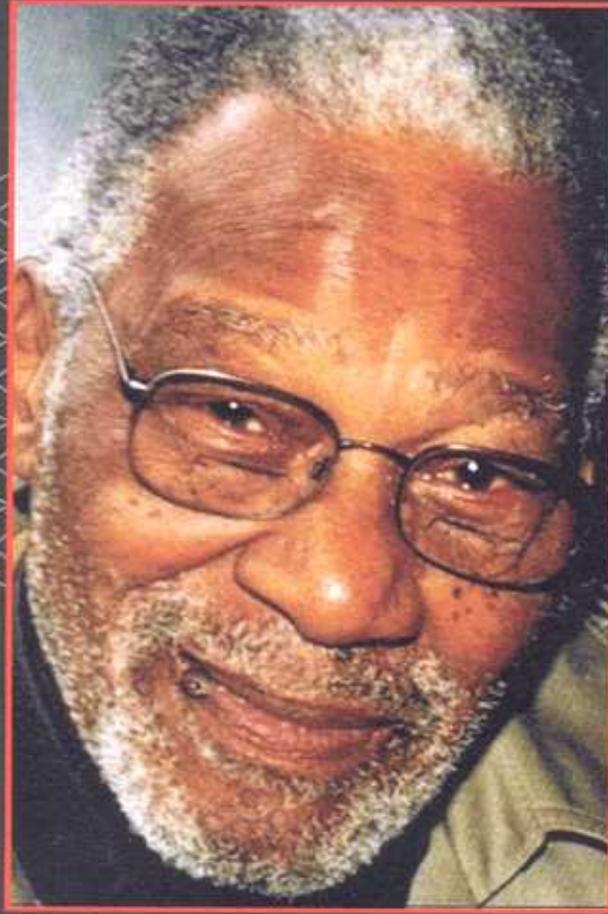


A Celebration of Life Honoring
Reginald Major
2/8/1926 - 6/20/2011



Sunday, August 14, 2011
2:00-5:00 PM

African American Art and Culture Complex
762 Fulton Street (between Webster and Buchanan)
San Francisco, California

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in the dash between those numbers!*

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Reginald W. Major

February 8, 1926 – June 20, 2011

Oh what a life he lived in the dash between those numbers!

New York born Caribbean man, family man, author, journalist, professor, and political activist, Reginald "Reggie" Major lived a life that some only imagine. A Harlem raised Pan-African humanist, drafted World War II Navy Veteran, he attended the University of Chicago and graduated with a B.A. in Sociology. He met his wife, Helen, and together they raised two children, David and Devorah.

Reggie, as he was affectionately known to those close to him, sold his first written work in the early 1950's. He is the author of two books, *A Panther is a Black Cat*, one of the first books written about the Black Panther Party; and *Justice in the Round*, chronicling the Angela Davis trial.

In addition to being the first Director of the San Francisco State University Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), he worked as a journalist and correspondent for the National Newspaper Publisher's Association and the Sun Reporter covering both domestic and African affairs. He covered the Organization of African Unity (OAU) meetings in Libreville, Gabon, Khartoum, Sudan, and Monrovia, Liberia. His articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Black Scholar*, *The Nation*, *Essence*, *Black Enterprise*, *New Africa Magazine*, *Mother Jones*, *The Hong Kong Standard*, *Bunte Magazine* (West Germany), *Le Monde Diplomatique*, and numerous U.S. newspapers.

Along with leaving firm footprints in history for his socio-political contributions, such as working as Educational Director with Nathaniel Burbridge and the NAACP, organizing protests, and his literary works; Reggie also leaves behind a loving family that continues to branch like the strong roots of the tree from which they came, including seven grandchildren, Katara, Mwanza, Salimah, Yroko, Iwa, Alexander and Matthew; and eleven great-grandchildren, Dakari, Imani, Omari, Joshua, Leila, Oni, Clever, Mekhai, Whitman, Talia and Niyah.

A person of exceptional character, a man amongst men, Reggie's presence, sharp intellect, glowing sense of humor and rumbling laugh will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.



CIVIL RIGHTS: A YEAR OF FRUITION?



Leader Pauses to Assess Work That Lies Ahead

San Francisco's militant civil rights movement plans to keep the pressure on in 1965 to make last year's victorious drive a permanent reality.

Predictions for the year to come:

NAACP and CORE will work even more closely together since last month's NAACP election swept a more militant faction into power.

More demonstrations for equal hiring (like Shearson-Palmer and Cadillac) are unlikely "if the city's Human Rights Commission does its job."

Agitation against Western Addition A-2 is expected to continue.

Ironically did what civil rights groups have done in the past.

or the city reaches "some kind of accommodation with the feds" A-2 will be back in the works.

Civil rights groups will get behind a drive to make push on the city's Human Rights Commission.

ected board is expected to be "a demand for an end to "de facto segregation."