

Dr. Nickie N. Bell Beasley

Employed in the Educational Arena for 37 Years, Dr. Beasley has dedicated 33 of those years to the Leon County School District. She began her teaching career as a business education teacher at Wakulla High School, where she remained for two years, leaving to accept a teaching position at Belle Vue Middle School here in Leon County. She was promoted to Assistant Principal after two years of teaching at Belle Vue and remained there for an additional eight years as the principal of curriculum. Dr. Beasley was then offered the position of Principal of Nims Middle School.

In 1980, Dr. Beasley became the history making, first female Principal at the secondary level in the Leon County School District when she was named Principal of Nims Middle School. She was also the first Principal to complete residency for her Doctorate of Philosophy in Administration and Supervision from Florida State University shortly before she finished her first semester as Principal of Nims Middle School. Dr. Beasley has also served in several other educational institutions here in Leon County including being Principal of Griffin Middle School, Student Services Specialist at Lively Technical Center and Assistant Principal of Curriculum at Fairview Middle School, where she retired in 2003. Dr. Beasley also taught part – time as an adjunct Professor at Florida A&M University.

Throughout her life, Dr. Beasley demonstrated a strong love for humankind through her involvement as a leader and member of numerous services and organizations. Her affiliations included Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, National Association of University, FAMU Ladies Art and Social Club and the National Hook Up of Black Women.

Dr. Beasley has received numerous honors & awards including being a recipient

of the Florida A&M University Distinguished Alumnus Award and a 2010 honoree for the Tallahassee Community College African – American History Calendar. She has received awards and recognition from the following organizations: The Leon County Commissioner Neighborhood Recognition Program; FAMU Alumni Association (Life Time Member); Advisory Board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation, where she also served as President; Advisory Board of the FAMU Developmental Research School; NAACP; National Association of School Administrators; National Association of School Counselors and the Board of Directors of the Leon County Neighborhood Association. She passed away of cancer on September 12, 2003.

Please see attached items commemorating the life of the late Dr.

Nickie Beasley

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TALLAHASSEE

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Nickie N. Beasley, 63, a school administrator for Leon County Schools, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2003.

The service will be at 11 a. m. EDT Tuesday at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, with burial at



Southside Cemetery. Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will have a service at 7 p.m. EDT Monday at Strong & Jones Funeral Home chapel (224-2139). Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308. The funeral cortege will line up at 2610 Pottsdamer St.

Dr. Beasley had been a school administrator for the Leon County school system for more than 37 years. She made a great impact on those around her because her enthusiasm was contagious. Her affiliations include: Bethel Baptist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the National Association of Univer-

sity Women, FAMU Ladies Art and Social Club, the Leon County Commissioner Neighborhood Recognition Program, the FAMU Alumni Association (where she was a lifetime member), the advisory board of the Martin Luther King Foundation, the advisory board of FAMU Developmental Research School, the National Hook Up of Black Women and NAACP.

She leaves to mourn her passing her devoted husband, Stephen K. Beasley; a daughter, Cheryl B. King (and husband Moses) of Tallahassee; a granddaughter, Nicole Bowden of Tallahassee; three brothers, Johnny Bell (and wife Eileen) of Pensacola, and Curtis Bell and James Bell, both of Pineapple, Ala.; four sisters, Erskine McReynolds and Norsia McCants, both of Pensacola; Catherine McReynolds of Chicago and Vera Hatcher of Birmingham, Ala.; an aunt, Julia Dale of Pensacola; three godchildren, Mikaya Wilson of Birmingham, Noble Sissle of Atlanta and Chris Sissle of Gainesville; and a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends.

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