Berk Residence, Home of Mida, and partake of food for the departed and for the spirits of all our ancestors and for ourselves.

In the name of Ngai.

Victory and Peace be with us.

Persist and it shall come.

LIVING MEMORIAL

The Ida Daniel Memorial Trust Fund established by EOC to plant trees and shrubs in the Mini-Park, to be established in honor of Rupert Sydney Daniel. The Drew Health Center has made the first contribution to the Fund. In the event that you would like to make a donation, please forward to:

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