***Obituary for Lt. Colonel Annie Malone PhD***

*Retired Lt. Colonel Annie Estelle Malone, PhD, the eldest of two children born to Minna Malone and ???, in Warfield, Virginia, on August 8, 1931 and departed this life on Saturday, March 28, 2020.*

*Annie grew up in her maternal grandparents’ home, where she attended and graduated from public schools in Warfield, Virginia. Eventually, the family relocated to New York City. Annie joined and served in the United States Air Force, serving in Korea and retiring from the United States Army. She continued her education by earning a Bachelor’s Degree, Master’s Degree, and Doctorate Degree in Social Work through the CUNY Universities.*

*Annie was an enthusiastic member of Unity in the 1960s and later attended a Lutheran church in Harlem. After meeting a charismatic Bishop William Robinson, she joined The Garden of Prayer Church of God in Christ. Seeking a deeper understanding and closer walk with God, she attended Manhattan Bible College in the 1980s. She loved God and saw herself as HIS hands and feet – a champion of all people. She taught many bible study classes at various churches around NY. A weekly class at the Bronx VA and a Monday night prayer line.*

*Her love of God and Social Work was demonstrated in a host of programs that she led. Here are a few examples:*

* *Annie provided food and youth activities through the 369th Armory in Harlem, New York. People came from all areas of New York to support and participate in her programs.*
* *Always going above and beyond for her students at P911 (a school for pregnant girls), Annie was not only their Social Worker but also a mother figure establishing many lifelong relationships.*
* *On a military base in upstate New York ran a summer camp for children at Camp Smith.*
* *She ran a Saturday program, called Concerned Youth, where they received etiquette training and weekly workshops and speakers. The program also provided young people with opportunities to travel to various government agencies such as the FBI headquarters in Quantico, VA.*

*Through the years, Annie also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States to meetings with Black Military Women of America.*

*As a member of Black Social Workers Association, she traveled with them to foreign countries taking supplies to the impoverished. She went to Panama, Dominican Republic, Haiti and her most recent trip was last year to Australia.*

*In 2017, Annie took a military Hop to Germany and visited Italy and Switzerland.*

*Annie in recent years was also a volunteer with CERT (citizens emergency response team).*

*She was so excited when she was assigned to a post when the Pope came to New York.*

*Annie was also involved with the Genealogy Society, she had a great love for family.*

*In 1998, Tom Joyner, nationally recognized radio personality, hosted a parade on 5th Avenue in New York City honoring the life and contributions of Lt. Colonel Annie Malone, PhD, Retired.*

*Today we celebrate and honor the life of Annie and her countless contributions made on behalf of her family, country and the lives of others.*

*Annie leaves to cherish her memory, her adopted daughter; Sonji, nieces; Kimberly and Sheena; grandniece Mia, half-sisters; Esther Jones, Linda Stewart and Joan Johnson, cousins; Eugene, Otis, Robert (Reggie), Ernest, Juanita, Carolyn, Joyce, Lucinda, Linda and Mattie, and a host of other family and friends. Annie was preceded in death by her mother Minna Malone and her brother Ernest (Bucky) Malone.*