IN CELEBRATION OF THE
LIFE OF

DR. HUEY P. NEWTON

Service Held
Monday, August 28, 1989
11:00 A.M.

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
8500 "A" Street
Oakland, California 94621

Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr.
Pastor
Officiating

Reverend J. Alfred Smith, Jr.
Assistant Pastor
Presiding
ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding — Reverend J. Alfred Smith, Jr.

Organ Consolations
Viewing the Beloved
Processional
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Solo
Remarks (two minutes)
  Dr. Fred Hiestand
  Ms. Carol Hughes
  Dr. Cecelia Arrington
  Imam Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin
    (H. Rap Brown)
  Dr. Khalid Muhammad
  Ms. Jonina Abron
  Mr. Bobby Rush
  Mr. Emory Douglas

Solo

Ten Point Program
Remarks (five minutes)
  Mr. David Hilliard
  Dr. Donn Davis
  Ms. Elaine Brown
  Father Earl Neil

Solo

Remarks (five minutes)
  Reverend Frank Pinkard
  Mr. Bobby Seale
  Reverend Cecil Williams

Acknowledgement and Resolution
Obituary
Solo
Eulogy and Closing Prayer
Recessional

Proverb 14: 31-34
Matthew 25: 31-40
“Precious Lord”

Rev. Charles Johnson
Rev. Victor Medearis
Minister

Ms. Leola Jiles

“The Greatest Love of All”

Ms. Leola Jiles

Ms. Ericka Huggins

“He’ll Understand And Say Well Done”

Ms. Adrianne Brown

Clerk

Silent Reading
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Ms. Phyllis Sneed

Pastor J. Alfred Smith, Sr.

“We Shall Overcome”

All
HUEY PERCY NEWTON

Huey was born February 17, 1942, in Oak Grove, Louisiana, to the late Reverend Walter Newton, Sr., and Armelia Newton. He came to Oakland with his family when he was three years old. He graduated from Oakland Technical High School, attended Merritt College, San Francisco Law School, and UC at Santa Cruz, where he earned his Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy). He was baptized at the age of twelve at the Antioch Baptist Church, in Oakland, by the late Reverend J. L. Thomas, and later became a member of the Allen Temple Baptist Church.

Huey departed this life on August 22, 1989. He leaves to mourn his passing a loving wife, Fredrika Newton, three children, Ron Newton and Jessica C. Newton of Chicago, and Kieron S. Newton of Berkeley, three brothers, Lee Edward Newton, Walter Newton, Jr., and Melvin Newton, all of Oakland, three sisters, Myrtle Seymour of Berkeley, Leola Johnson and Doris Godfrey, both of Oakland, two uncles, a father-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A REMEMBRANCE

Huey P. Newton had many roles in his relatively short life. He lived just long enough to have been an unknown idealist, a popular and heroic champion of the oppressed, a brilliant and controversial polemicist, and ultimately one who was as despised by some as much as he was loved by others. His life, it now seems, was an unparalleled series of highs and lows; a huge jagged mountain of peaks and valleys that only he could traverse.

Huey called himself a Servant of the People, an “ox for the people to ride.” This commitment and a deep disdain for injustice were at the very core of his being. These were the passions by which he was driven and the cause in which he never relented. Passionate and fearless determination were perhaps the most memorable aspects of Huey’s undaunted personality.

Huey’s entire adult life was devoted to eradicating injustice and defending its victims. When he saw the people of his own community brutalized and mistreated, he did not hesitate to come to their rescue, although his own life was endangered and his actions marked him for life-long persecution by the agents of injustice and oppression.

There are those who have been quick to judge, looking critically upon frailties and faults that are hardly separable from humankind. Those looking for such shortcomings found many in Huey, for he was quintessentially human. Just as with his passion to rectify injustice, he refused to compromise with life itself, taking from it what he could, even while laden with burdens unknown to many. And when the bounds of hell were upon him, it cannot be said that he was defeated or embittered. He smiled; he loved; he studied; he wrote books and be taught.

Huey once said that his work would be done if he could move one grain of sand in the cause of righteousness. Those of us who loved him are saddened by his departure. But our sadness is lifted and we are joyful when we realize that even his critics are standing upon the ground from which he moved a mountain.

Dr. Donn Granville Davis
PALLBEARERS

Jim Lacey
Van Hilliard, Jr.
Gregory Harris

Fred Hiestand
Emory Douglas
Malik Scale

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Larry Henson
Greg Kemanis
Steve Blauner

Tavio Carr
Joel Dorham
Lenny Williams

Revolutionary Suicide

By having no family,
I inherited the family of humanity.
By having no possessions,
I have possessed all.
By rejecting the love of one,
I received the love of all.
By surrendering my life to the revolution,
I found eternal life.
Revolutionary Suicide.

Huey P. Newton