

Mrs. Carmaleit D. Oakes

Sunrise, Birmingham, AL 4/26/06,  
Sunset, Stanford Hospital, Stanford, CA 4/10/95

### **Education**

1919 Graduated Simmons Elementary School, St. Louis, MO

1922 Graduated Sumner High School, St. Louis, MO

1923 Graduated Stowe Teachers College, St. Louis, MO

Postgraduate Washington University, St. Louis, MO

Postgraduate University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

### **Professional Activities**

1923 Pruitt School, St. Louis Public School District

1968 Retired from the St. Louis Public School District after 44 years

1979 - 1982 Assistant Director, EPA Senior Center, EPA, California

### **Volunteer Activities**

1977 to Present Advocate for Seniors and Children in the EPA Community

1978 - 1982 Treasurer, EPA Senior Citizens Club

1980 - 1986 Convenor, EPA Citizens Committee on Incorporation (EPACCI)

1980 Member, League of Dedicated Citizens and Registered Voters

1982 - Present Board Member, Community Development Institute (CDI)

1983 - 1990 Member, Personnel Committee, City of East Palo Alto

1986 - Present Member, Girls Club of the Mid-Peninsula

### **Travels**

1970 Hawaiian Islands

1974 Caribbean Islands

Jul 82 Ghana, Togo, Senegal, West Africa

Dec 84 Liberia, Senegal, Ivory Coast, West Africa

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Mrs. Oakes, as EPACCI's convenor, worked tirelessly toward achieving incorporation; she participated in seemingly endless governmental meetings, court hearings, and voter registration drives. She informed the public, both locally and nationally, about the affairs of East Palo Alto.

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Mrs. Carmaleit D. Oakes: 04/26/06 Birmingham, AL to 04/10/95  
Stanford, CA.

- o was a retired outstanding elementary school educator from the St. Louis, Missouri, Public School System; (Eleanor Curry was one of her students.)

- o was the Convenor of the East Palo Alto Citizens Committee on Incorporation (EPACCI) and was instrumental in helping bring the City of East Palo Alto into being;

- o was the Assistant Director of the East Palo Alto Senior Center from 1979 to 1982;

- o was a dedicated community worker, an advocate for children, and also an advocate for senior affairs; She served as the Assistant Director, East Palo Alto Senior Center, from 1978 through 1982;

- o was a Board member , Community Development Institute from 1982 to the present; a room at the Institute is named in her honor.

- o was Board member and Board Secretary, Girls Club of the Mid-Peninsula from 1986 to present.

- o was a member of the Personnel Commission, City of East Palo Alto;

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The achievement of incorporation followed many years of concerned deliberate action by several collections of people. Mrs. Oakes was always available and worked tirelessly toward that goal. As EPACCI's convenor, she participated in seemingly endless governmental meetings, court hearings, and voter registration drives. She informed the public, both locally and nationally, of the affairs of East Palo Alto.

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She leaves to mourn a son, Alan D. Oakes, Washington, D.C.; nephews, Andrew (wife Jerry), Buena Vista, Colorado; Jim Hill, Los Angeles, CA; and Sister-in Law, Lila DeLaney, Kansas; various nephews and nieces; a granddaughter, Gabrielle Oakes; and a devoted friend, Barbara A. Mouton. All her brothers and sisters , her parents, her husband, and a daughter, Arnetta Oakes predeceased her.