

*Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association
Memorial Service
"Remembering Alumni, Faculty, Family and Friends"*

Saturday, December 03, 2011 – 11:00 AM



Memorial Service Location:

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

Pastor:

Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr.

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<i>Presentation of The Colors</i>	<i>Fairmont Heights High School JrROTC</i>
<i>Opening Hymn.....</i>	<i>Messengers of Zion Youth Choir New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church</i>
<i>Introduction of the Worship Leader</i>	<i>Thelma Spriggs Battle, '51 - Chairperson</i>
<i>Worship Leader.....</i>	<i>Ricky Black, '63</i>
<i>Scriptures - Old Testaments-</i>	<i>Lavata Wood, '58</i>
<i> New Testament</i>	<i>Daphne Bell, '81</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Deacon Bernard Matthews, '57</i>
<i>The Occasion</i>	<i>Denise Haskins Parker, '71</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>Eleanor Trayham, '53</i>
 <i>Tributes:</i>	
<i>Expressions of Remembrance and Thanksgiving</i>	
<i>Introduction of Guest Minister</i>	<i>Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Jr. New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>Valary Davis Morrison, '69</i>
<i>Message..... "Crossing Over".....</i>	<i>Rev Joseph A. Robinson, '55 Royal Oak Pentecostal Church Landover, Maryland</i>
<i>Solo.....</i>	<i>Mrs. Nakia Nicholson, Principal FHHS</i>
<i>Candlelight Ceremony.....</i>	<i>Family & Friends – Faculty - John J. Williams Staff – Anna Crutchfield Alumni – Carolyn Scriber, '66 Veterans – James Staggs, '66</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr., '57</i>
<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Nakia Nicholson, Principal FHHS</i>
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>John J. Williams, President FHHSAA President, FHHS Alumni Association</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Rev. Joseph A. Robinson, '55 Royal Oak Pentecostal Church</i>
<i>Alma Mater</i>	<i>Led by Valary Davis Morrison, '69</i>

Clarence A. Gray, Jr. (Bo)



Herbert Leroy Brandford

ARTHUR A. COLBERT

Sunrise: July 11, 1938—Sunset June 4, 2011



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J. ARTHUR DENT (Age 72)

Louie G. Buckner

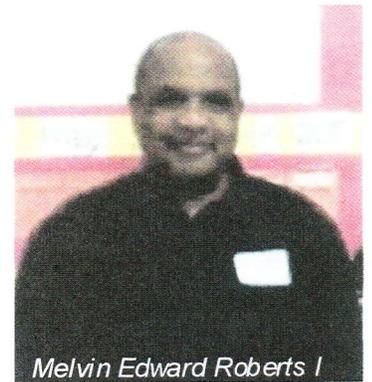


ALONZO TOLSON GRIGSBY



SUNRISE
July 11, 1925

SUNSET
November 6, 2011

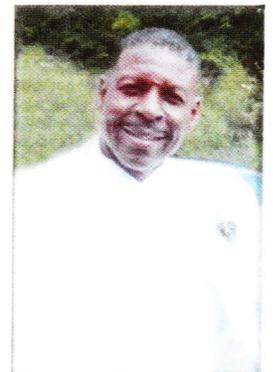


Melvin Edward Roberts I

BALIS ALLEN DUNLAP III



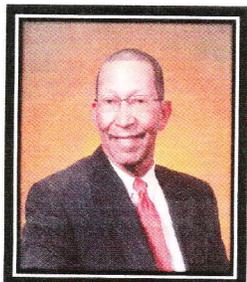
Evelyn Bryant



Walter Edward Smith

Thomas Jacob Holland, Jr.

Sunrise: December 22, 1946 Sunset: July 18, 2011

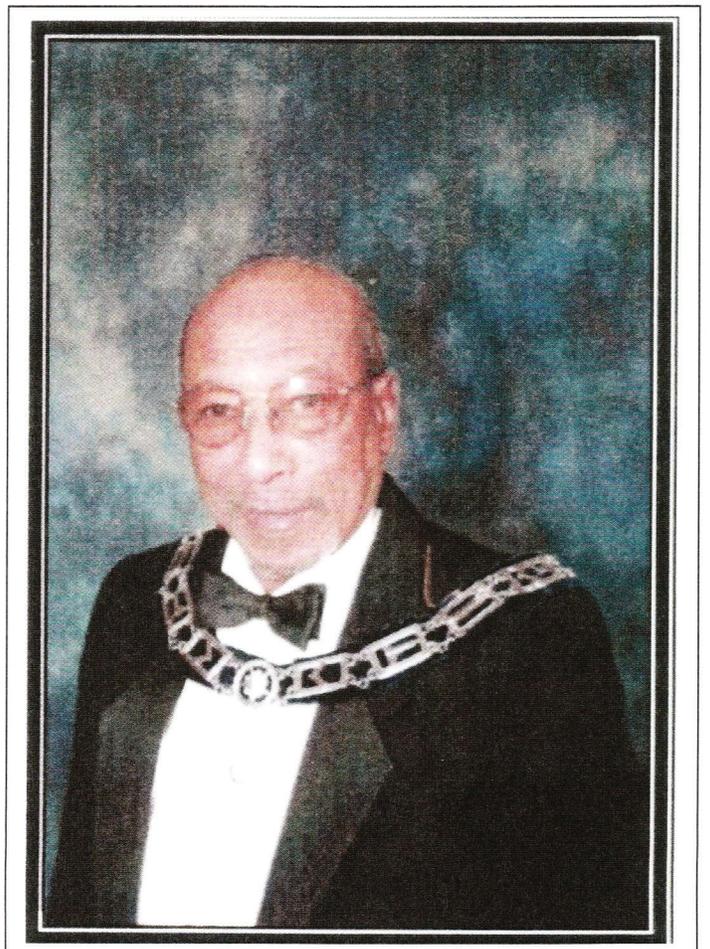
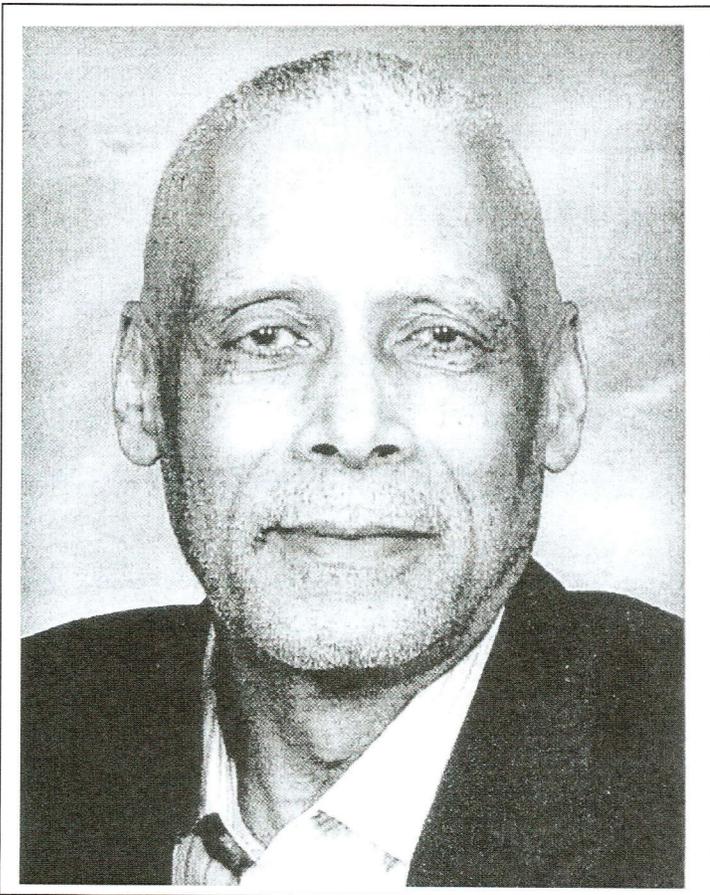
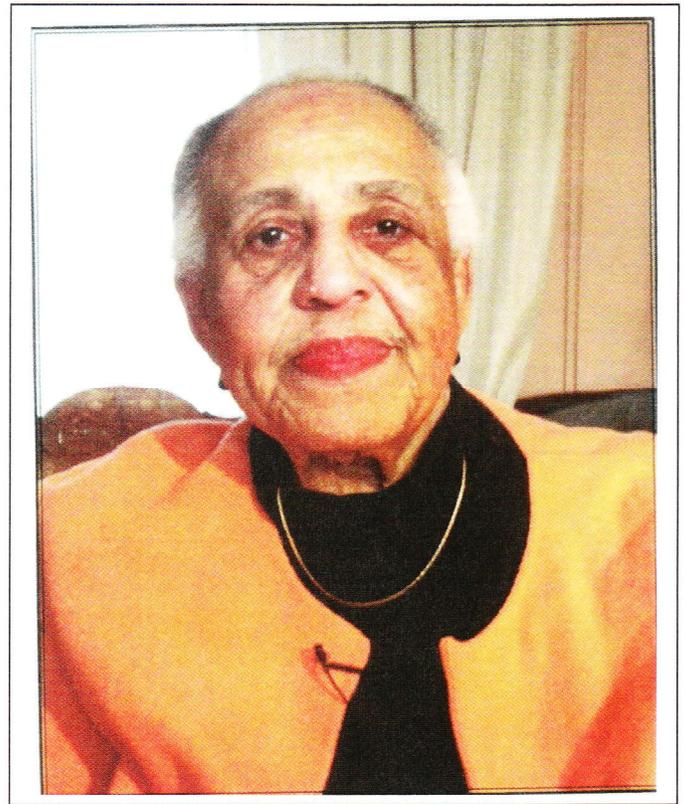


Christine Elizabeth Hopkins

Francis Cager

September 14, 1935 - October 13, 2011





Frieda Estelle Rhone Murray
March 1, 1919 – February 4, 2011

Frieda Estelle Rhone Murray, 91, died February 4, 2011 at Fort Washington Medical Center from congestive heart disease. She was born March 1, 1919, in Chandler (Henderson County), Texas, the younger of two daughters born to Fred Gilbert Rhone and Lita Lewis Rhone. Frieda earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry in 1938 and 1939 from Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College (now Prairie View A & M University). She subsequently taught in Prairie View before working during World War II for the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal, MD.



She was married to Samuel Stevenson Murray in Baltimore, MD on August 10, 1947. From this marriage, two daughters were born.

For many years, Frieda taught chemistry and earth science at Fairmont Heights High School and Walker Mill Junior High in Prince George's County, MD. She helped organize science fairs at the school and county level, and served as president of the Prince George's Area Science Fair Association. Frieda's lifelong education included study at Sophia University, Tokyo; Eastern Michigan University and Arizona State University. She also traveled extensively for pleasure.

For the past 30 years, Frieda lived in the Anacostia Historic District. She was a founding member and first president of the Anacostia Garden Club. She also served three terms on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C and served on a number of mayoral commissions and community boards, including the Anacostia Coordinating Council.

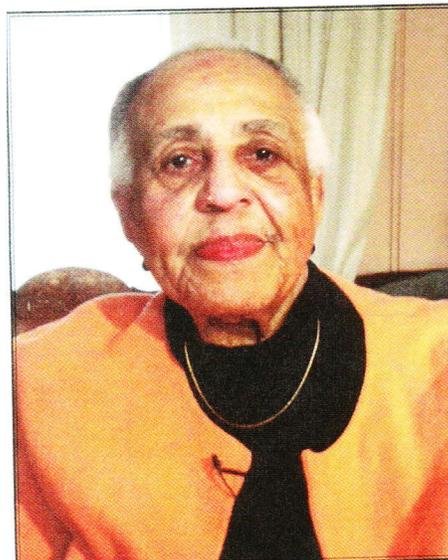
Frieda was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel (1968) and sister, Carrie Rhone (2006). She is survived by two daughters, Frieda Adelle Murray (Roland Green) and Laura Marie Richards (Robert) ; adored grandchildren, Violette Green and Robert Samuel (Sam) Richards; nieces, Gloria Jean Murray Bell and Pearl Laura Murray Brown; (Clarence); grand-nephew, Karry Brown; grand-nieces, Kelli Brown-Barnes (Frank), Tiffany Bell Snipes (Kendrick) and Tonisha Bell Alston (Edmond); six great-grand-nieces and nephews; godchild, Mardi Pinkney; Mary Craig, a constant friend and presence; and many other relatives and friends.

Parthenia S. Pruden August 13, 2011

Parthenia S. Pruden, 89, who retired in 1985 as the Prince George's County school assistant superintendent, died August 13, 2011 at the Riderwood Village assisted-living facility from respiratory failure.

Parthenia S. Pruden began her career as a public school teacher in Virginia's Henrico County during the 1940's. She joined the Prince George's County school system in 1957 as a teacher at Fairmont Heights High School, where she taught in the mathematics department and served as a guidance counselor.

In the 1970s, she served as a human relations officer helping to implement a 1972 court order to desegregate all Prince George's County schools.



She was Prince George's head of pupil services, directing programs in psychological services, guidance offices and student records when she was promoted to assistant superintendent in 1980.

As assistant superintendent, she had supervision over tens of thousands of students, from kindergarteners to high school seniors. She helped develop programs for low-income children who were at risk of dropping out. She also chaired a committee tasked with addressing student suicides, which helped teachers identify troubled students.

Not long after becoming assistant superintendent, the salaries for public school teachers were published. Mrs. Pruden told The Washington Post in 1999 that she noticed one of her white male colleagues was paid \$1,000 more than her.

She protested the discrepancy in her pay to the superintendent, and Mrs. Pruden was given a raise. She also said that she "got my salary retroactive."

Parthenia Elizabeth Shelton was a Richmond native and a 1941 graduate of Virginia Union University, a historically black university in Richmond where she majored in education and mathematics.

She told The Post in 1999 that she abandoned her childhood dream of becoming a physician when her father told her "no woman needs to be a surgeon."

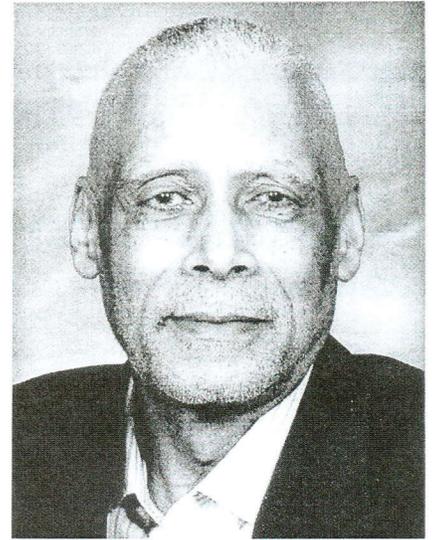
She received her master's degree in education in 1976 from what is now Bowie State University.

Her husband of 33 years, retired Army chaplain Maj. Joseph D. Pruden, died in 1979. Two of their children died, George Pruden in 1982 and Lillian Pruden in 2009.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph D. Pruden Jr. of Cheverly and James Pruden of Teaneck, N.J.; a brother; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Melvin Stanley Yates, Sr.
November 12, 1945 – May 4, 2011

After 65 years of living life fully, Melvin Stanley Yates, Sr. departed this life peacefully on May 4, 2011. He was born the youngest and the fifth child to the late Ernest Linwood Yates and Millie Jackson Farmer on November 12, 1945 in Baltimore, MD. Reared by his mother and stepfather, the late Harry Farmer, Melvin grew up as the baby brother who was loved and adored by his siblings. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Elizabeth Edwards.



Melvin's early educational experience was in Prince George's County, MD where he graduated from Fairmont Heights High School. He began his higher education at Howard University and later transferred to the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) where he earned his Bachelor's degree in psychology; a master of Arts degree in counseling; and a Master of Arts in administration and supervision. Prior to his passing, he was pursuing work on a Doctoral degree.

Melvin was united in marriage in 1971 to Sandra Grady, whom he met while they both worked at a job training program that was located at the Fort Lincoln site in Northeast, DC. As he walked up the long and winding hill daily, Sandra would often stop and give him a ride; they ultimately became an "item" and remained soul mates for 40 years. From this union, they had two children, Melvin Stanley Yates II and Milton Barrister Yates. Melvin worked as an educator in the District of Columbia Public Schools as a teacher and guidance counselor before retiring in 1999, after nearly 30 years of service. Later, he served as an adjunct professor, consultant, and program coordinator at the University of the District of Columbia. In 2009, Melvin left the University and began enjoying a life of full retirement. As quiet as it may be kept, Melvin was also employed by his son, Melvin II, in one of his many business ventures – sometimes getting a check, other times getting a smile and a big hug.

Melvin and Sandra have been active and faithful members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church for more than 40 years. Melvin gave of his time, talent, and tithes and had recently been elected to serve on St. Timothy's Vestry. Further, he was a member of the Men of St. Timothy's and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He also was an active member of the Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity, Inc. (Fort Washington Chapter) and the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association.

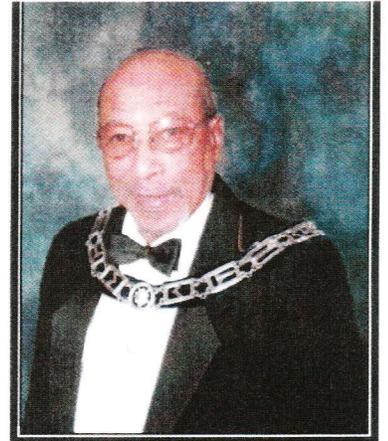
Melvin lived life with passion, and God blessed him with gifts of creativity that he utilized throughout his life – landscaping, collecting works of art and antiques, interior decorating his homes and generously sharing his gift with others. Moreover, he loved classical music; played the piano and viola; frequently visited thrift stores; was an avid Washington Redskins fan; and, on occasion, he would sneak down to Charlestown Races and Slots for relaxation and excitement. Melvin also was a hand dancer extraordinaire. For all those who knew him, he was known for his sartorial fashion sense – Maintaining the flair, style and poise of a super model.

Melvin leaves to celebrate and cherish his memory his devoted wife, Sandra; two loving sons – Melvin Stanley Yates II (Laila) and Milton Barrister Yates; four grandchildren – Melvin Stanley Yates III, Madison Antoinette Yates, Milton Barrister Yates II, and McKenzie Marie Yates; one sister, Ethel Sheppard; two brothers – Ernest Yates (Elena) and Alfred Yates (Shirley); three sister-in-law- Lois Dutton, Earlene Owens, and Jacquelyn Benton; and two brother-in-law, Rev. Lewis Edward Grady, Jr. (Laura) and Benjamin Edwards; several nieces, nephews, and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Allie Linbert Brown (“Chan”)
March 18, 1939 – August 7, 2011

Allie Linbert Brown, affectionately known as “Chan” and “Hamburger”, was born on March 18, 1939, to the late Allie Weedon Brown and Gracie Brown Richards. Allie moved to Muirkirk, MD in 1947 and was educated in the Prince George’s County schools. He graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in 1958; soon after graduation he went to work for Woods Florist.

Allie married the late Addie Rose Thomas. From this union three children were born, Shane and two who preceded him in death, Mark and Alliene.



In November 1961, Allie joined the United States Army. After a successful tour of duty he received an Honorable Discharge and returned to work for Woods Florist. He later gained employment with Commercial Wiping Cloth before retiring from Maurice Electric.

Allie was a sharp dresser and was well known for his fancy and flamboyant hats. His outgoing personality drew many people to him. Many of his friends far exceeded him in age; and from them he gained a great deal of wisdom. Allie was a generous person and often rented rooms in his home to older gentlemen, sometimes charging little or no rent.

Allie was a dedicated brother, father and grandfather. His family loved him dearly and knew that they could always depend on him. He loved his children and grandchildren unconditionally and demanded good manners and to be respectful of others.

Allie was not one to sleep late. He got the most out of life and was an avid outdoors man. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, fast cars and motorcycles. He spent many days enjoying his vintage Corvette, fishing on his boat and riding his Harley Davidson Super Glide. You will often hear friends saying they got their first ride on the back of his bike. Allie was a chartered member of the Royal Knights Motorcycle Club and regularly attended Biker’s Week in Daytona, Florida.

Allie loved to travel and did so often. He also loved horse racing and enjoyed attending the races. This love took him to the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes. He was a passionate Washington Redskins fan, a passion he passed on to his son.

On June 29, 1991, he became a Master Mason with the Corinthian Lodge No. 18. He was a dedicated and faithful mason. In 1992, Allie was awarded the Master Mason of The Year Award from Worshipful Master Darnell Smith. He served as Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 18 in 1999. Allie served as Corinthian Lodge No. 18’s Tyler from 2008 to 2011.

In his crowning moment, Allie gave his life to the Lord and was a member of the Queens Chapel United Methodist Church of Beltsville, MD. Allie was loved by many and will be truly missed. He leaves precious memories to be cherished by his son Shane Brown (Angela) and his daughter Terra Gilbert; eight grandchildren, Shannon, Necola, Markia, DeMarco, Jasmine, Danielle, Michael and Jordan; four great grandchildren, D’Asia, Darryl, Ramard and Rickiya; two brothers, Earl Brown and Edward “Eddie” Richards; one sister Louise Ross (Richard); two aunts, Louise Upshur and Virginia Conway; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and a devoted companion Peggy Gilbert.

Alonzo Tolson Grigsby
July 11, 1925 - November 06, 2011

Alonzo Tolson Grigsby was born July 11, 1925, the second of five children, in Washington, DC to the late James H. Grigsby and Rachel Tolson Grigsby. His brother, Norman, and sister, Ione Dixon, also preceded him in death.



Alonzo was educated in the District of Columbia Public School System, graduating from Dunbar High School in 1943. After graduation, he served in the United States Navy in the Pacific at the end of World War II. Returning home, he enrolled at West Virginia State College (now University) and earned his Bachelor of Science in Education in 1951. He then began his teaching career in the Prince George's County Public School System. He was a teacher, guidance counseling

and administrator in secondary education for over 32 years. During this time, he achieved a Master's Degree from Columbia University in New York and continued his studies at the University of Notre Dame. While in college, he became a proud member of the Omega PSI Phi Fraternity and Phi Delta Kappa. Alonzo devoted his life to teaching and mentoring children, which is reflected in the many rewards and honors he gained from their successes.

In 1980, Alonzo married Mary Elizabeth Diehl, the light of his life. They shared 31 years of love, laughter and experiences.

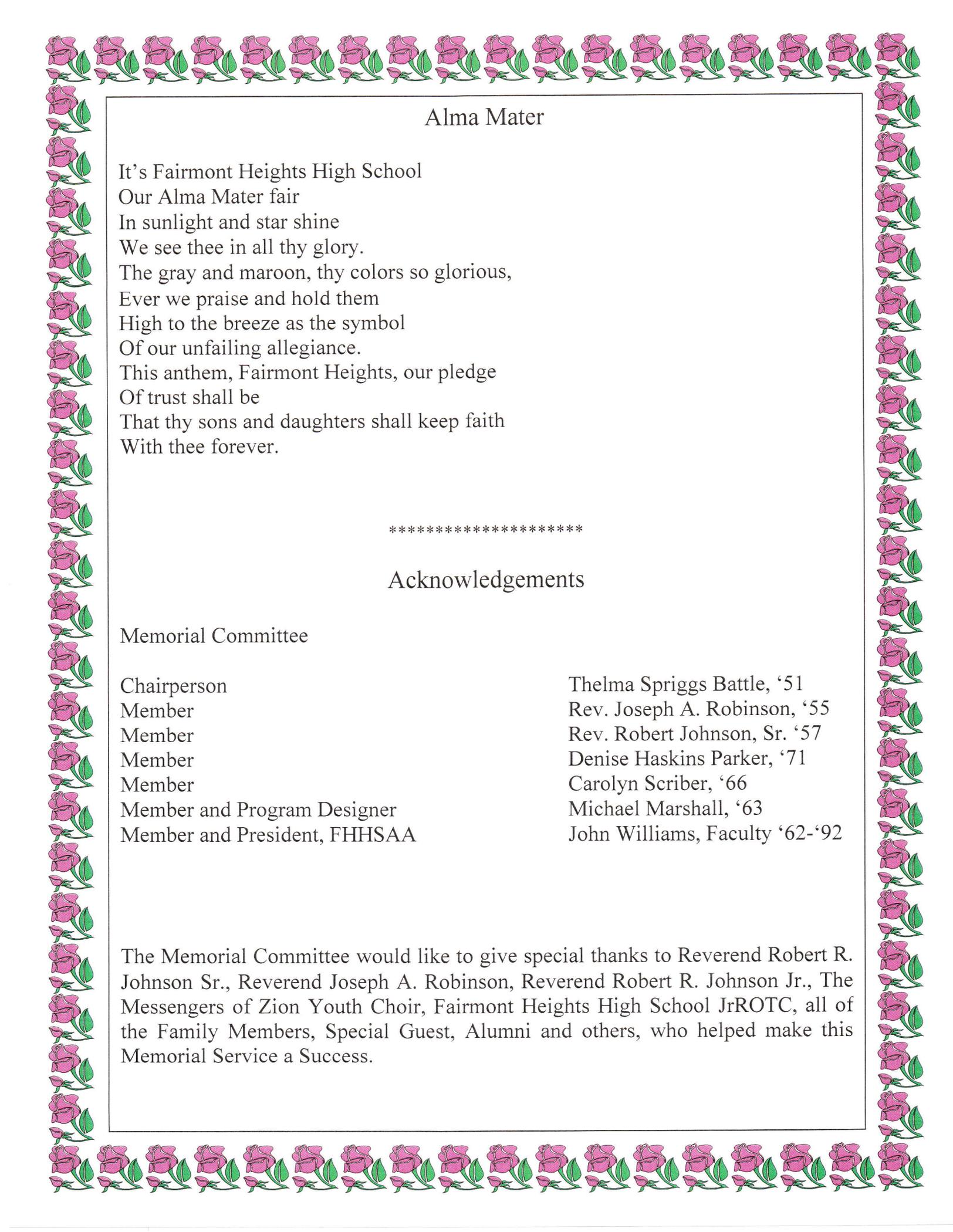
Alonzo was a dedicated member of Shiloh Baptist Church where he came to love the Lord and was baptized in 1934 by Reverend Earl L. Harrison. He was a member of Faith Circle, Men of Shiloh and served as president of the former Mutual Aid Society. He was also a strong supporter of the Human Services Ministry. He was well-known around the church for his laughter and great humor ("Let me tell you a true story."), as well as his outspoken opinions in church business meetings. Alonzo's thoughts were deep and his love for his God was wider than the sky.

In the community, he served as president of the South Potomac Citizens Association for multiple years and was an integral member of the Greater South County Coalition for Absolute Progress (G-SCCAP). He worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in South Prince George's County. He was widely known and well respected in his community.

Along with his wife, Alonzo Tolson Grigsby leaves to cherish his memory, his sister Esther G. Martin; his brother, James H. Grigsby, III; sister-in-law, Louise Grigsby; mother-in-law, Barbara A. Diehl of Tennessee; brothers-in-law, Kenneth Diehl of Tennessee, M. Laville Dove (Mary Jane) of Virginia; sister-in-law, Barbara Jane Loughrey (Edward) of New York; nieces and nephews, Norma Payton, Gregory Martin, Ernest Dixon, Jr., Denise Johnson-James, Carol Thompson, Glen Martin, James A. Grigsby, Crystal Dixon, Benjamin Diehl, Edward A. Loughrey and Erin Bowsby; his adopted nieces, Suzette Hines and Joanna Regis, and a multitude of grand and great-grand nieces and nephews, other loving relatives, his many friends and church family.

NAMES THAT WERE SUBMITTED
FOR THE 2011 MEMORIAL SERVICE

NAMES	CLASS	
Leroy Ford	1963	November 2010
Willis Ellis	1960	November 2010
Delpha Pettiford Royal	1962	November 28, 2010
Ethel Williams	1956	December 07, 2010
Joseph Arthur Dent	1956	December 17, 2010
Melvin Edward Roberts I	1961	January 22, 2011
Clarence A. Gray Jr.		January 28, 2011
Agnes Edwards	Faculty	
Frieda Murray	Faculty	February 04, 2011
Evelyn Bryant Winston	1964	March 08, 2011
Melvin Stanley Yates Sr.	1964	May 04, 2011
Alfred R. Gamble	1958	May 04, 2011
Herbert Leroy Brandford		May 07, 2011
Elizabeth Harley Wiseman	1957	May 20, 2011
Arthur A. Colbert	1957	June 04, 2011
Louie G. Buckner	1964	June 07, 2011
Donald Anthony Jones Sr.		July 07, 2011
Thomas Holland	1964	July 18, 2011
W. Edward Hair	1962	July 18, 2011
Allie L. Brown	1958	August 07, 2011
Parthenia Pruden	Faculty	August 14, 2011
Walter Smith	1963	August 18, 2011
Laverne Beam	1969	August 28, 2011
Silvia Wilkinson	1953	
Balis Allen Dunlap III	1965	September 25, 2011
Christine E. (Watkins) Hopkins		October 12, 2011
Francis Cager	1955	October 13, 2011
Charles "Smootie" Johnson	1956	October 13, 2011
Reginald R. Kellibrew	1967	October 14, 2011
Shirley Reynolds	1971	
Alonzo Tolson Grigsby	Faculty	November 06, 2011

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Alma Mater

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

Acknowledgements

Memorial Committee

Chairperson

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member and Program Designer

Member and President, FHHSAA

Thelma Spriggs Battle, '51

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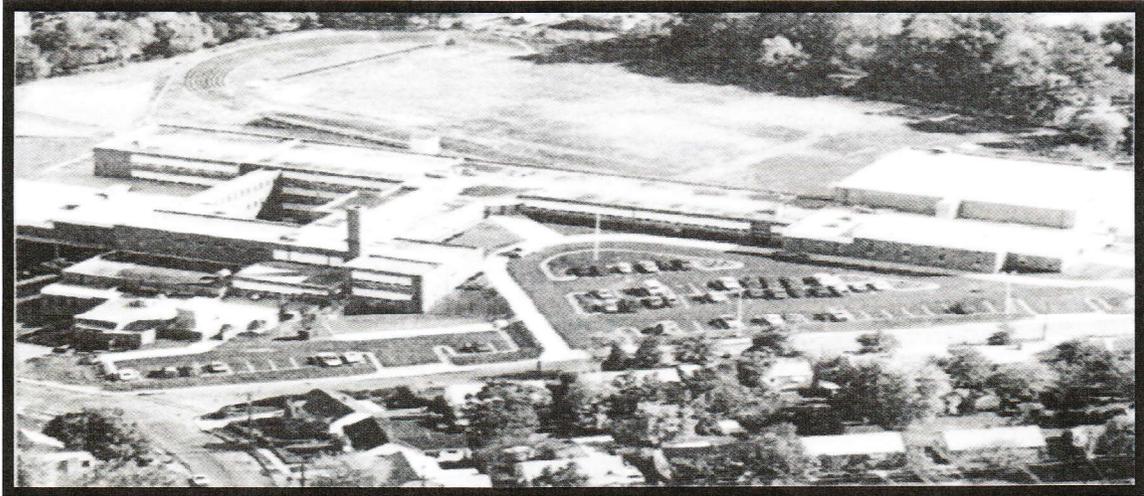
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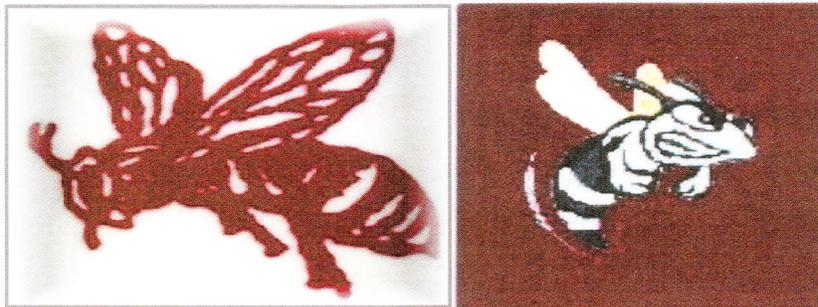
Michael Marshall, '63

John Williams, Faculty '62-'92

The Memorial Committee would like to give special thanks to Reverend Robert R. Johnson Sr., Reverend Joseph A. Robinson, Reverend Robert R. Johnson Jr., The Messengers of Zion Youth Choir, Fairmont Heights High School JrROTC, all of the Family Members, Special Guest, Alumni and others, who helped make this Memorial Service a Success.



Old hornets never die!



They just buzz away.

