

Our beloved brother, Jimmy Slater, is gone - but he leaves with us memories of a hard working and dedicated comrade. Jimmy was a father, grandfather and devoted husband and family man. He was a rare individual who exhibited consciousness, compassion and love for the community. He was always willing to volunteer to help with community events, in spite of working full-time to support his family.

Historically, Jimmy developed his political consciousness growing up in Cleveland, Ohio. As a member of the Black Panther Party (BPP), he participated in the Breakfast for School children Program, Free Clothing Program and Free Food Programs. Jimmy's participation, along with other members of the BPP, helped elect Carl Stokes as the first Black mayor of a major city in the US. In 1972, Jimmy and other members of the Cleveland BPP were called to Oakland to assist with Bobby Seals' campaign for mayor of Oakland. They helped to register thousands of new voters and continued to participate in other social programs of the BPP in Oakland. In 1989, after the murder of Huey P Newton, Jimmy Slater was instrumental in organizing a rally for Huey and establishing the newspaper, "The Commemorator" in memory of Huey and the legacy of the BPP. "The Commemorator" is still being published.

An overflow crowd of family, friends, co-workers and comrades came out to pay their respects on Saturday, Dec. 1st.

Photos of Jimmy's services:

His two daughters, Tarika Lewis - member of BPP playing the violin,  
Party members gather for group photo after the service