

*In Celebration of
the Life of
Denise Carty-Bennia*

*Thursday, October 11, 1990
Ballroom
Carl S. Ell Student Center
Northeastern University*

INVOCATION

THE REVEREND DR. MICHAEL E. HAYNES
Presiding Minister
Twelfth Baptist Church
Roxbury, Massachusetts
Member of the Northeastern
University Corporation

UNIVERSITY TRIBUTE

JOHN A. CURRY
President
Northeastern University

ALUMNI TRIBUTE

BERT HUNTER '84
Poem: "Shades of U"

LISA EVANS '85

COLLEAGUES REMEMBER

ELLEN S. JACKSON
Dean and Director
Affirmative Action
Northeastern University

DONALD H. BERMAN
Professor, School of Law
Northeastern University

CHARLES E. WALKER
Professor, New England School of Law

HENRY C. CHINN, JR.
Associate Director
Career Planning
CUNY Law School at Queens College

JOCELIND GANT
Director for Affirmative Action
University of Massachusetts-Boston
Vice President for the
Council of Minority Educators

KELLIS PARKER
Professor of Law
Columbia University

GWYNNE DILDAY
Deputy Commissioner for
Human Resources
Boston City Health and Hospitals
(speaking on behalf of the Association of
Affirmative Action Professionals)

ROBERT SCHAEFFER
Fair Test
Cambridge, Massachusetts



VOCAL SELECTION	LARRY WATSON Associate Dean Harvard University School of Design
EULOGY	REVEREND HAYNES
HER STUDENTS SPEAK	Northeastern University JONATHAN SALES '91 (speaker) MAX WHITNEY '91 LLEWELLYN GIBBONS '91 CUNY Law School RODNEY SPRAUVE SYBIL MCPHERSON Boston College Law School THOMAS ALEJANDRO Black Law Students Association at Northeastern University ANNETTE BUCHANAN
CLASSMATE TRIBUTE	SHERRY SUTTLES MARSH Municipal Manager Lawrence Township, New Jersey Class Correspondent Barnard College—Class of 1969
FRIENDS REFLECTIONS	JEE MIN HU New York, New York C. VERNON MASON New York, New York
VOCAL SELECTION	LARRY WATSON
MUSICAL SELECTION	LEONARD BROWN Professor of Music Northeastern University
CLOSING	DANIEL J. GIVELBER Dean School of Law Northeastern University

Reception will immediately follow this celebration.

DENISE S. CARTY-BENNIA

Denise S. Carty-Bennia, professor of law at Northeastern University School of Law, died Tuesday, September 11, 1990 in Detroit. Professor Carty-Bennia, a member of the faculty since 1977, was on leave from Northeastern and was a Visiting Professor of Law at CUNY Law School in New York City.

Professor Carty-Bennia was the author of several widely disseminated *amicus* briefs filed before the United States Supreme Court. She co-authored a brief submitted to the Supreme Court in the *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services* case; written on behalf of 900 law faculty nationwide, the brief was cited by Justice Harry Blackmun in his written dissent. She had also testified before various Congressional subcommittees on topics such as racially motivated violence, and sex and race differences on standardized tests.

In 1985 Professor Carty-Bennia co-founded and served as chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Fair and Open Testing (FAIRTEST).

She served as co-chair of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Black Lawyers from 1979-81 and as the chair of the section on Minority Groups of the Association of American Law Schools from 1982-83. She was co-founder and steering committee member of the Northeastern University Black Faculty Organization.

She received many honors for her work in legal education, including the Distinguished Service in Legal Education from the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association, and an official citation for Outstanding Distinction in the Field of Legal Education from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Senate. She was the 1988 recipient of an award for Outstanding Commitment and Social Responsibility to the Community from WRBB-Radio, Northeastern University.

Professor Carty-Bennia joined the faculty following positions at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, Michigan, and with a New York City law firm. She also held the positions of research fellow at the Howard University Institute for the Study of Educational Policy, and as Revson Fellow at the City College Center for Legal Education.

Professor Carty-Bennia was a 1969 graduate of Barnard College and received her Juris Doctor from Columbia University in 1973.