

MIRIAM E. PIPES

Miriam E. Pipes, an Indianapolis, IN native, in 1957, upon graduating from Crispus Attucks High School (C.A.H.S.) entered *then* Central State College, later earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education. She served as a Floor Advisor to Freshmen Women in O'Neil Hall, and as a typing clerk, prior to beginning a career, which lasted *nearly* thirty-six (36) years, in education in the Detroit Public Schools system, Detroit Michigan. She was employed in the capacity of a business teacher, a psychological services administrator, responsible for service to thirty-three (33) schools, and she retired as a psychologist. For a number of years, Miriam obtained scholarships and financial aid for high school students and served as an advisor to graduating high school seniors.

“Sugar” or “Pipes” as she is *fondly* called by her family and friends, devoted a great deal of time active in the Central State University (CSU) Alumni Association as a board member; involvement, as the *Chairperson*, of Homecoming activities, and in local and national fundraisers--her most *memorable* and *profitable* being the Chairperson of the 12th Annual, 1978 CSU Off-Campus Conference, held in Detroit, which *netted* over **\$10,500** for the university!

Post-retirement years include PipelineCSU@aol.com, the e-mail address from which the popular alumni newsletter, is published, with *hundreds* of readers, *voluntarily* edited/published by Miriam. For the past ten (10) years, she has *diligently* sent the newsletter, *primarily*, to those who were at Central State in the late '50's. The Pipeline CSU keeps Centralians connected with current news about this era's peer group.

PurpLEDIRECTORY@aol.com is the 2nd electronic e-mail newsletter address from which funeral and other news is *voluntarily* edited/published by Miriam. This newsletter, is read by hundreds in the funeral industry. **Pipeline CSU and Purple Directory/Shugar's** are fan pages on **FACEBOOK**.

Nation-wide readers of her electronic e-mail newsletters contributed **\$1,000.00** to the Crispus Attucks Museum, which purchased the bust of C.A.H.S.'s late principal, Dr. Russell A. Lane, in the celebration of Miriam's 50th year of graduation from Crispus Attucks High School. Miriam's interest in journalism began when she was Editor of the **Attucks News**—her high school newspaper. (See: <http://indiamond6.ulib.iupui.edu/cdm4/document.php?CISOROOT=/CAttucks&CISOPT R=6834&REC=4>)

Miriam also is the editor/publisher of the **Purple Directory**—a nationwide listing of 2,800+ African-American funeral homes, by state. The **Purple Directory** is published *biennially* and is in its tenth (10th) edition. The directory assists those in the funeral industry to ship remains *inter*-and *intra*-state. Her company, **Shugar's**, awards scholarships to mortuary science students. (See: <http://www.purpledirectory.com/>) She travels frequently to funeral association conventions to promote the directory, which Miriam has been affiliated with for the past twenty-nine (29) years.

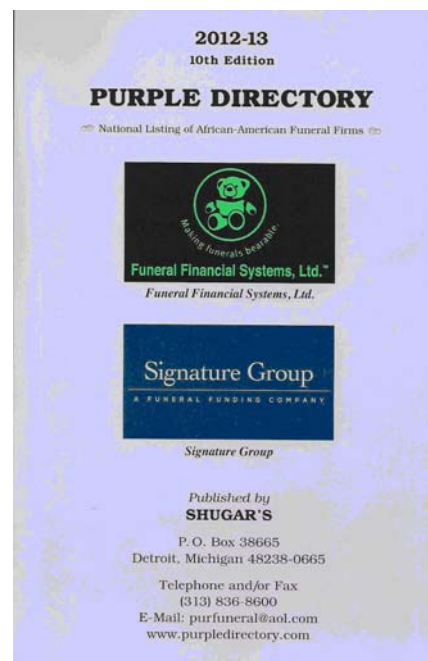
In addition to membership in the Central State University Alumni (CSU), she holds memberships in the alumni associations, from which she *earned* advanced degrees--The University of Michigan, and Wayne State University (WSU). In recognition of service and financial support, she was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the West Virginia State University Alumni. Post-degree courses were taken in Business Administration and Miriam matriculated as a doctoral candidate in Educational Administration, at WSU.

She is a **Golden Soror** and **Life Member** of **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority**, having held several sorority offices, inclusive of Basileus, in Central State's *Beta Xi* Chapter. Miriam is a member of St. Paul AME Zion Church, Detroit, MI.

In years past, Miriam was a downhill skier, having participated in several Black Ski Summits and played racquetball. Being a “Hoosier”, she is a basketball spectator sports fan, having attended high school at the time, her all-black Crispus Attucks High School won two (2) Indiana State Championships, with the *great* Oscar “Big O” Robertson! (See: <http://www.hulu.com/watch/141733/something-to-cheer-about>) Too, she enjoys NFL football, her favorite teams—the *Detroit Lions* and the *Indianapolis Colts*.



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“ . . . (the Purple Directory is) necessary so we (funeral directors) can interact and communicate with each other. . . ”

--Dr. O'Neil D. Swanson, CSU, '53

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