

*Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association
Memorial Service
"Remembering Mr. G. James Gholson,
Alumni and Faculty"*

December 1, 2007



Memorial Location:

*New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
7501 Walker Mill Drive
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743*

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Robert R. Johnson

*Fairmont Heights High School
Memorial Service of 2007
"Program"*

Open Selection New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Choir

The Occasion Carolyn Scriber '66

Introduction of "MC" Carolyn Scriber '66
Betty McLeod

Musical Selection New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church Choir

Old Testament Rev. Julius Johnson '64

Music Selection G. James Gholson Middle School Choir

New Testament Rev. Julius Johnson '64

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Sermon Message Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr. Pastor '60
New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

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Tribute to G. James Gholson Betty McLeod and Guest

Candlelight Memorial Denise Haskins '71

Closing Remarks John Williams
President, FHHS Alumni Association

Closing Music Selection Valerie Morrison '69

Benediction Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr. Pastor '60
New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church



"Remembering Mr. G. James Gholson"

July 20, 1912 – December 3, 2006

G. James Gholson earned both the Bachelor of Science in 1936 and the Master of Science in Social Studies in 1946 from Hampton University. He pursued additional graduate work in the areas of Administration and Supervision, Human Relations, Organizational Development, and Curriculum at New York University, George Peabody College, Columbia University's Teachers College, the University of Maryland and George Washington University.

Mr. Gholson came to Maryland in 1950 to organize a new secondary school. He assembled an exemplary staff and together Mr. Gholson and his faculty developed a democratic context for the education of children. The vibrancy of the school can be attributed to a partnership between problem solving using the scientific method and a deep commitment to life long learning. That school is the legendary Fairmont Heights High School. He remained Principal of Fairmont Heights until 1969.

In 1970, he was appointed Administrative Assistant for Administration in Prince George's County Public Schools. During this time of civil and student unrest, he provided innovation leadership by helping students develop legitimate ways of entering dialog and decision making with school authorities and bridging gaps between the schools and diverse community groups. Concurrently, he also guided the development of a manual for evaluating all administrative and supervisory personnel.

In 1972 Mr. Gholson was named Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Desegregation of the Prince George's County Public Schools and in that capacity headed a committee of 21 educators and community leaders charged with developing and implementing a plan for improving race relations throughout the school system. His leadership in the development and execution of the plan for desegregating county schools resulted in his being a consultant for the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Service Division and for school systems in Delaware, Kentucky, Mississippi, Indiana and Washington.

Mr. Gholson was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Administration of the Northern Area and had oversight of 75 schools. After his retirement in 1979, he spent four years as a docent at the National Archives and volunteered to develop an exhibit called "Long Road Uphill" highlighting African Americans who had served Congress.

Our Mr. Gholson received many honors during his lifetime. He was recognized as the 1990 Prince Georgian of the Year, received the Annual Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christian and Jews in 1978 and given the William S. Schmidt Award for Service to Youth by the Prince George's County Personnel Workers Association.

Mr. Gholson spent his retired years painting and enjoying his family, until his death on December 03, 2006.

Alma Mater

*It's Fairmont Heights High School
Our Alma Mater fair
It's sunlight and star shine
We see thee in all thy glory.
The gray and maroon, thy colors glorious,
Ever we praise and hold them
High to the breeze as a symbol
Of our unfailing allegiance,
This anthem Fairmont Heights your pledge
Of trust will be
That thy sons and daughters shall keep faith
With thee forever.*



Acknowledgements

Memorial Committee

Chairperson

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Co-Chairperson

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John Williams

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Carolyn Scriber '66

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Thelma Spriggs Battle '51

Mary Ann Black '66

Pierre Crutchfield '65

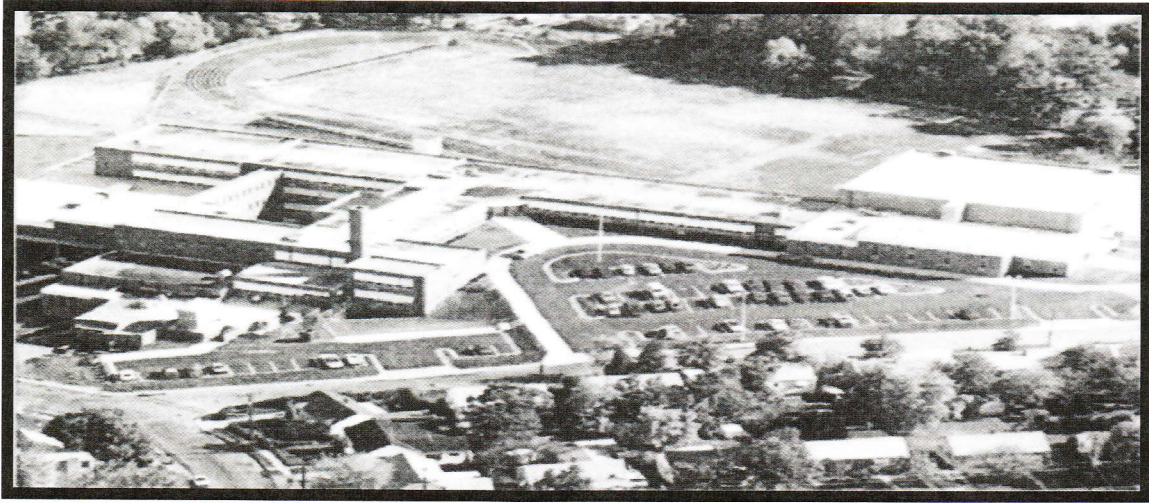
Rev. Robert R. Johnson '60

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G. James Gholson Middle School Choir

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Old hornets never die!



They just fade away.

