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**CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM-CLEVELAND, Ohio**-Memorial services for former Cleveland Municipal Court judge Pauline Tarver (pictured), a Democrat and former executive director of the Cleveland NAACP turned judge who died on July 26, are Saturday, Aug 5 at Antioch Baptist Church on Cleveland's east side with a 10 am wake and services at 11 am.

Tarver died while a candidate this year as a favorite in a four-way race to regain a seat on the 13-member largely Black Cleveland Municipal Court bench after she lost it in 2015 to the late Ed Wade, a Black Republican who succumbed to cancer in 2016. She was 63.

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She was endorsed in her most recent bid for judge by 11th Congressional District Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge, a Warrensville Heights Democrat and one of two Blacks in congress from Ohio.

Tarver's sudden death sent shock waves throughout the Black community since she was well-known in the community and in political circles as a judge and a longtime former executive director of the Cleveland NAACP under the reign of the once powerful George Forbes, a former longtime city council president.

She graduated from John Adams High School in Cleveland and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University and a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall School of Law.

She never married, and had no children.

She is survived by siblings, among others, and was close to her mother, Sarah Massengill-Tarver, a Civil Rights advocate who died in 2013.

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Tarver was first elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court bench in 2003 and was reelected for a second six year term in 2009 before losing a third term to Wade in 2015. She was the executive director of the Cleveland NAACP from 1982-2003, and was also a prior grant writer and community organizer.

Additionally, Tarver was a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland, the Black Women's Political Action Committee, and the National Council of Negro Women, among other organizations.

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