

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

Saturday, December 01, 2012 – 11:00 AM



Memorial Service Location:

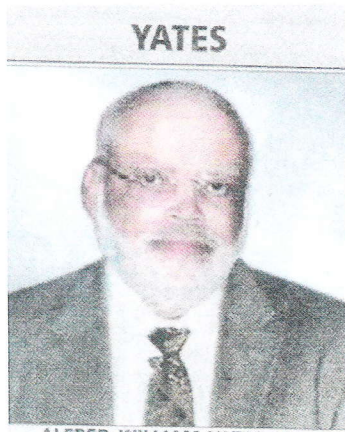
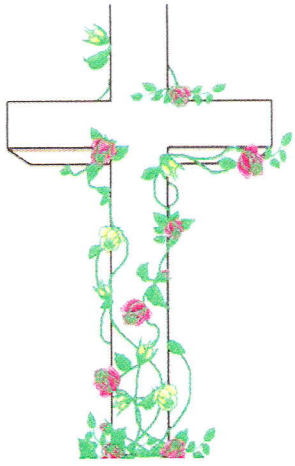
*New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
7501 Walker Mill Drive
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743*

Pastor:

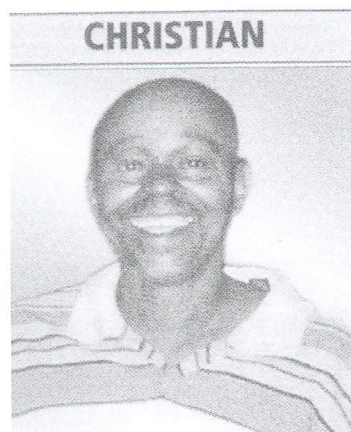
Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr.

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<i>Presentation of The Colors</i>	<i>Fairmont Heights High School Jr. ROTC Commander: Col. John Hawkins</i>
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	<i>Everyone</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>Daphne Bell, '81, President FJHLSAA</i>
<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Rev. Joseph A. Robinson, '55 Royal Oak Pentecostal Church Landover, Maryland</i>
<i>Scriptures - Old Testament</i>	<i>Eleanor Trayham, '53</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Eleanor Trayham, '53</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>Mrs. Nakia Nicholson, Principal FJHLS</i>
<i>The Occasion</i>	<i>Denise Haskins Parker, '71</i>
<i>Introduction of Guest Minister</i>	<i>Daphne Bell, '81, President FJHLSAA</i>
<i>Message</i>	<i>Apostle Dr. Dee Dee Freeman, '80 Eyes of Faith Ministries Waldorf, Maryland</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Fairmont Heights High School Choir</i>
<i>Liturgical Dancers</i>	<i>Fairmont Heights High School</i>
<i>Candlelight Ceremony</i>	<i>Faculty - John J. Williams Staff - Anna Crutchfield Alumni - Carolyn Scriber, '66 Family - A Family Member Veterans - Ricky Black, '63</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Messengers of Zion Youth Choir New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church</i>
<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Nakia Nicholson, Principal FJHLS</i>
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Rev. Robert R. Johnson Sr., '57 New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Apostle Dr. Dee Dee Freeman, '80 Eyes of Faith Ministries</i>
<i>Alma Mater</i>	<i>Led by: Valary Davis Morrison '69</i>



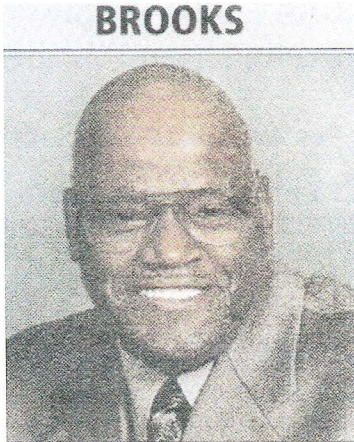
ALFRED WILLIAM YATES, SR.



MAURICE CHRISTIAN "MURPHY"



DAVID SHELTON FLETCHER



PHILLIP THOMAS BROOKS



Thelma Spriggs Battle



JOHN WILLIAM McMULLEN (Age 68)



Roger Preston Beam



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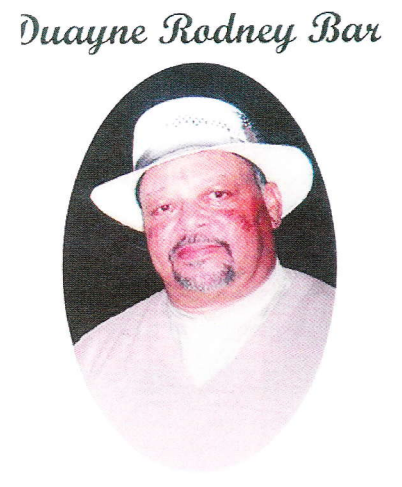
Benjamin Bowding Jr.



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TIMOTHY RUDOLPH ALSTON



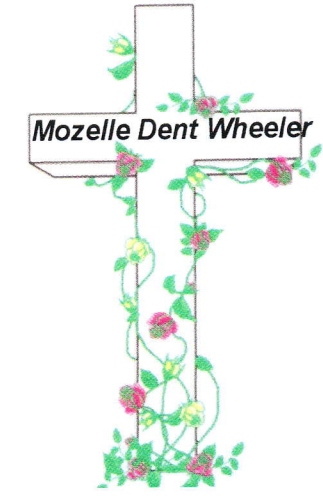
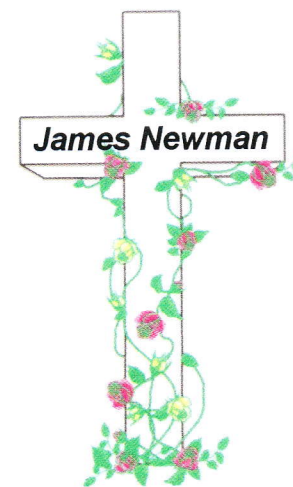
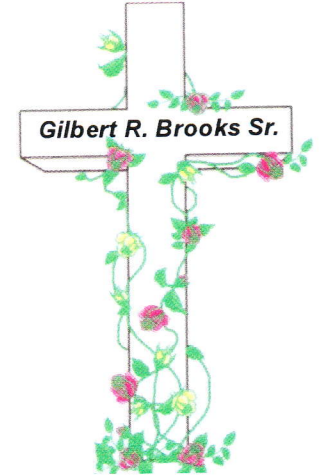
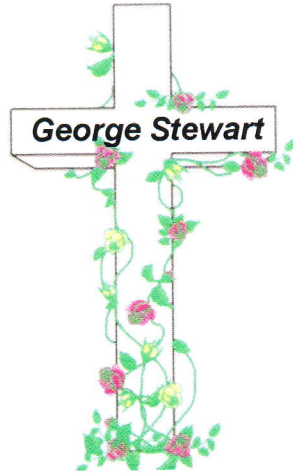
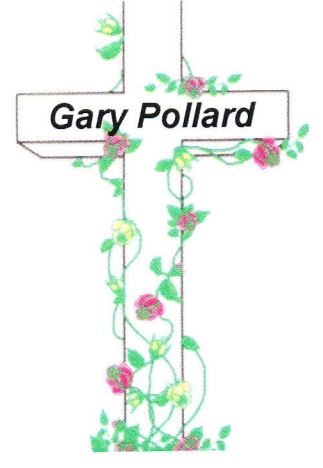
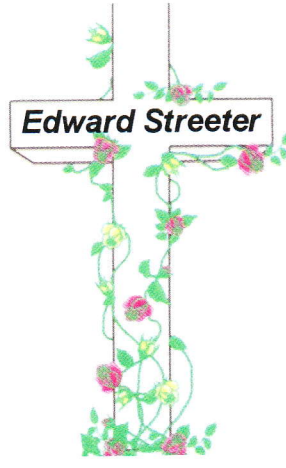
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Thelma Spriggs Battle Obituary

Thelma Bernice Spriggs Battle, RN, well known as “BIG BABY” and lovingly known to her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren as “NANA” departed this life and went home to her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 06, 2012 at the Prince George’s Hospital in Cheverly, Maryland. Thelma was born to the late Charles Henry Spriggs and Annie Sarah Spriggs. She was educated in the Prince George’s County school system; and received her Associate of Arts Degree in nursing at Prince George’s College. As a Registered Nurse, she worked 20 years at Prince George’s Hospital and 20 years at D.C. General Hospital and retired successfully from both. Thelma also had a loving and long marriage to Clinton Battle for over 40 years. He was a proud U.S. Soldier. Thelma enjoyed being a Redskin seasonal ticket holder for years and did not miss too many games at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. Thelma also played on a softball team that traveled to neighboring cities and states as a teen; and boy could she play. She also enjoyed other sports, such as ice-skating and tennis on TV. She participated in many organizations, which sponsored bus trips to New York and Delaware to see plays on Broadway and going to casinos. Thelma could really crochet & knit and expertly crocheted blankets and large spreads many friends and family members over the years.

Thelma was baptized in the Catholic faith at Glenarden’s only Catholic Church, St. Joseph’s and practiced Catholicism most of her life, before joining The New Mount Nebo Baptist Church; where she fell in love with all that she was involved with, especially her Pastor, Rev. Johnson whom she grew up with in Glenarden, Maryland.

Thelma leave to cherish her memories, her loving sister Annie “LOVEY” Jackson, brother William “JUMP” Brown, her beloved three Grandsons: Tracey, Timmy, and Terry Hawkins, Eight Great Grandchildren: Timyra, Terrika, Tydryn, Timothy II, Timitrius, Timaliah, Corey, and Timon Hawkins, Grand daughters-in-law Alison and Denise Hawkins and Daughter Wanda Whitney and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Thelma was preceded in death by: her mother and father, husband, daughter, and twelve brothers and sisters.



THE LIFE OF BENJAMIN JOHN BOWLDING, JR.

Benjamin John Bowlding, Jr. was born in Washington, DC on August 20, 1943, to Benjamin John Bowlding, Sr. and Thelma Taylor. He was the fourth of twelve siblings. He attended Fairmont Heights High School and graduated in 1961.

Benny, as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, met the love of his life Cecile ("Cile") at the age of 13. After a long courtship, they were married in 1966. One son was born from this union - Benjamin John Bowlding III.

After graduating from high school, Benny held positions at the Glendale Hospital and at Craftsman Press. He began working for the Giant warehouse in 1974. He worked for many years in various roles for Giant. He retired in 2002 after 28 years of dedicated service. After retirement, Benny began many self-employment opportunities that filled his idle time.

Benny became a member of Galilee Baptist Church in 1993 and was active in church activities, particularly the Men's Fellowship.

Known as the "Mayor of Seat Pleasant", Benny was very active in many community activities and events. He had the gift of gab. Benny never met a stranger. He always took the time to talk to everyone, regardless of their status. He never looked down on anyone and always worked to encourage others to be the best that they could be.

As a proud member of the E. Jerry Williams Mason Lodge #141 since 1997, Benny participated in all Lodge activities and loved being with his Lodge brothers. He also had a variety of interesting hobbies, including: fishing, hunting, shopping, roller skating and cooking, especially for neighborhood events and block parties. Benny was an avid Redskins fan. He never missed watching a game, no matter what was happening at the time.

Benny was an antique car collector and enthusiast who frequented Antique Car Shows at the Boulevard and other locations around the Beltway. He often showcased his own vehicles and provided input to others that were interested in the hobby.

Benny was a dedicated family man. He is survived by his wife Cecile, his son, Benjamin John Bowlding III and the other love of his life, his grand-daughter Brianna Bruce. He leaves to mourn three sisters: Delores Robinson, Betty Eldridge and Sharon Bowlding; and six brothers: Donald Bowlding, Harold Thomas-Bowlding, Ralph Bowlding, Theodore (Tony) Yorkshire, Sr., Jerome Yorkshire Sr., and Gregory (Greg) Spicer. Three siblings preceded him in death - Meredith (Merck) Spicer, Cynthia Bowlding and Rosemary (Weenie) Bowlding.

He is also survived by his favorite uncle, Tyrone Taylor and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, neighbors and friends.



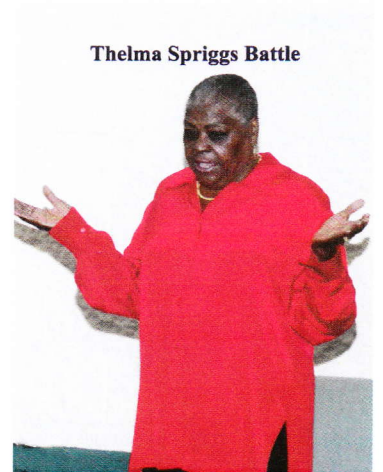
*"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep,
Or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.
We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe
That God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."
1 Thessalonians 3:13-14*



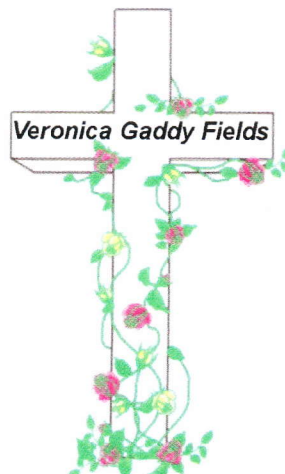
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Roger Preston Beam



Obituary

"A Chapter completed, a Page turned, a Life well—spent, a Rest well earned".

Roger Preston Beam, age 70, returned to his Creator on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, following a brief illness as he was surrounded by members of his family. He was the fourth of seven children born to McKinley Beam and Lucy Mae Grooms on February 10, 1942, in Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ellsworth; sisters, Ogdenia and Laverne; and grandson, Delavan Lamont Beam.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at First Baptist Church of Deanwood. While at First Baptist Church of Deanwood, he enjoyed singing in the choir. He attended Prince George's County Public Schools and graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in 1960. After high school, he supported his family by working with Teamsters Local 639 for more than 32 years, beginning as a truck driver with Editors Press and ending as a Business Agent.

Roger will be remembered for reaching out to others, sacrificing for friends and family and his love for fishing and bowling. His devotion and time to his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, siblings, and the entire family will be truly missed; but the legacy of love he has left them will NEVER be forgotten. One of his favorite quotes says "One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the importance of one's fishing companions." Roger was forever grateful to have the most dedicated friends and fishing buddies, who included the deceased Dave Brody, John Sumter, James (T.J.) Gamble and Thomas (Tommy) Barnes, and his surviving friends Walter Taylor, Apache Martin and LaVern Mullin.

His accomplishments were many, to include volunteering for the 2002 PG County Christmas-in-April Program; 2007 Girls & Boys Town Christmas Appeal; and continuous contributions to the Local 639 Annual Golf Tournament for The Benefit of Children's Hospital in Washington DC. One of his most notable achievements was related to his favorite hobby of fishing, when the state of Maryland recognized him for catching a 76 pound Black Drum Fish in 2003.

He leaves to cherish his memories to his beloved wife, Betty Ann Beam; three sons, Ellsworth (Patricia), Larry (Tonya) and Roger (Joyce); three daughters, Cynthia, Letitia (Kevin) and Robin; 12 grandchildren, Stephanitra, Brian, Alicia, Mark, Ericka, Shadonna, Brandi, Brittany, Kevin Jr., Kirk, Zachary, and Zion; and 7 great grandchildren, Zion, Stephon, Delvon, Ryan, Aaliyah, Mekhi and James Jr.

*"I shall pass through this life but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, let me do it now.
Let me not defer or neglect it. For I shall never pass this way again".*

~Etienne de Grellet

NAMES THAT WERE SUBMITTED
FOR THE 2012 MEMORIAL SERVICE

NAMES	CLASS	
Laverne McCall		December 21, 2011
David Shelton Fletcher	1960	February 20, 2012
Duayne Rodney Barr	1966	March 15, 2012
Mozelle Dent Wheeler	1965	March 13, 2012
George Stewart	1961	March 23, 2012
Sandra Douglas Jackson	1964	April 24, 2012
LaSean Antionette Newman		April 26, 2012
Gilbert Roy Brooks Sr.	1963	April 29, 2012
Rodell Wood	1961	May 04, 2012
Maurice V. Christian "Marty C"		May 07, 2012
Phillip Thomas Brooks	1956	May 18, 2012
Narvail Mooney Jr.		June 01, 2012
James H. Newman	1956	June 20, 2012
Veronica Gaddy Fields	1964	June 22, 2012
Edward Streeter	1965	
Gary Pollard	1964	July 20, 2012
Roger Beam	1960	July 24, 2012
Alfred William Yates Sr.	1961	August 26, 2012
Jacob Dodd	1961	August 30, 2012
Sarah Richardson	1975	
Jackie Martin Swann	1962	
John William McMullen	1962	September 07, 2012
Clifton Turner		
Shirley Elizabeth Staggs		September 27, 2012
Timothy Rudolph Alston	1977	September 30, 2012
Selma Wood	1959	
Alice Mayes-White	1957	
P. Neal Nelson Jr.	1986	
Walton V. Deal	1960	
Jocelyn Deal	1970	
Benjamin J. Bowlding Jr.	1961	October 30, 2012
Thelma Spriggs Battle	1951	November 06, 2012

Alma Mater

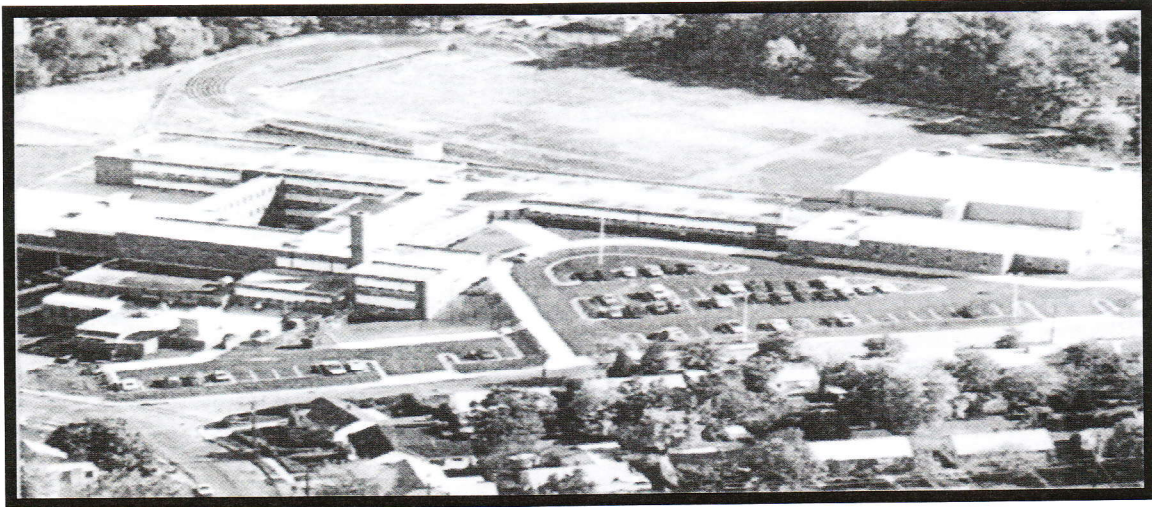
It's Fairmont Heights High School
Our Alma Mater fair
In sunlight and star shine
We see thee in all thy glory.
The gray and maroon, thy colors so glorious,
Ever we praise and hold them
High to the breeze as the symbol
Of our unfailing allegiance.
This anthem, Fairmont Heights, our pledge
Of trust shall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

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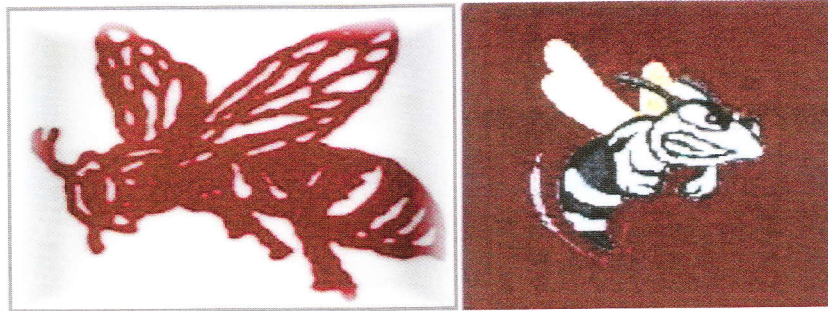
Memorial Service Committee

Chairperson	Thelma Spriggs Battle, '51
Member	Rev. Joseph A. Robinson, '55
Member	Rev. Robert Johnson Sr., '57
Member	Denise Haskins Parker, '71
Member	Carolyn Scriber, '66
Member and Program Designer	Michael Marshall, '63
Member	John Williams, Faculty '62-'92
Member and President, FHHSAA	Daphne Bell, '81

The Memorial Service Committee would like to give special thanks to Reverend Robert R. Johnson Sr., Apostle Dr. Dee Dee Freeman, Reverend Joseph A. Robinson, Choir Director, Norma Legette & the Messengers of Zion Youth Choir, Fairmont Heights High School Jr. ROTC, Fairmont Heights High School Choir & Liturgical Dancers, 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.

