

Rev. Dr. John A. Gibson

SOMERDALE, N.J. - Rev. Dr. John Archie Gibson, 63, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 1996.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Bethany Baptist Church with burial in Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Hurfville, N.J. *2/15/96*

Born in Philadelphia, Penn., Rev. Gibson attended Piney Grove Parochial School and Fairfield High School, both in Winnsboro.

After serving seven years as a paratrooper, he was later commissioned an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. He served on the Somerdale Council for 11 years, acting as Chief of Police and later was Chief of Police until his retirement.

He attended the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received a master of Religion degree. He also received a doctor of Theology degree from Covington Theological Seminary. He was ordained and installed as assistant pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Paulsboro, N.J., a member of Bethany Baptist Association, Ministers Conference of Woodbury and vicinity, National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the New Jersey Association of Police.

In addition to his parents, Josephine Gibson Dunlap and the Rev. Clarence Dunlap of Philadelphia, Penn., survivors include his widow, Eleanor Simmons Gibson of Somerdale, N.J.; a son, Saun Gibson; a sister, Sarah William; and maternal grandmother,

Mattie Graves Gibson of Ridgeway.

Gibson's Funeral Services was in charge of local arrangements.