

King to Return To Own Church For Last Time

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ATLANTA (AP)—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will return for the last time Monday to the small Negro church where he and his father preached the doctrines of human dignity and nonviolence.

King's widow asked that his funeral be held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, which had been a touchstone for her husband throughout his turbulent career.

THAT CAREER was ended in Memphis Thursday by an assassin's bullet.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. was pastor of Ebenezer when the slain Negro leader was born. It was in this church that the younger King grew up and it was where he returned as co-pastor with his father after his role as a civil rights leader brought him international fame.

The body will be taken to the church Monday and the funeral will be held at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday.

THE SERVICE will be led by

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, retired president of Morehouse College and King's former teacher and friend.

After the funeral, mourners will march several blocks to Morehouse College, King's alma mater, for a memorial service on the school's quadrangle.

His widow returned to her home yesterday after completing the funeral arrangements.

The house was filled with friends, white and Negro, who had been busy answering phones, preparing food and sorting the thousands of telegrams that poured in from throughout the world.

REP. JOHN C. CONYERS, D-Mich., urged members of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral as "a strong showing of concern . . . urgently needed at this time of national crisis."

U.N. Secretary-General U Thant said he would send Undersecretary Ralph J. Bunche to represent the world organization.

African delegations at the U.N. said they would send representatives.

A SPOKESMAN for the King family said Mrs. King felt the funeral and the march to Morehouse College would represent three of the most important elements in her husband's life: his church and faith, his education and the use of the march as a means of nonviolent protest.