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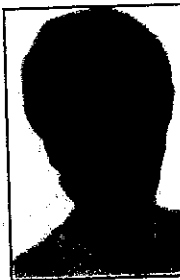
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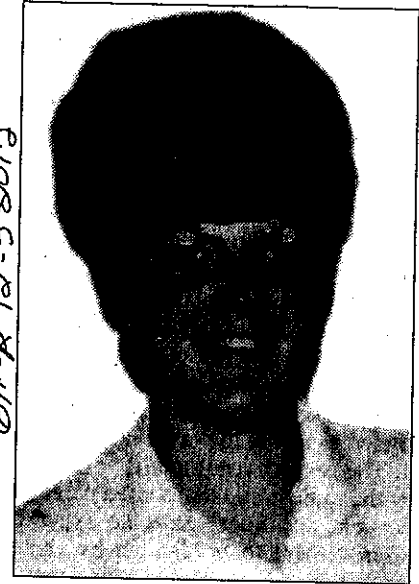
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Visitation will be held from 2 until 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home and the family will be present to greet friends from 5 until 7 p.m.

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