

# Service of Triumph

for



## Louise Kerr Hines

1916 - 2007

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Wake: 10:30 a.m. Funeral: 11:00 a.m.

Heritage United Church of Christ

3106 Liberty Heights Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland

Rev. Louise Jeff... G... D...

### Gadabouting in Baltimore

## Miss Louise Kerr Bride of Clarence A. Hines

with Lala Jones Garrett

Striking a nice balance between the traditional and her personal wishes, Miss Louise Kerr, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. Herndon Kerr, became the bride of Clarence A. Hines in a colorful home wedding, Thursday at 6 p.m.

Because her bridegroom had remembered her best in a truck of gold during his 42 years of absence in the service, she selected that color for her tulle wedding gown and its matching hip-length veil of net which was held by gold and white gladioli in her hair, and matched by her own bouquet of the same flowers.

She was attended by her sisters-in-law, Mrs. Thomas H. Kerr Jr., of Washington, who wore green brocade tulle with matching veil and gloves and Mrs. Judson H. Kerr of this city, crowned in pink tulle with matching veil and gloves. Both carried white gladioli tied with ribbons to match their frocks.

Small Jessie Louise Kerr, niece of the bride, in pink tulle, was flower girl. Ernest Clasper was best man.

Only members of the immediate families attended the ceremony which was held against a backdrop of palms, huckleberry and laurel greens and acacia which backed the altar covered in palms.

The Rev. Matthew Williams, great uncle of the bride officiated and musical music was by Mrs. Lucy Jones, soloist, and Miss Gloria Hall, pianist.

At 7 p.m. a reception was held, during which the couple greeted 150 guests.

In the receiving line were members of the bridal party and Mrs. Kerr, who wore blue tulle and net with gold accessories; Misses Nina Regina, Limestone and Sylvia Hines, sisters of the bridegroom; Miss Ophelia Taylor of Washington, Thomas Kerr of Washington and Judson Kerr.

Back to the present week, the couple will spend their honeymoon in their new apartment at 2133 Druid Hill Avenue, which, until Louise was her fiancée, a perfect honeymoon.

had dashed off to Philadelphia for fitting of her wedding gown, and back home had just concluded shopping and shopping the 500 invitations which were to surround friends to the ceremony to be held in Morgan Christian Center. Dr. John Gilbert had been engaged to officiate and all was in readiness when a phone call brought the fearful tidings.

The incident recalls a similar instance in the family. An aunt of the bride-to-be, the former Rose Murphy, had all plans completed for her wedding to a Philadelphia dentist, when he became desperately ill and died a few days prior to the ceremony.

Miss Murphy and her mother, Mrs. Carl Murphy, flew to Dorton to funeral services which took place at the Todd Avenue A.M.E. Church, Friday, at 1:30 p.m. Following the rites, they will visit Kansasville, and return here next week.

#### WATERNES METED

When Mr. and Mrs. T. Randolph Waters dropped in on Dr. and Mrs. Marjorie Adams, Thursday evening, they were greeted with congratulations on their 21st wedding anniversary. About to share in the surprise were Mr. and Mrs. William Kemble, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Woodland, Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Berkshale, Dr. and Mrs. Fred West and Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Alleyne.

#### WE WIVES ENTERTAIN

Members of the We Wives Club were entertained at the Washington home of Gwendolyn Tarter, Friday.

About seven Baltimore were Tris Carpenter, Adelle Foreman, Ida Smith, by Gwynne, Evelyn West, Frank Brown, Mr. and Mrs. William Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. Ighitea Kosta.

#### DR. BOND GUEST

Following his appearance at the Urban League dinner meeting, Monday evening, Dr. Horace M. Bond, president of Towson University, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy.

## Obituary

**LOUISE LYLES KERR** was born on the ides of March (March 15, 1916) in Baltimore, MD. She was one of four children of the late Dr. Thomas Henderson and Mrs. Geneva Louise Lyles Kerr. She was graduated with honors from Douglass High School in the class of February 1934, and later in June of 1937 she was graduated as salutatorian from Coppin Normal School (now Coppin State University). All of her childhood was spent in the 1900 block of Division Street, where she lived with her parents and brothers, Thomas, Jr. and Judson, until she married her high school classmate C. Morsell Hines in 1946.

Her first job was as an elementary school teacher, which only lasted five years. Teaching was not her cup of tea. She later served briefly as office secretary of the local NAACP branch and still later joined the staff of the *Afro American Newspapers* as a reporter. Her hobbies included freelance and creative writing, designing greeting cards, sewing, cooking, piano playing, reading and traveling.

Louise made a major contribution to the Civil Rights Program when she and her father brought suit against the Enoch Pratt Library for refusing to allow African Americans to be trained and employed by the Library. Although they did not win the case at the U.S. Circuit Court, the case aroused public opinion to the point where the Library soon relented and admitted Negroes for employment. During the Library's 100th Anniversary Celebration, Mrs. Hines was honored for this effort. After her stint at the *Afro*, she worked at the Maryland Department of Human Resources from whence she retired in 1978. After retirement, she volunteered as a tour guide at the Maryland Historical Society. She did oral histories on some local citizens and collected Black History items for the society. In 1981, the Philamathians cited her for her work with the MHS. Mrs. Hines was a life member of the NAACP, was affiliated with the Baltimore Urban League, and the Coppin State College Alumni Association where she contributed greatly to its scholarship fund.

Her spiritual journey began in Sharp St. Memorial United Methodist Church, and she transferred her membership to Heritage United Church of Christ in the early years of its existence. She was instrumental in starting the morning meditation service that preceded the Sunday morning worship service, and took that responsibility joyfully and very seriously. She loved God and Heritage Church dearly and was the first major contributor to its elevator and accessibility project. During the latter part of her life, she was a resident of Manor Care and later, Future Care-Charles Village Nursing Homes. Once, when she reflected on her life, she said *"I have accomplished three things in my life – I killed a chicken, milked a cow, and rode ten miles on the back of a motorcycle."* Her motto was *"Keep looking up, for God never fails."*

Her survivors include: nephews, Thomas III, Judson Jr., James, Jerald and David Kerr; nieces, Judy and Jessie Louise; sisters-in-law, Zelma Cheatham, Sylvia Hines, as well as Delores Kerr, who Louise characterized as her "earth angel;" and