

Fairmont Heights High School
Alumni Association

Memorial Service

Remembering Alumni, Faculty, Family and Friends

The Legacy Continues

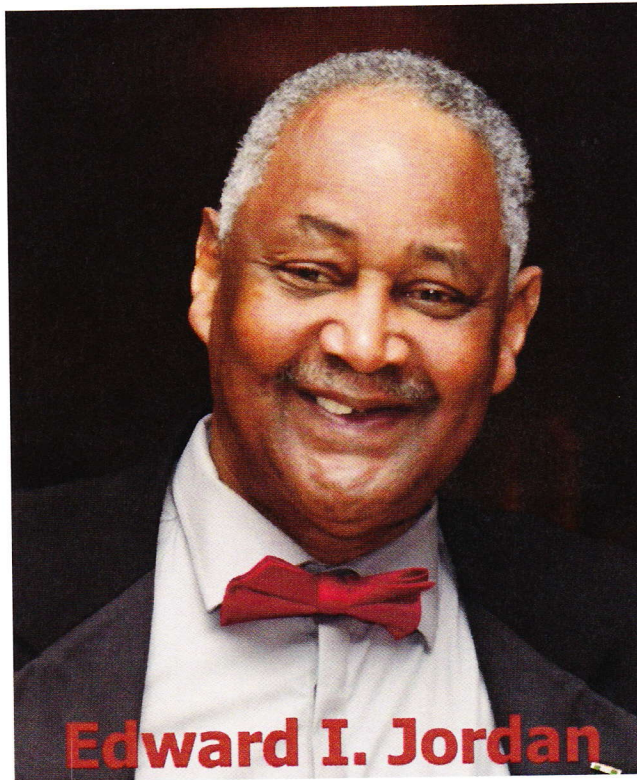
New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
7501 Walker Mill Drive
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743

Saturday, December 02, 2017

11:00 AM—1:00 PM



Elward Molley



Edward I. Jordan

A Lifetime Member and officer (First Vice President)
of the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association

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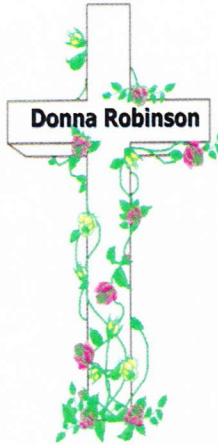
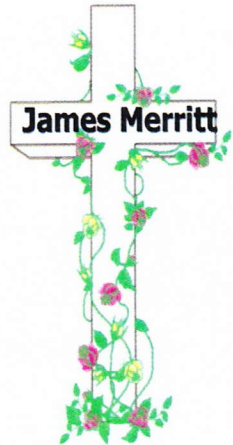
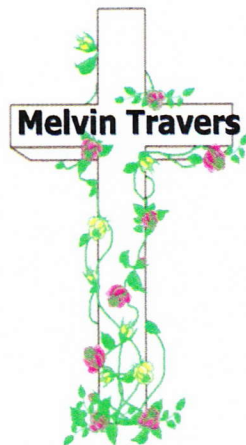
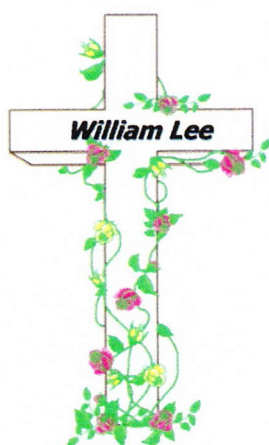
Presentation of The Colors	Fairmont Heights High School JROTC CMDR: Col. (RET) Clement Goodwine, Jr.
Pledge of Allegiance	Everyone
Opening Hymn.....	Messengers of Zion Youth Choir New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
Introduction of Worship Leader	Daphne Bell, '81 President: FHHSAA
Worship Leader	Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr.'57 New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
Scriptures - Old Testament	LaDonna Jones, '84
New Testament	LaTasha Ward, '86
The Occasion	Daphne Bell, '81, President FHHSAA
Introduction of Minister	Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr. '57 New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
Selection	Messengers of Zion Youth Choir New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
Message	Rev. Larry Brown Turning Point Ministries, Inc.
Selection	Messengers of Zion Youth Choir
Candlelight Ceremony	Faculty – Daphne Bell, '81 Staff – Anna Crutchfield Alumni – Carolyn Scriber, '66 Family & Friends- From Audience Veterans – Roy Franklin,'65
Selection	Messengers of Zion Youth Choir New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
Remarks	Torrie Walker, Principal - FHHS
Closing Remarks	Daphne Bell, '81, President FHHSAA
Benediction	Rev. Larry Brown Turning Point Ministries, Inc.
Alma Mater	Alumni

NAMES THAT WERE SUBMITTED
FOR THE 2017 MEMORIAL SERVICE

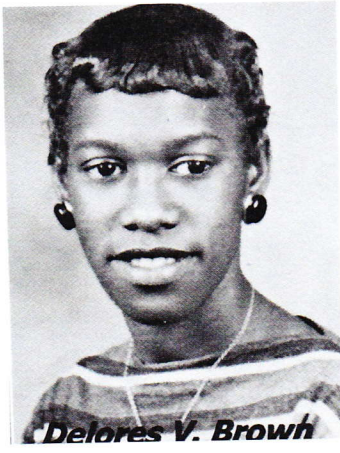
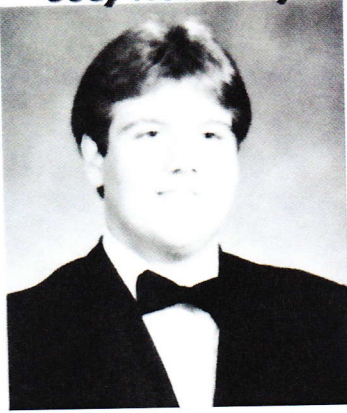
NAMES	CLASS	DATE
Lorraine Hayman Randall	1960	November 23, 2016
Paul A. Sullivan, Sr.	1957	December 05, 2016
Joseph B. Hall, Jr. (Pastor)	1960	December 12, 2016
Sheila Baltimore Coleman	1982	December 18, 2016
Shirley Shelton Fantroy	1958	January 04, 2017
William "Chicken Breast" Lee	1961	January 11, 2017
Robert H. Forrest	Faculty	January
Howard Gillespie	1962	January 24, 2017
Robert Ford	1952	January 26, 2017
Frederick Colvin, Jr.	1972	February 06, 2017
Lester E. Gross	1958	February 13, 2017
Reginald Jackson	1954	February 17, 2017
Lawrence Scott		
Lawrence Dickerson	1968	February 17, 2017
Frances C. Wilson (Frankye)	1964	February 24, 2017
Hazel Jackson Campbell	1957	February 27, 2017
Joey Necessary	1988	April 08, 2017
James Nichols	1962	
Revelle Lumas Woolfolk, Jr.	1964	April 14, 2017
Janet Randall Gillens	1960	May 08, 2017
Lawrence "Sam" Chittams	1966	May 16, 2017
Sylvester Hayes	1962	May 17, 2017
Tracy Chambers	1982	May 22, 2017
James Brown	1957	
Delores V. Brown	1957	
James Austin	1957	
James Shelton	1971	
Margie Burnett	1982	May 26, 2017
Bruce Leon Dodson	1967	June 05, 2017
Sonya Garner	1987	June 06, 2017
Cheryl Ann Thomas Coates	1963	June 10, 2017
Carl Jones, Jr.	1965	June 12, 2017
Francine L. Wallace (Frannie)		June 29, 2017
Leroy Hill	1957	
Jack Wilson	1981	July 06, 2017
Lydell McKissic, Sr.	1983	July 07, 2017
Ruth Bellows Whitley	1956	July 15, 2017
Lucille Gaddy	1961	July , 2017
Marsha L. Moyler West	1968	August 01, 2017
Currie May Ray Thomas		August 03, 2017
Daniel Gordon Luckett, Sr.	1965	August 05, 2017
Crystal Edmonds	1994	August 10, 2017
Ruth Craig Bogle	1951	August 28, 2017

Ernestine Beatty Jones	1953	September
Barry Eugene Seldon	1978	September 22, 2017
Tyrone Bush	1965	September 24, 2017
Sterling Jackson	1981	September 25, 2017
Bette McLeod	Faculty	September 29, 2017
Judith Chiaverini	1981	September 30, 2017
Maurice Gray	1985	October 14, 2017
Stanley Jackson	1979	October
Donna Robinson	1979	October 18, 2017
Philip Furr	1967	October 25, 2017
Regina C. Rice Turner		October 28, 2017
Wayne Washington	1984	October 30, 2017
Kedra Ford	1992	November 07, 2017
Elward Molley	Faculty	November
Melvin Travers	1953	November 15, 2017
Edward I. Jordan	1965	November 17, 2017
Donald Jackson	1963	November 19, 2017
James "Buck" Merritt	1968	November 20, 2017
James Alfred Woodland	1981	November 22, 2017

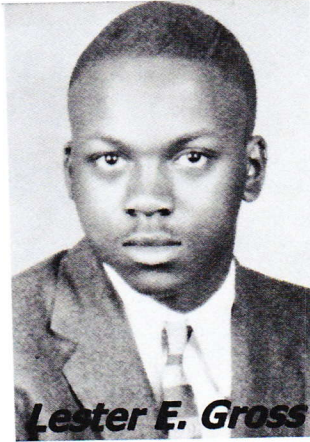
All other alumni who have "BUZZED AWAY" are included in this Memorial Service Program even though their names were not submitted. "HORNETS FOREVER!!!"



Joey Necessary



Delores V. Brown



Lester E. Gross



Paul Sullivan

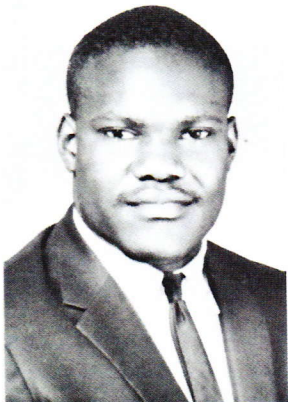
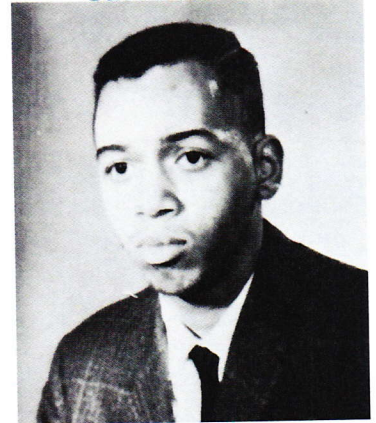
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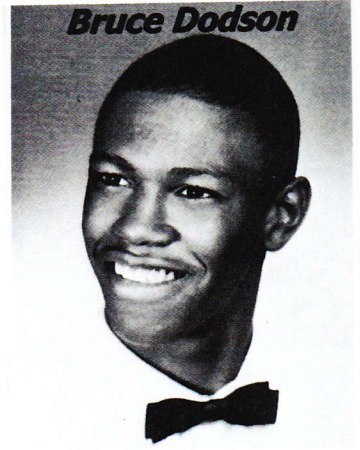
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Carl Jones Jr.

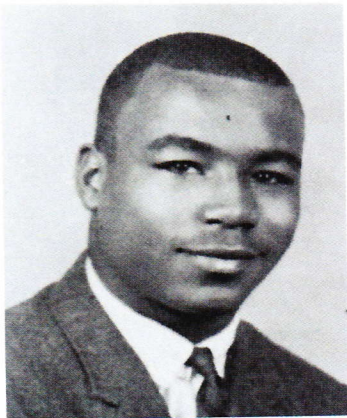


Lawrence Dickerson



Bruce Dodson

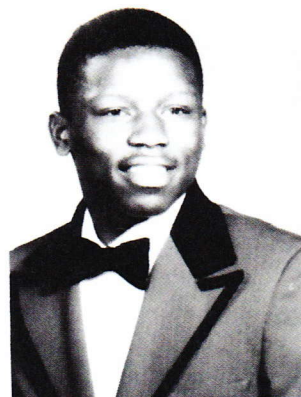
James Nichols



Ernestine Beatty

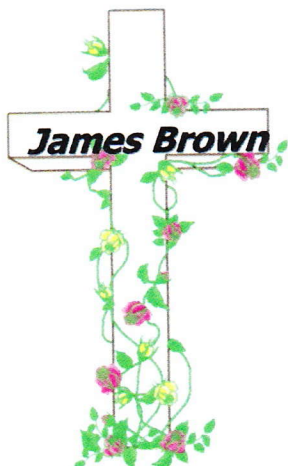
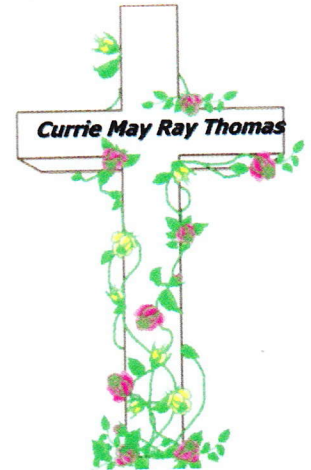
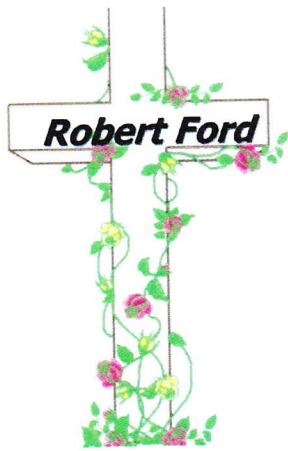


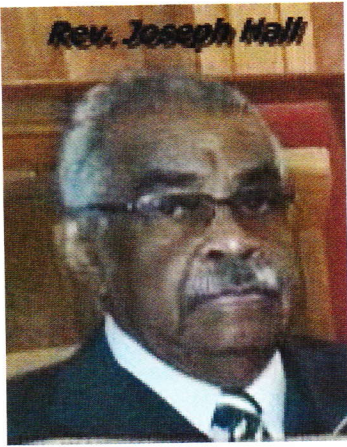
Wayne Washington



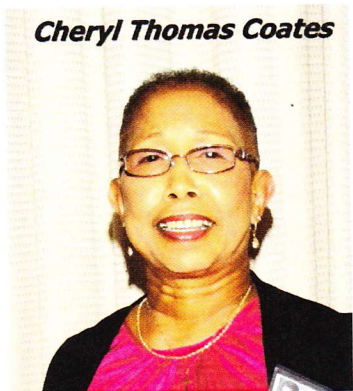
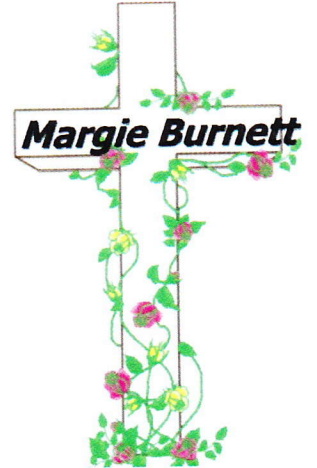
Hazel Jackson







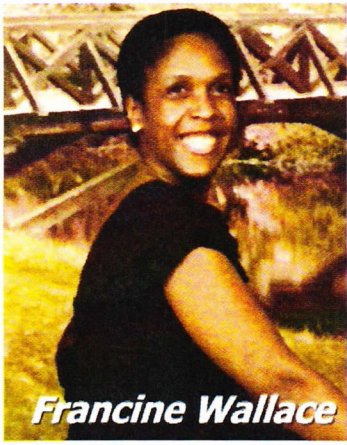
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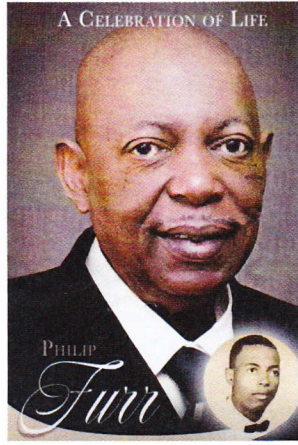
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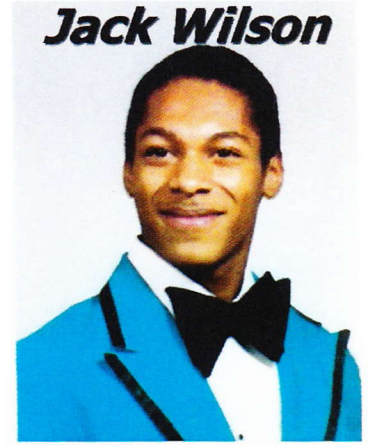
Regina C. Turner



Francine Wallace



Frances C. Wilson



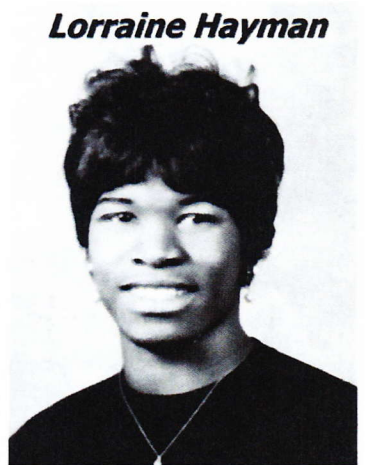
Jack Wilson



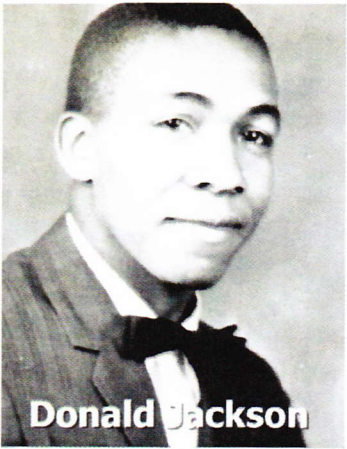
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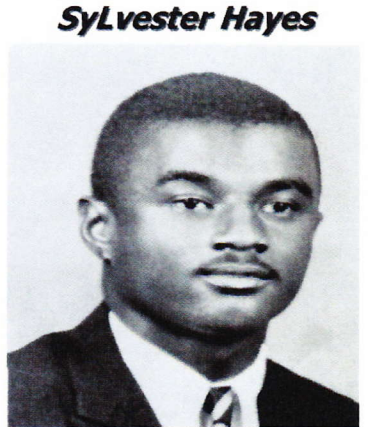
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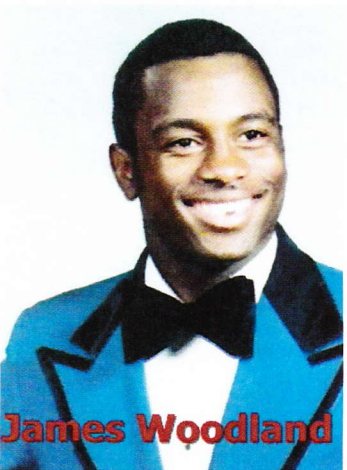
Lorraine Hayman



Donald Jackson



Sylvester Hayes



James Woodland



Ruth Bellows



Stanley Jackson



Revelle Woolfolk, Jr.

Remembering with Love

Bette Jean Johnson McLeod

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. ²⁶She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. ²⁸Her children arise and call her blessed;" (Proverbs 31:25-28a)

Bette Jean Johnson McLeod, "Miss Bette", loving mother, sister, and aunt, peacefully answered the call for eternal rest on September 28, 2017 united now in her mansion in glory with her Lord and her husband, Milton Earl McLeod. Miss Bette is a child of the King. She was baptized and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the Hewlett Temple A.M.E. Church in Franklin, Kentucky at a very young age. She filled each of our lives with love, laughter, knowledge, history and heritage.

Bette Jean McLeod, born May 2, 1933 in Franklin, Kentucky to William and Louise Johnson, was the eldest of four sisters among Estella "Frame", Patricia "Pat", and Wilma "Billie". Her mother named her Bette after the actress, Bette Davis, because of Davis' spirit and independence; however, her husband, Milton Earl McLeod, her family and friends knew her as "BJ".

Bette and Milton McLeod met while attending Hampton Institute, now known as Hampton University, where she became the object of his love and courage. In 1955, he went "AWOL" from the U.S. Army to marry his sweetheart after his leave had been revoked by the racism of the times. They were united in Holy Matrimony at the Metropolitan Community Church in Louisville, Kentucky on June 17, 1955. For 49 years, until his passing in October of 2004, they were two people, to quote Miss Bette, living one life, a life of "love, devotion, understanding and teamwork". Into their lives were born two bundles of joy, a son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Cheryl. They were proud parents who shared the importance of education, history, love, laughter and wisdom.

Miss Bette was a pioneer and servant of education. She was a math teacher, a vice principal, school administrator, conflict resolution specialist and human relations coordinator for the Prince George's County Public School System. Bette Jean McLeod was a lifelong educator and orator.

Bette Jean began her scholastic journey attending elementary school in the Louisville, Kentucky Public School System and Central High School in Louisville, Kentucky. During her high school cap-and-gown valedictory address, she tossed her head back with such exuberance that her cap flew into the air. She graduated in May 1951, but she and her classmates considered their class to be the graduates of the Class of 1950 ½-51 because some of them graduated mid-year. They were very proud of their split year class. Miss Bette continued her education graduating Magnum Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and English from Hampton in 1955. While at Hampton, she participated in an anti-segregation exchange program with Grinnell University in Iowa. In 1961, she received a Master of Science Degree in Administration and Supervision from the George Washington University. Additionally, she completed graduate studies in Massachusetts, Maryland, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

In Prince George's County, MD, she was among a cadre of teachers personally dedicated to guiding and educating a generation awakening into a new Jim Crow, post-Civil Rights Act Society. Their mission was not only to put segregation to rest, but to allow diversity to work. The summer before the desegregation of Mary McLeod Bethune Junior High School, she worked with parents of black and white communities in a "charrette", a series of meetings established to resolve conflicts which ensured Bethune's success. After Bethune, she organized and coordinated a Conflict Resolution Team, which traveled the roads defusing and resolving situations through the county.

Beyond the school walls, Bette and Milton McLeod made the celebration of history and knowledge a part of their lives. Before the official declaration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, before "Roots", before TransAfrica, they dedicated their personal energies to mend the "torn fabric" of black history and repave the road of African-American progress. Collecting artifacts from towns and roadsides of America; crossing over the ocean to join Black Americans with their African cousins; opening young people to a wondrous heritage, the McLeod's, for over 40 years, have let people touch and see the objects of survival and struggle; walk a homeland like foster children finding their true origin; and stand draped in African patterns and colors to see the shades of their identity newly revealed. Everyone from Rosa Parks to gospel performer, Bobby Jones, have enjoyed her company and her vibrant fabrics.

"Retirement" may not be an accurate word for Bette McLeod's final decades, as she continued moving forward: Director of Race Equity Programming at the Mid-Atlantic Desegregation Center at the American University, National Council of Negro Women, the Sam Etheridge Award from the National Black Staff Network of the NEA. The Harriet Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award, and many others.

Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church was a reward in her spiritual life. She joined Greater Mt. Nebo after moving to Prince George's County in 1971 leaving Mt. Zion A.M.E Church where she attended while living in Washington, DC upon the McLeod's arrival there from Kentucky. Greater Mt. Nebo was her favorite place on her favorite day of the week especially in her senior years. It was a place that kept her young and rejuvenated in her love of God and in her love of people, in her love for the church family, the young people and the Women's Missionary Society. In her earlier days at the church, the children looked forward to "children's time" to engage and interact with Ms. Bette. She loved it, and they loved her. She remained a faithful servant.

In 2016, a video record of her thoughts and words were preserved in a time capsule by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). A teacher of history, she is now a lesson of history to serve the future.

Aside from her numerous accomplishments, Bette Jean McLeod was a wonderful and awesome mother. As with many good parents, some of her best achievements weren't carved in plaques or linked in documents, but were private labors of love within the household. Her home cooking was seasoned with the special additive of TLC, and her affection for her family was inexhaustible. Her final instruction was to be allowed to transition in comfort and peace. She was in the heart of her family, and when that heart came to rest, she was in loving comfort with her children.

Bette McLeod will be greatly missed. Her legacy of love, laughter, education, history and heritage will be treasured by her children, Kenneth and Cheryl McLeod; her sister, Patricia Grate; eight nieces; and a host of relatives, friends, colleagues and others. She joins the host of angels and her parents, William and Louise Johnson; her husband, Milton Earl McLeod; her sisters, Estella and Wilma; her brothers-in-law, Thomas and Raymond; and a heavenly band of loved ones and friends.

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF BETTE MCLEOD

Donations in Bette McLeod's memory may be sent to two educational programs for the youth at the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore. The programs are the "Books for Me" Program and the "Buy a Book" Program. The online addresses are:

"Books for Me" Program @ <https://prattlibrary.thankyou4caring.org/prattkids>

"Buy A Book" Program @ <https://prattlibrary.thank4caring.org/buyabook>

*The Life, Legacy and Love of
Deacon Daniel Gordon Lockett, Sr.*

Daniel Gordon Lockett, Sr. was born on August 15, 1946 to the late Rev. Dr. Arthur Lockett, Sr. and Mother Mable Washington Lockett. He was born in Washington, DC and was raised in Fairmount Heights, Maryland. Daniel was the youngest of nine children.

The church was an integral part of Daniel's life and heart. He grew up a member of the Sylvan Vista Baptist Church in Fairmount Heights, a church he and his nephew Raymond Mullen helped to clean the bricks to build. He was always an active member of the congregation. There, he was the president of the Male Chorus and a member of the Sr. Faithful Gospel Singers. He loved his church family. He later supported his brother, the late Rev. Arthur Lockett, Jr. in the founding of the New Joy Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a member until New Joy merged with Uplift Baptist Church under the direction of Pastor Franklin J. Pollard in 2006.

Dedicated and committed describes Daniel's love for prayer. Not only was he a prayer warrior, he also joined in prayer with the sam prayer band, various noon-day prayer services and the Washington & Vicinity Prayer Union started over 100 years ago. He was introduced to this union by his father. He truly believed that "prayer changes things" and "if prayer can't fix it, nothing can."

Daniel attended Prince George's County Public Schools; he graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in 1965. After graduation, he was drafted into the United States Army. There he served in the Vietnam War from 1966-1967. He was honorably discharged in 1968. He later became a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3626 and the American Legion Post 0275.

On July 3, 1969, Daniel married Bertha Harrod, and from this union he had four children and three dogs (Mickey, Luckey and Robbie). He was a pillar in his community often including the neighborhood kids in many activities such as go-karting and rides on the back of his pickup truck. One of the go-karts he built with his nephew growing up. He was often seen in his straw hat cutting the grass on his riding lawnmower for his neighbors and the church. Whenever anyone in his family needed help, he would do whatever he could to be there for them if he could. He understood what it meant to "do unto others as you would have others do unto you." He was truly a servant to mankind.

Daniel built his career as a book bindery operator for Craftsman Press, Holiday Tyler, Printers II and Walter Reed. He also worked for the Department of Defense Printing until his retirement in 2011.

In his leisure time, Daniel liked to play basketball (where he affectionately picked up the nickname "Pluck") and go for rides on his motorcycle. He would take turns taking his wife and children for rides around the block. He especially enjoyed going to the movies with his family. He also enjoyed making bread pudding, traveling to the beach, and taking Robbie, his granddog, for walks.

Daniel leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Bertha I. Lockett; his children: Daniel Gordon Lockett, Jr., Robin Danise "Precious" Lockett (deceased), Danielle Renee Lockett, and Debra Nicole Lockett; godson John Cannon; goddaughter, Betty Corde; his brother and sisters: Sarah (James) Richardson, Paul (Marguerite) Lockett, Blanche (Charles) Simmons, Christine (Ronald) Cash, Mable (Weldon) Robinson and Sandra (Willie) Hampton-Wooten; brother-in-law Browdis Morrison; extended family, Grace Howerton, Lorraine Kitwell, Joanne Scott and a host of loving relatives and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Robin "Precious" Lockett; sisters, Bettygene Hicks and Shirley Morrison; brother, Rev. Arthur Lockett, Jr.; sister-in-law, Ann Lockett; mother and father-in-law, Irene and Herman Harrod; brother and sister-in-law, Herman "Bubba", Jr. and Cheryl Harrod.



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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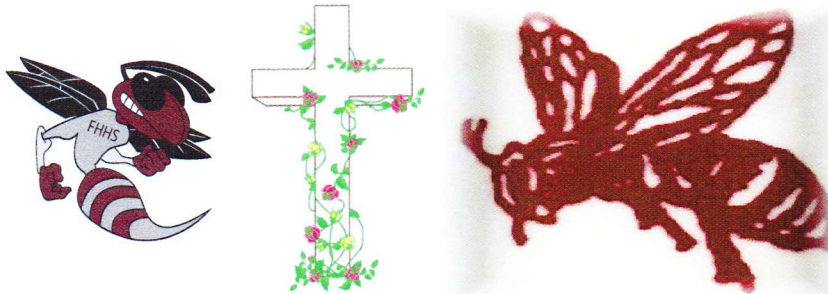
President, FHHSAA
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Daphne Bell, '81
Michael Marshall, '63
Cheryl Gray, '64
Carolyn Scriber, '66
Mary Mckinney, '63
Theresa Jennings, '60
Joseph M. Tolson, Sr. '66

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



Old hornets never die!



They just buzz away.

