

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

**Saturday, December 03, 2016 – 11:00 AM**



**Memorial Service Location:**

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

**Pastor:  
Senior Pastor:**

**Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Jr.  
Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr.**

NAMES THAT WERE SUBMITTED  
FOR THE 2016 MEMORIAL SERVICE

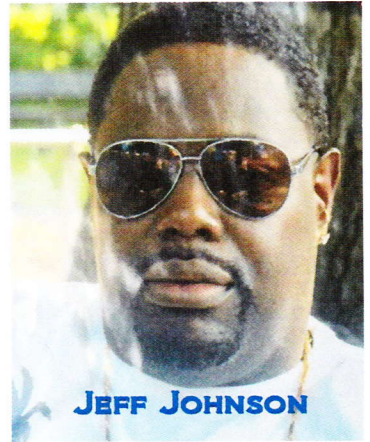
| NAMES                          | CLASS   | DATE               |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Charles L. Fletcher "Chuck"    | 1966    | November 19, 2015  |
| Thomas Henry Anderson Jr.      | 1965    | December 18, 2015  |
| Maurice Rudolph Anderson Sr.   | 1970    | January 06, 2016   |
| Rosa Hilda Wilkinson Smallwood |         | January 20, 2016   |
| Francis Dade                   | 1960    | January 30, 2016   |
| George Wilbourne               | 1960    | February 05, 2016  |
| Virginia Countee Farley-Hursey | 1962    | February 17, 2016  |
| Paul Bell                      | 1960    | February 24, 2016  |
| John Phillip Hamilton          | 1964    | February 24, 2016  |
| Wonder Fields Moore-Davis      | 1967    | March 01, 2016     |
| Gale Kelly-Howard              | 1966    | March 16, 2016     |
| Francis Louis Ware             | 1965    |                    |
| James Brisco                   | 1957    |                    |
| Antionette Stephenson Minor    | 1964    | April 03, 2016     |
| Helen Jackson Spriggs          | 1952    | April 12, 2016     |
| Conswella White Baltimore      | Staff   | April 28, 2016     |
| Charles Mickle Davis           | 1962    | June 21, 2016      |
| Thomas Albert Weems            | 1957    | July 21, 2016      |
| Emilie Bell Williams           | 1960    | July 22, 2016      |
| Ronald Tilghman                | 1966    | August 03, 2016    |
| Rodney Earl Carter             | 1960    | August 30, 2016    |
| Howard Francis Allen           | 1955    | September 13, 2016 |
| Edward Broadnax                | Faculty | September 17, 2016 |
| Rosemary Morris Brinkley       | Faculty | October 21, 2016   |
| Sharon Marie Marbley           |         | October 27, 2016   |
| Donald Hamilton Wilson         | 1954    | October 31, 2016   |
| Eugene Selden                  | 1960    | November 16, 2016  |
| Jeff "Big Jeff" Johnson        | Faculty | November 25, 2016  |

All other alumni who have "BUZZED AWAY" are included in this Memorial Service Program even though their names were not submitted. "HORNETS FOREVER!!!"





**ROSA HILDA SMALLWOOD**



**JEFF JOHNSON**



**MAURICE ANDERSON**



**CONSWELLA BALTIMORE**



**THOMAS ANDERSON**



**JOHN HAMILTON**



**CHARLES FLETCHER**

**VIRGINIA COUNTEE HURSEY**



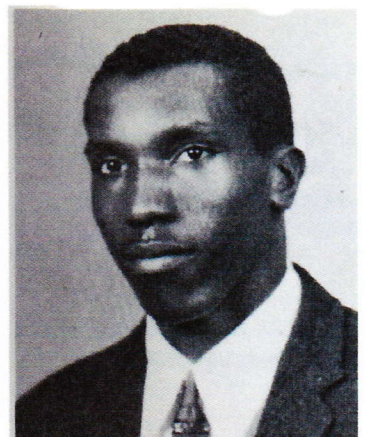
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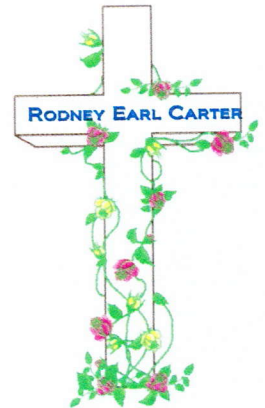
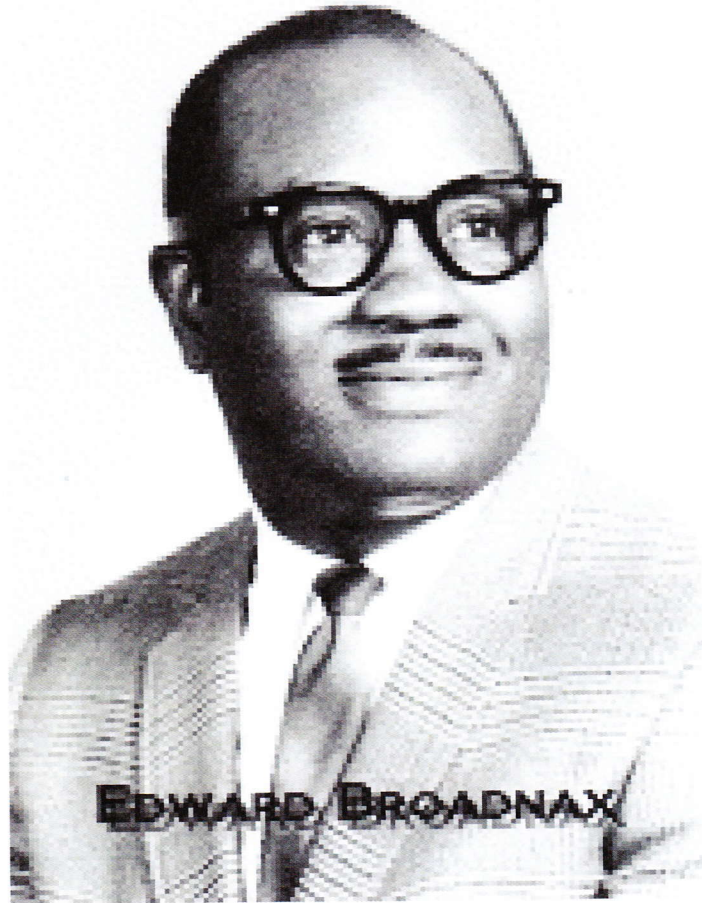
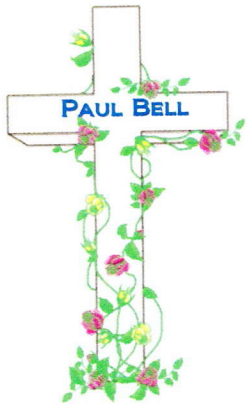
**WEEMS**



**THOMAS ALBERT WEEMS**

**CHARLES DAVIS**





# ROSEMARY BRINKLEY



## IT HAS BEEN 10 YEARS

**A PROFOUND AND SINCERE THANKS TO THE NEW MT. NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY FOR ASSISTING US IN REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF THE 'HORNETS' WHO HAVE 'BUZZED AWAY'**



*Sharon Marie Marbley*



**DONALD HAMILTON WILSON**



## *A Life Well Lived!*

Connie was born on June 23, 1924 in Staunton, VA. She was the youngest daughter of Susie and John Scott. She married Guy Baltimore and from this union they had son, Gerald, and daughter, Victoria. In 1963, Connie and her family moved to Maryland.

She was a member of Largo Community Church for many years. Connie worked with the Prince George's County, MD Public School System for 30 years and retired in 1990. She was an Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

After suffering a stroke in her mid-80s which paralyzed her right side, Connie moved to Hunter's Professional Assisted Living Facility where she resided until her home going. Even though doctors said that Connie would never eat or drink; however, after three months at Hunter's Facility, Connie was eating regular food and drinking all beverages. She made many new friends and enjoyed directing and bossing staff around.

Connie loved God with all of her heart. She would not eat unless someone said grace. She would tell Ben Hunter, her caregiver for over six years, that when he prayed for her, he needed to call HER name.

Connie called Cynthia Myers, Director of Hunter's Assisted Facility, Ma-Ma, and when she really wanted to get Cynthia's attention, she would say "Mother". Every morning she listened to all of her special inspirational songs. Her favorite song was 'Amazing Grace'. She would lay in bed with her hands raised and would sing. On Sundays, she looked forward to Reverend Batts sharing the gospel, giving communion and singing songs.

Even though Connie was paralyzed on her right side, when she heard Michael Jackson's songs; she would move her shoulders, arm and legs. She had very good rhythm and she loved to harmonize when songs were played.

Leah, Cynthia's granddaughter, could get her to wear, blue, orange, black nail polish and makeup. She also enjoyed making ginger bread houses with Ashley's children, Ava and Sierra. She was extremely excited when Lynley would visit the Facility because she brought her dog Samson. Connie loved dogs, especially Max, and she owned several dogs for many, many, years. Over the years without fail, each time Connie saw Elnora, she would start laughing and holding her hand because Elnora would start kissing her hand and continued along her arms until she got to her cheeks.

Connie had an amazing talent for designing which included flower arrangements, plant gardening and interior decorating. Her son Gerald visited 4-5 times a week and spent long hours assisting her with all kinds of crafts. Her daughter, Victoria, who lives in Vegas sent hundreds of flowers regularly. She enjoyed arranging the flowers in the beautiful vases.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Susie and John Scott, and her husband, Guy Baltimore. She leaves to cherish warm and loving memories: sister, Ann Crutchfield; son, Gerald Baltimore of Bowie, MD; daughter, Victoria Baltimore Dale of Las Vegas, NV; granddaughter, Tosha Netis Dale; great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and dear friends.





# Obituary

*For God so loved the world that He gave his only Begotten Son  
that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

John Phillip Hamilton, 69 years old, was born on March 7, 1946, to the late Vivian Mathilde and Nicholas Xavier Hamilton, in Washington, DC. He was married to his college sweetheart, Paulette Upshur Hamilton on February 2, 1970, and they have resided in Largo, Maryland since 1974. He departed this life peaceably with his family by his side and went into the presence of Jesus on February 24, 2016, at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Annapolis, Maryland. He was raised in the Catholic faith, but subsequently worshipped His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with Paulette at Capitol Church of God, Capitol Heights, Maryland, when his health permitted.

He attended Prince George's Public Schools and after graduating from high school, he attended the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore (formerly Maryland State College), Princess Anne, Maryland and received a B.S. Degree in 1968 and also held a Master's equivalency in the field of education, as well as, advanced professional certificates in General Sciences and Biology, Grades 5-12. While at college, he joined the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He appreciated the mentorship and wisdom from his cousin, Donald Wilson, who helped steer his life in a productive way and was instrumental in getting him summer jobs at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

In 1999, he retired from the Prince George's County Public School System. From 1968-1997, he was employed as a Science Teacher at Francis Scott Key Middle School, Drew Freeman Middle School, William Wert Middle School, Thomas Johnson Middle School, and Mt. Rainer Elementary School. He served as Science Department Chairman for six years, sponsored the Science Club, Rocket Club, and Chess Club for ten years; served as Science Fair Coordinator for five years, and his science classes participated in curriculum projects from Prince George's Community College. From 1975-1976, he served as a Curriculum Writer and organized and co-wrote a Summer School Curriculum for elementary school children at Ballou High School, Washington, DC. He also worked at the Prince George's County Public Schools Supply Services Warehouse. Ultimately, after educating so many other students, he was most proud to homeschool his son, Julius.

John was very passionate about his vegetable garden and fruit trees and loved to share varieties of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, string beans, corn, eggplants, peppers, peaches, plums, blackberries, grapes, and apples with family, friends, and neighbors. He enjoyed playing chess and he took a liking to woodwork and built such things as a bookcase, a couch, and an enclosed porch. He was an avid sports fan, played sandlot baseball for the Glenarden Braves, coached baseball for the Francis Scott Key Middle School Falcons, but most of all, he loved just being a homebody. When he attended the Upshur Family Reunions and Wilson Family Reunions, he enjoyed being amongst family. When he made up his mind, he would take annual vacations to Orlando, Ocean City, Virginia Beach, or Williamsburg; and with lots of prodding, he reluctantly went on his first and he said "his last cruise" to Bermuda. His most memorable and cherished vacation was a family vacation to Orlando with his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rachel Johnette Hamilton, his mother and father, Vivian and Nicholas Hamilton, brother, Wayne Hamilton and sisters, Patricia Marshall, Marsha Nixon, and Tami Kelly. He is survived by six adopted children, Lester Hamilton, Columbia, MD, Patricia Small (William), Largo, MD, Robin Hamilton, Lanham, MD, Lilly Hamilton, Washington, DC, Tobie Hamilton, Crestview, FL, and Julius Hamilton (Amaris), Riverside, CA; eight granddaughters, Imani Grissett, Breona Grissett, Nina Small, Madison Small, Chyanne Hamilton, Moniya Harris, Jordin Hamilton, and MaKenzie Hamilton; two grandsons, William Small, III, and Noah Hamilton; three sisters, Eileen Davis, Seat Pleasant, MD, Linda Reed and Sheila Davis of Landover, MD; two brothers, Nicholas Hamilton, Silver Spring, MD and Charles Hamilton, Clinton, MD; five sisters-in-law, Veetta Rainey, Hampton, VA, Ella Stanley, Radcliff, KY, Elizabeth Jones, Hampton, VA, Connie Christian, Richmond, VA and Effie Dashiell (deceased); and three brothers-in-law, James Upshur, Warwick, NY, Raleigh Upshur, Mililani, Hawaii, and Charlie Upshur (deceased); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## Obituary

Rosa Hilda Smallwood, named after her mother, was born March 5, 1945 in Washington, DC to the late Rosa F. Johnson and Nathaniel Wilkerson. "Sweets," as she was affectionately called by her family, was one of eleven siblings and a devout Christian in the Catholic faith.

Rosa was educated in Prince Georges County Public Schools and was a graduate of Fairmont Heights Senior High School. She received a degree from FCC College of Washington, DC, now known as the University of the District of Columbia.

Rosa met James Donnell Smallwood, Sr. in high school. They married and from this union, three sons were born: James, Jr., Carliss and Antwan.

Rosa worked for the Federal Government the majority of her life – The United States Postal Service; The Department of Education and Welfare, now known as Health and Human Services; and the Office of Personnel Management as a Senior Manager, where she retired.

While employed with Office of Personnel Management, Rosa worked part-time at a Jackson Hewitt kiosk. After retirement, she thought tax preparation was something she enjoyed. In 1995, Rosa purchased her own Jackson Hewitt franchise and became an entrepreneur, opening her first store on Livingston Road in Fort Washington, Maryland. She went on to open three other stores throughout Southern Maryland. She was always knowledgeable when it came to math, which was one of her favorite subjects in school. And as if that wasn't enough on her plate, Rosa worked as a substitute teacher for the Prince George's County Public School system. She was well loved by the teachers and staff and was offered a permanent position but declined because she wanted to give more of her attention to her tax businesses.

Rosa also found it rewarding to search her family lineage. She was asked, by many family members, friends and clients, to search for their ancestry. While searching for her family heritage, she fell in love with geological science. Some of her research goes as far back to slavery as she discovered names of her maternal and paternal ancestors – slaves who boarded the ships from Africa to America. People found it interesting and mind boggling that she could go so deep into the past and find such significant and in-depth information about their ancestry. Rosa was given the role to handle both her maternal and paternal families' lineage because of the detailed work she produced and presented.

As you will see, in this program, Rosa composed beautiful poetry; she was also a great cook and a freelance interior decorator. She would, often times, assist friends and family members with their home décor. To sum it all, Rosa was multi-talented and just a beautiful person who really loved her family and friends.

On January 20, 2016, Rosa was called home by our Heavenly Father. She was preceded in death by her son James Donnell Smallwood, Jr.; her mother Rosa F. Johnson; her father Nathaniel Wilkerson; her brother Horace; and three sisters: Helen, Romaine and Sineita.

Rosa's fond memories will be cherished by her two sons: Carliss, Sr. and Antwan, Sr.; three Grandsons: Brandon, Carliss, Jr., Antwan, Jr.; Tony Agee, whom she loved as a son for many years; three sisters: Patricia (William), Sheila (Thomas), Angela (Isaac); three brothers: Nathaniel (Diane), Elzia, Sr. (Rose) and Angelo; God son Christopher Bradley; good friend Christine Foster; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins and loyal friends.

Rosa has touched so many people with her talents, her love for life, her impeccable leadership and generosity.

## 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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## Acknowledgements

### Memorial Service Committee

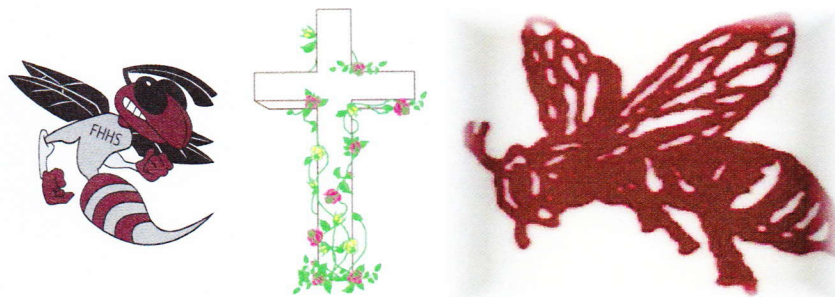
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Daphne Bell, '81  
Michael Marshall, '63  
Cheryl Gray, '64  
Carolyn Scriber, '66  
Mary Mckinney, '63  
Lucretia Black, '69  
Joann Countee, '65  
Theresa Jennings, '60

The Memorial Service Committee would like to give special thanks to Reverend Robert R. Johnson Sr., Bishop Raymond Gerald, Choir Director: Norma Legette & the Messengers of Zion Youth Choir, Fairmont Heights High School (FHHS) Principal, FHHS Jr. ROTC, all of the family members, special guest, alumni and volunteers, who helped make this "Memorial Service" a success.



*Old hornets never die!*



*They just buzz away.*

