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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF:

Celestine Chaney, Roberta Drury, Andre Mackneil, Katherine "Kat" Massey, Margus D. Morrison, Heyward Patterson, Aaron Salter, Jr., Geraldine Talley, Ruth Whitfield and Pearl Young



Dear Buffalo,

With tear-filled eyes and a broken heart, I write to you today.

Five days ago, across the parking lot from our office, ten lives were tragically taken from us. Three survivors are on the road to recovery, but thirteen families and numerous witnesses are forever changed by that day.

Like many in this community, I must remain conscious of the daily risks associated with racial profiling. However, it is difficult to accept that the freedom to safely grocery shop in this neighborhood has been compromised. I speak for everyone at The Exchange at Beverly Gray when I say our prayers go to those impacted by this horrendous act of violence. Hate and racism have no place in our community, city, or country!

The Exchange is designed to help people of color build lasting wealth for their families and uplift our communities. While you are thinking of ways to support this grieving community, we encourage you to patronize the black-owned businesses in this area. There are coffee shops, restaurants, gas stations, book stores, cleaners, salons, and more who would be happy to receive your business.

The Exchange believes that we can turn our community back into the thriving business district it once was through equity, inclusion, and innovation. So as we grieve and demand justice, let us continue to fight toward building lasting wealth for our families and our community.

With Love,

**Derrick A. Parson
Executive Director
The Exchange At Beverly Gray**

