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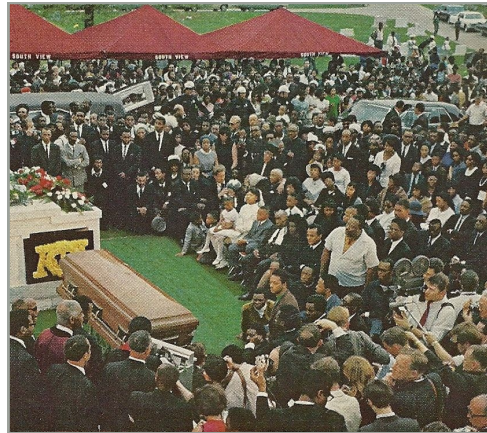
Memories of Dr. King

With each passing year, fewer people remain alive who actually knew Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday we celebrate today. One of those is your Morning Fax editor, Bob Ketchersid. Here are some of his recollections:

"I first met Dr. King in early 1966 shortly after I went to work at WSB Radio in Atlanta as a reporter. I, of course, had heard of Dr. King and knew that his home was in Atlanta. The first time I met him was on a Sunday afternoon when I covered a speech Dr. King made at an Atlanta church. Afterward, I went up to retrieve my microphone, and introduced myself to Dr. King. By that time, he was world-renowned. He had won the Nobel Peace Prize, had made his famous "I have a dream" speech in Washington, and had led numerous non-violent demonstrations. I was surprised about how short he was. But I was also surprised at how friendly he was. He told me he listened to the news on WSB and treated me like we were old friends. In the next couple of years, I interviewed him many times. I would often meet him at the airport when he returned from Alabama or some other place where he had been leading protests. I remember going to his modest frame home on a tree-lined residential street on Atlanta's west side one Sunday afternoon to record a speech he was going to give by telephone to some group. I noticed there were three telephones on his desk. When he stepped out of the room for a moment, I quickly wrote down those numbers. I also covered the funeral and funeral procession in Atlanta following his assassination. My grandchildren are amazed that I actually knew Dr. King!"

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Clerk's Office is closed today (Monday) for MLK Jr. day. Most other government offices are also closed today.
- ✓ The public schools, post office, and banks are closed today for Martin Luther King Day.
- ✓ The Athens City Council will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission scheduled for tomorrow, January 18th, has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a later date.



The photograph on the left is from Newsweek Magazine. It shows Bob Ketchersid among the reporters covering the graveside service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Obituaries

♦ **Tyrone Pepito Santos**, age 53, of Athens, died Thursday, January 6th. He served in the U.S. Army for 3 years and fought in Desert Storm. He was a sales representative at Clayton Homes in Athens for 7 years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 19th, at M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home in Athens at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville. There will be a walk through visitation of friends from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

♦ **Jean Chandler Patrick**, age 73, of Athens, died Friday at Life Care of Athens. She was involved in buying and selling for many years. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Sandra Green**, 84, of Etowah, died Friday. No formal services will be held at this time. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Martina Calhoun Malone**, age 88, of Athens, died Friday. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Evelyn Alfreda Solsbee Robinson**, 75, of Athens, died Friday. She was a former employee of Crazy Ed's Truck Stop restaurant. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. Interment will follow the service in Foster Cemetery.

Faulty Stove Pipe Causes Fire

Last Thursday night, the Englewood, Athens, and Etowah Rural Fire Departments were dispatched to a structure fire inside a combination barn and apartment on County Rd 564. The fire started in the wall behind the wood stove. The resident grabbed a water hose and put it out. Firefighters only had to inspect for more fire or hot spots. Englewood firefighters say this is their busiest time of the year for residential structure fires due to inadequate maintenance of wood stoves.

(Photo courtesy of the Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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