

'75 claims noted citizens

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This year-1975, unlike any preceeding year-had an abudance sorrow-laden occurrences that made not only local, but also national and international headlines. These headlines the deaths of some of Chicago's most outstanding individuals, prominent in the areas of business, education, music, sports and other fields.

In April, the medical profession lost the Dr. Percy Lavon Julian, 76, who earned worldwide acclaim in the field of science. He was the founder of Julian Research Laboratories.

The untimely death of the Rev. Richard C. Keller, religion editor of the Chicago Defender for 25 years, stilled his outstanding work as pastor of Beth Eden Baptist church.

Dr. Lillian Dove, 80, who practiced medicine in the Southside for 56 years, was a pioneer Chicago medic. She was a member of the American and National Medical Associations, the AKA Sorority and Baha'i B'rith. Col. Theophilus M. Mann, vice chairman of the board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority, died at '73, after a long illness.

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Other prominent Chicagoans mourned during the year include:

Mannie A. Lowery, Jr., 54,

founder and president of Lowery Distributing Company, first black distributor of Schlitz Beer; Violinist Leon Abbey, international know musician, who gained note years ago with the "Inimitable Five" under the direction of J. Rosamond Johnson;

Jr. Willard Tyler, vice

chairman of the board of director, Chicago Mutual Assurance Co. a 29-year vet of that firm; Atty.

Charles Lane, 70, who

practiced law in Chicago for 43 years; William (Billy) McBride, 91, veteran stage performer and one of the founders of the Theatrical Offices Booking Association (TOBA);

Mrs. Jeanne Fletcher Mallatte, 59, who taught organ and piano for more than 40 years; Howard S.

Bazel, a former member of the board of directors of the Chicago Urban League; Ashby G. Smith

Jr., 42, Superintendent of

Illinois State Employment Service; Mrs. Grace Lee Stevens, 82, Chicago's first lady of club women and founder of the Chicago Northern District ASS'n. of Women; Miss Margaret Kimber, blind teacher and sister of Officer Arthur Kimber of the Chicago Police Department, and others.