

Police, Firemen Form Honor Guard For Editor

Chicago's Race police and firemen paid their last respects to Robert Sengstacke Abbott Monday afternoon when they formed an honor guard and stood in silent tribute as his cortege passed at 45th street and South Parkway on the way to a final resting place—Lincoln cemetery.

This tribute was their last goodbye to a man who had been their friend and who fought many of their battles.

From early morning the firemen, under the direction of Captain Grant Chaney and the police supervised by Lieutenant William Middleton, had been on duty handling the thousands who gathered to attend the services. Their job well done, they took their place at the head of the funeral procession and escorted the Dean of Negro Journalism down South Parkway, the street he loved so dearly.

From Metropolitan Community church at 41st street and South Parkway, to 45th street, the firemen and police marched, preceded by a motorcycle escort. Just before they reached the intersection they formed an honor guard, standing at attention while the remainder of the procession passed.

Thousands Bow Heads

Along South Parkway, thousands who had on numerous occasions cheered the Chicago Defender editor when he rode at the head of Bud Billiken parades, bowed their heads in sorrow Monday. It was Robert S. Abbott's last ride down

the boulevard and the crowd was there to bid him farewell.

The funeral cortege moved South from the church on South Parkway to 60th street; west to State street; south to Vincennes Road to 87th street; West to Kedzie and South to the cemetery. It was estimated that some 250 automobiles made up the funeral procession.

Three open cars were used to convey the floral offerings which came from all parts of the nation.

The ceremony at the cemetery was presided over by the Rev. Augustus Bennett, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and Rev. Archibald J. Carey, pastor of Woodlawn A.M.E. church. The body was placed in a Crown cement vault.

Firemen and police in full dress uniform who were on duty at the services included: Captain Grant Chaney, Lieut. Vernon Carrington, Fire Engineer Benjamin Hughes, Firemen: Herbert Allen, James Burte, Hector Crosier, Frank Hendon, Thomas Henderson, Robert Thompson, Howard Sykes and Thomas Nickolson.

Police were: Lieut. William Middleton, fifth district; Sergeant Kinzie Blueitt, fourth district; Sergeant Robert Harness, fourth district; Patrolmen Alvin McGuider, William McCall, Ray Newton, fourth district; Joseph Geeter, Joseph Charington, Eugene Reed, fourth district; Eugene McCoy, John L. McDonald, Roblee Gamlin, Cicero Smith, fifth.

Herman Tarleton, Vernon Smith, William Doty, third district; Ed Stewart, William Franklin, fifth district; and William Hall, twenty-seventh district.