Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association

# **Memorial Service**

## Saturday December 07, 2019

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Remembering Alumni, Faculty, Family and Friends** 

The Legacy Continues

New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

7501 Walker Mill Drive

Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743

#### Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association 2019 Memorial Service

Presentation of The Colors	Fairmont Heights High School JROTC CMDR: Col. Samuel S. Licorish	
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	Dr. DeMarcus McMillian	
Scriptures - Old Testament New Testament	Darryl Davis (83) Darrell Robinson (90)	
Prayer	Minister Rose Marie Longus	
The Occasion	Daphne Bell (81), President FHHSAA	
Introduction of Minister	Dr. DeMarcus McMillan	
Selection	Messengers of Zion Youth Choir New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church	
Message	Rev. Robert S. McConnell, Sr. (75)	
Selection	Messengers of Zion New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church	
Candlelight Ceremony	Faculty – From Audience Staff – Anna Crutchfield Alumni – Carolyn Scriber (66) Family & Friends- From Audience Veterans – James Staggs (66)	
Selection	Messengers of Zion Youth Choir New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church	
Remarks	Torrie Walker, Principal Fairmont Heights High School Rev. Robert R. Johnson, Sr. (57)	
Closing Remarks	Daphne Bell (81), President FHHSAA	
Benediction	Rev. Robert S. McConnell, Sr. (75)	
Alma Mater (Original) Lead by Valary Marrison (60) & Crown		

Alma Mater (Original) Lead by Valary Morrison (69) & Group

### NAMES THAT WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE 2019 MEMORIAL SERVICE

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#### DATE

Charles Beatty	1970
Calvin Allen	1982
Roland Martin, Sr.	1971
Ruth Thompson Randall	1965
Donta L. Wallace	1987
Gayle Michelle Brooks	1972
James "Dick" Thomas	1953
Julisa Anabel Liriano	2013
Wilson Odell Latney	1964
Frederick Kenner	1958
Loretta Robinson Harley	1965
Darrin Frisby	1973
Emmerly Antoinette McGee	1965
Julius Johnson	1964
Kendrick Davis	1990
Samson Brown	1953
Lynette Dickens	1980
George Eskridge	1967
Maurice Robinson	1981
Geraldine L. Warrick Nichols	1962
Ruth Patricia Hawkins Lawing	1963
Thelma "Inez" Boone Taylor	1964
Ronald Leroy Gilliam	1978
Melanie Matthews Longus	1973
Calvin Horne	1965
Bruce Lynn Andrews	1976
Dorothy Angeline Allen Phillips	1957
Antoinette Hall	1957
Elizabeth "Liz" Jackson Dunning	1962
Edwin Gaskin	1974
Floyd Michael Robinson	1969
Charles L. Ross, Jr., Ph.D.	1967
Sharon Southerland Smith	1986
Dolores Pulley Brevard	Staff
Thomas Gant Blake	1962
Donna Renee Harrod George	1976
Sylvia Munson Moton	1959
Nathaniel Moon	1967
Delores Forbes	1966
Lester Eugene Pitts, Sr.	1964
Marlene Rosetta Young	1969
Elizabeth Pollard Stone	1965
Gloria Jean Watkins	1965

November 21, 2018 December 02, 2018 December 03, 2018 December 19, 2018 January 2019 January 20, 2019 February 06, 2019 February 08, 2019 February 08, 2019 March 01, 2019 March 06, 2019 March 06, 2019 May 04, 2019 May 2019 May 2019 May 2019 May 29, 2019 May 31, 2019 June 19, 2019 June 2019 July 02, 2019 July 07, 2019 July 12, 2019 July 17, 2019 August 03, 2019
August 06, 2019 August 12, 2019 August 22, 2019 Summer 2019 September 10, 2019 September 16, 2019 September 20, 2019 September 23, 2019 September 29, 2019 October 2019 October 2019 October 14, 2019 October 15, 2019 October 17, 2019 October 24, 2019 October 29, 2019

Larry Coleman	1971	November 11, 2019
Shirley Wood Fuqua	1957	November 19, 2019

All other alumni who have made the transition are included as a part of this Memorial Service Program even though their names were not submitted.



Shirley Wood Fuqua



Floyd Michael Robinson



Samson Brown

arry "Big Mama" Coleman









#### Loretta Robinson



#### **Melanie Matthews**



#### **Ruth Patricia Hawkins**



## Lynette Dickens





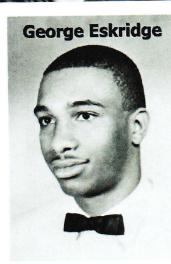
**Ruth Thompson Randall** 

**Frederick Kenner** 





**Sharon Southerland** 



Inez Thelma Boone



Friends Family

**Emmerly McGee** 



Gayle M. Brooks



**Delores Forbes** 



**Geraldine Warrick Nichols** 



Charles L. Ross, Jr., Ph.D.





Sylvia Munson







**Marlene Young** 



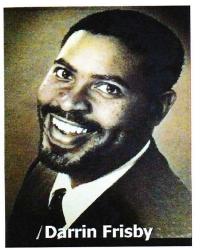
Thomas Gant Blake

**Elizabeth Pollard** 

**Julius Johnson** 

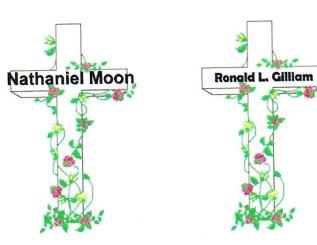
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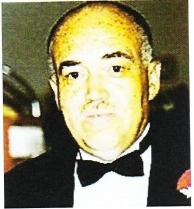
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### Wilson Odell Latney

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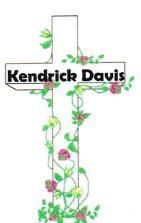
## **Dolores Pulley Brevard**





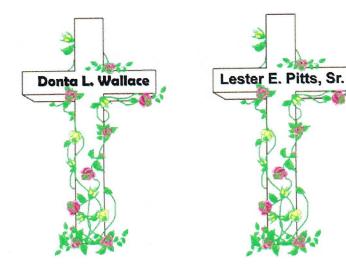






### **Bruce Lynn Andrews**







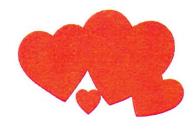
eraldine Lillian Warrick was the first of seven children born to the late Alfred Warrick and Louise Brown Warrick on June 15, 1944 in Chapel Hill, Maryland. She departed this life on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 wrapped in the knowledge, love, and peace of Jesus Christ.

Geraldine attended first grade in the little 2-room schoolhouse that used to be next to this church...her lifelong church, Grace United Methodist. Thereafter, she attended Sojourner Truth Elementary and graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in 1962. She immediately went to work with the federal government until she started her own businesses in 1984.

In 1967, she married Louis Johnson and they had her only child, Dina. In 1980 she married Frank Nichols. Her hobbies were: cruises, shopping, and arts and crafts. She was a talented artist and for several years she had a ceramics studio in her home, where she taught classes and made many, many beautiful pieces. She also *loved* to dance.

Geraldine accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was a lifelong, devoted member of Grace UMC. At Grace, Geraldine used her strong, melodious voice to sing praises to the Lord. She loved singing hymns and she was a member of various choirs: the Voices, Chancel, Gospel and Sounds of Glory. She was also very active and supportive of the Tribe of Simeon during the annual reception and provided updates on our members to the tribal leader. Geraldine always encouraged her friends and acquaintances to come to "her church", and several did and became members of Grace. Geraldine "never met a stranger" and cultivated a very large circle of friends. She was devoted to her family.

She leaves to cherish and celebrate her life her daughter, Dina Blocker (Pernell); grands: Rashard, Keith, Brandon and Jasmine; two great grands; and her sisters, Martha Gutrick and Marilyn Warrick; her brothers: Alfred Warrick and Joseph and John (Kimble) Young; many nieces and nephews; her first cousin, Julia Harlaque and many friends and relatives.







#### OBITUARY

Thomas Gant Blake, Jr. went home to Jesus on September 23, 2019. He was born in Washington, D.C. on August 12, 1943 to the late Sadie T. and Thomas G. Blake Sr. He started his young life on the family farm in Mitchellville, Maryland. The family moved to Bowie Maryland, where Thomas grew up. He went on to graduate from Fairmont Heights High School. Thomas was the first of his siblings to graduate from college. He worked several jobs to pay for his education and achieve his goal.

Thomas graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Bowie State College in 1969 and started his teaching career in the fall of that year. Thomas became a member of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship. Thomas was a dedicated teacher and loved children. He spent his 37 year teaching career, educating young school children at James McHenry Elementary School in Lanham Maryland, Prince George's County Public Schools.

Thomas enjoyed sports. He played football, baseball and occasionally swung a golf club or two. He enjoyed nice cars and loved to keep his cars clean.

He retired from teaching in June of 2006 and started living, "the good life". He loved to travel.

The cold of the north caused Thomas to seek a warmer climate. He and Shirley settled in sunny central (Ocala) Florida in January of 2010.

Thomas had a good sense of humor and he loved women. When offering his sister Catherine some advice when she was about to teach kindergarten, he said, "...you must never hit your students, but if you accidently step on their feet or bump them into a wall in some of those tight classroom spaces, well..., you know people do get a little clumsy as we get older..."

Thomas was a big flirt. If you knew him, you knew that. He was so smooth at it. And because of that, women everywhere loved him. He once said that at his funeral, he only wanted women to carry his casket. During the later years of his live he had a number of medical issues that caused him to spend a lot of time in hospitals and rehabilitation centers. The nurses and staff all knew Mr. Blake and they loved him.

Left to cherish his precious memory are: his loving wife, Shirley; daughter Tabbette Blake; grandson Edward (Javier) Blake; four brothers: Anthony Henry (Elaine); Ernest Henry; Larry Blake (Gayle) and James Blake (Armella); his three sisters: Catherine Johnson (Frederick Sr.); Florence Snowden (Kevin) and Rose Grayson Davis (Keith).

There are a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

At his request, Thomas will be cremated.

## Loretta Marie (Robinson) Harley

Loretta "Wee Wee" Marie (Robinson) Harley gained her wings on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Daughter of the late Louis and Cecelia Robinson, born in Washington, DC on May 2, 1947. She was the youngest of the family and therefore, spoiled by all. Loretta was raised in Glenarden, MD. She graduated from Fairmont Heights High School (and attended each high school reunion as she was physically able to). During high school, she met and was married for 30 years to her first love, George "Eddie" Harley, Sr. From this union of 30 years, they had two sons, Junior and Mark. As a working wife and mother. Loretta spent almost her entire career working for the Central Intelligence Agency and retired in late 1990's. Later, she traveled and maintained residences in Brandywine, Waldorf, Charlotte, Tampa and Silver Spring. Loretta leaves to mourn her loss, her brother, Sherman Eugene "Gene" (Anna), two sons George Edwin "Junior" Harley, Jr. (Angelise) and Mark Anthony Harley, Sr. (Katie), grandchildren Selita, Niavanni, Brianna, Christian, Ebony, Essence, Mark "MJ", and great granddaughter, Riley. In addition, she leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her siblings, James "Lloyd" (Geraldine), Margaret "Hilda" Ball, Charles "Russell", Joseph Oliver "Bobby", Mary Wilhelmina "Willie" Windsor (Bunny), Ann "Elaine" Proctor (Joe), and grandson, Nico Harley. Loretta loved, loved, loved life. You rarely saw her without a smile on her face. Loretta's laughter was joyful, loud and extremely contagious. She loved watching movies, traveling, playing cards, playing on her computer (Candy Crush), going to the casinos, and of course SCRABBLE, her favorite pastime. Loretta was fiercely competitive and hated to lose. She has even been known to cheat on occasion, LOL! Loretta loved to shop and always looked snazzy. She enjoyed "dressing up", and when she did, she looked HOT! Loretta was also an excellent cook and she felt joy feeding those she loved. Thanksgiving dinner, smothered pork chops, and turkey wings were just a few of her specialties her family and friends got to enjoy. Family was everything to Loretta. Her love was genuine and sincere. Her family describes her as affectionate, welcoming, generous, accepting and forgiving. Loretta was truly devoted to her family and friends. Although Loretta struggled with health issues, (which was difficult to see), no matter what obstacles she faced, when she spoke to you or saw you, her face would light up and her voice would smile (even through the phone). While we are relieved Loretta is no longer suffering or in pain, her loss has left us with a huge emptiness in our hearts. However, we will always have our fond memories of her to help fill that hollowness. Loretta was more than a mom, sister, aunt, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a friend to all. If you met her, you couldn't help but love her. We did and we do.

Obituary

On September 20, 2019 Dolores received her heavenly wings and was called home to be with the Lord.

Dolores Pulley Brevard was born on July 6, 1931 in Baltimore City to the late Willinette McRandolf and William Bernard Pulley. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Samuel A. Brevard, her son, Nathan Pierre Brevard, and her daughter and best friend, Lykema Brevard Owens.

Dolores accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. Her love for the Lord and youth led her to accept the position as Superintendent of Sunday School at Craig Memorial Community Church, where she served faithfully for many years bringing youth to Christ.

Dolores was educated in the Prince George's County Public School System. She graduated from Lakeland High School. Dolores was a profound believer in education, so much so that in her late 50's she attended George Washington University and successfully obtained a double major degree in Arts in Education and Human Development. Dolores worked in the Prince George's County Public School System as an Assistant Librarian and School Records Preparer at Fairmount Heights High School until her retirement.

Dolores loved spending time with family and friends and willingly opened her home for special occasions. She loved traveling the world and shopping at her favorite store, Wal-Mart.

Dolores leaves to cherish her precious memories: three devoted sons, Alfred, Robert, and Morris; devoted son-in-law, Richard; grandchildren, Czar, Alana, Melodie, Jasmine, and Justin; great-grandchildren, Czar, Jr., Leyla, Damari, Arianna; and a multitude of other family members and friends. Let us not forget her pets, Benji "The Cat" of 20 years, and Hannah "The Parakeet" of 22 years.

#### 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

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Memorial Service Committee

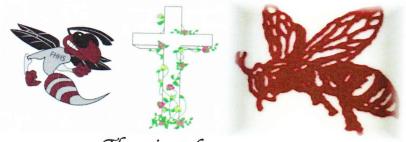
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The Memorial Service Committee would like to give special thanks to Rev. Robert R. Johnson Jr., Rev. Dr. Rev. Robert S. McConnell, Sr., Dr. DeMarcus McMillan, Choir Director: Norma Legette & the Messengers of Zion Youth Choir, FHHS JROTC, all of the family members, special guest, alumni and volunteers, who helped make this Memorial Service Program a success.

**NOTE:** Previous Memorial Service programs and photos are posted on the FHHSAA website - <u>www.fhhsaa.com</u>.



Old hornets never die!



## They just buzz away.

