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Cameo Social Club

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

History of Cameo Social Club

The Cameo Club came into existence (September 4, 1925) out of a need for a more active social, cultural and civic life. The club was founded by five teen-age girls in St. Paul, MN (Cynthia Hitt, Anita Roberts, Esther Bradley, Audrey Boswell and Guinevere Kelly). The first male member was admitted on September 22, 1925 (Herbert Foster). The first social event was an "Introductory Ball" (November 6, 1925). The Cameo Club maintained a full social agenda with: parties, dances, hayrides, sleigh rides, roller skating and ice skating.

The Cameo club hosted their first Cotillion Ball in 1956 where Debutantes were presented from the Twin Cities. To this day the Cameo Club maintains a full social calendar with, parties, picnics, casino days, game nights, cruises and other trips throughout the year.

The Cameo Club continues to make donations to various charitable foundations and has newly introduced a scholarship program to promote higher education.

The Cameo Club is a Lifetime member of the NAACP and is archived at the Minnesota Historical Society.

The motto chosen for the Club in 1925 is still meaningful today:

"Down not the one who is down
Cheer them up in their sorrow
For this old world is a funny old world
And you may be down tomorrow"

Lift Every Voice and Sing

(Negro National Anthem)

Words by James Weldon Johnson
Music by J. Rosamond Johnson
New York: Edward B. Marks Music Company - 1928

Exodus 3:17

"And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt
unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites,
and the Parasites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites,
unto a land flowing with milk and honey."

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Chorus

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present
has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

Chorus

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present
has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

We have come over a way that with tears has been
watered We have come, treading our path through
the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Chorus

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present
has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

The family of

MYRTLE SPEESE

wish to express our thanks and appreciation
to all who identified with us in this time of our bereavement.
Be assured that you will always be remembered in our prayers.
May God continue to bless you.



PALL BEARERS

Nicholas Hughes
Darick Rhodes
Bryant Rhodes

Carey Foster
James Hughes, Jr.
Commadore Oden

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Percy Hughes
LeRoy Bell
Dewey Davis

Kenneth Bowser
Clayton Hughes
Charles Nichols

See enclosed Poem, "No Longer Alone"
written by Melonie Blair

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Myrtle A. Hughes Speese

December 7, 1922 - September 29, 1999



-Tuesday October 5, 1999-

Visitation One hour before the Service
Service at Eleven O'Clock in the Morning
-to be held at-

CAMPBOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
585 Fuller Avenue - Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103

-Officiating-
Reverend Rufus Campbell, Pastor of Camphor Church

+ PORTRAIT OF LIFE +

Myrtle was born in Duluth, Minnesota to Lee G. Wiley Sr. and Viola McClinton Wiley on December 7, 1922. She graduated from Morgan Park High School in Duluth in 1942 and later earned her license in Cosmetology.

Myrtle married James P. Hughes in 1945 and from this union came Kathleen, Carolyn, James Jr. and Elizabeth. In 1983 she married Homer C. Speese.

She was employed as a hairdresser for many years. She then worked at Minnesota Fabrics where she retired after becoming very creative with arts and crafts.

Myrtle was a member of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church for many years, participating in the United Methodist Women and the Craft Club. She was also a long time member of the Suburbanites and the Cameo Social Club. She loved to travel, crochet, sew, bowl and go to casinos. She was the most loving, forgiving and gracious lady.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, James P. Hughes and Homer C. Speese and her daughter, Kathleen Rhodes. She is survived by her children, Carolyn Smith, Jimmy and Elizabeth Hughes, and her step children, Brian and Karen.

Also surviving are her grandchildren: Darick, Tina, Crystal, Bryant, Kathleen, Beverly, Melonie, Tasha, James Jr. Nicholas, Christina, Tyrone, Quanisha and 23 great-grandchildren.

+ ORDER OF SERVICE +

PRELUDE MUSIC

Boyd Koehler, pianist

WELCOME WORDS OF GRACE

INVOCATION

* HYMN	"Amazing Grace"	UMH # 378
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SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalms 23
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SOLO	"Precious Lord"	Gary Speese
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TRIBUTES	Letter by Melinda Andersen Poem by Martina, Brandon, Samara and Sherena Song by Janie Smith	
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PORTRAIT OF LIFE	<i>(read in silence)</i>
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SOLO	"Ave Maria"	Gary Speese
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM FAMILY	James S. Smith
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GOSPEL	John 11:1-16
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SOLO	"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"	Gary Speese
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EULOGY	Rev. Campbell
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TRIBUTE	Elizabeth Hughes
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* RECESSIONAL	"A Song for Mama"
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** . . . please stand if you are able to.*

Interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery, St Paul.

**Following the Interment, you are invited to return
to Camphor Church for Luncheon & Fellowship Time
with the family of Myrtle Speese,
served by Camphor's United Methodist Women.**

NO LONGER ALONE

Sitting back wasting valuable years,
scared to fight and face all of my fears.

Missing people who love me
and wanting to come home,
but too ashamed and embarrassed
I might as well be alone.

I want to come back!
I realize the streets have won.
I'm very well accepted by a loving family,
but now my Grandma's gone.

Will she ever forgive me?
Will I ever forgive myself?
This hurts really bad,
it's the worst I've ever felt.

I know Grandma is here watching over me,
providing me with the strength she knows I need.

I'm gonna miss Grandma with all of my heart,
but facing this loss has given me a brand new start.

I love you all,
so lost I have been,
but there's no way in life
I will allow this to ever happen again.

I wish I was there,
this feels so wrong,
but I know Grandma is guiding me,
and I'm no longer alone.

Written by Melonie Blair

