



Mr. Vaughn C. Kimbrough Sr.

April 9, 1947 - July 2, 2024

Vaughn was born on April 9, 1947, in Washington, DC. He was the third of four sons born to Viola Kimbrough Grantham. His DC public school education began at Garrison Elementary School and continued through Banneker Junior High and Cardoza High Schools. He was honored with a basketball scholarship to Winston-Salem State College in 1966 where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education in 1970. He received a Master of Arts degree in Education Administration and Supervision from the University of the District of Columbia. Vaughn's thirst for knowledge led him to additional graduate studies at the Harvard University Principal's Institute, Trinity College, American University and Howard University.

Vaughn began his career in the DC public school system as a physical education teacher and later also taught science and social studies. He served as assistant principal at Takoma and Patricia Roberts Harris Middle Schools. He also served as principal of Malcom X Elementary School for his last assignment. He loved children and served in the school system for 36 years.

Vaughn's special love was basketball. He was a star player for the Cardoza High School basketball team. He was known throughout DC public high schools for his basketball skills. His freshman year at Winston-Salem ended up being a historic one as the 1966-67 basketball team was the first HBCU team to win the NCAA Division II Championship. Their star player was Earl

"The Pearl" Monroe.

Vaughn and Judy Butts were married on August 25, 1978, at Galbraith AME Zion Church. From this union two children, Dana Vanessa and Vaughn Carlton II, were born. Vaughn loved his children dearly. He encouraged and supported them in all their endeavors. Over the years Vaughn attended and participated in many of the events at Galbraith Church with his family. He encouraged his children to attend Sunday School and church services. He helped with Sunday School cookouts and was the speaker for the Father's Day Breakfast in 2023.

In 1980 the Kimbrough family was asked to join several other families to create the Upward Trend for Families Club. The club was formed to educate their children about life through sports, cultural activities, trips, talks and love. "It takes a village to raise a child." The club also educated the parents about how to be a parent. The children are grown today, some with children of their own. The club is still together and continues to participate in lively discussions on various topics, enjoys trips, cookouts and Christmas parties.

Vaughn leaves many fond memories to be cherished by his wife Judy of 45 years; daughter Dana Dixon (James); son Vaughn Carlton II; grandchildren Jabaree, Jada and Jaden Dixon; special cousin Marvin Kimbrough Sr. (Mary); mother-in-law Marie Neville; brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Kimbrough Grantham; brothers Ronald Kimbrough, Tyrone Bryant and Raymond Kimbrough; aunts Magdalene Cook, Juanita Kimbrough, Delores Trivers and Nettie Dorsey.

Words of Wisdom:

Find time to maintain your health and mind power, develop the ability to adjust to your environment and try to make it better. Strive for peace and happiness

and the enjoyment of life. Give thanks daily for life itself and the ability that you have to know who and what you are. Remember that ignorance and misconceptions lead to superstition, and superstition eventually results in fears-which in turn restrains intellectual progress.

Vaughn Kimbrough, Sr.

Cemetery Details

Maryland National Memorial Park

Baltimore Avenue (Rte 1)
Laurel, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Galbraith African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
1114 6th St NW
Washington, DC 20001-3629

Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Mr. Kimbrough was my 2nd and 3rd-grade science teacher at Takoma Elementary in the early 80s. His personality and belief in my ability is what I attribute to me becoming a scientist and engineer. I've often referred to him in presentations I've given, so it saddens me to learn that I'll never be able to let him know face-to-face. From what I can tell from all of the posts, he went on to inspire more children and adults during his impactful life. He'll be greatly missed, but his contribution to the black community will ripple through many future generations!*

Dwight Carr - February 19, 2025 at 09:37 PM

SO

“ *Vaughn was a great friend to Billy Gaskins. They both attended Garrison and Cardozo High School. While at Cardozo, he and Billy played basketball together and often playground ball at Stead and Rose Park. Billy spoke of both their love for the game and teaching young boys their skills of play. Vaughn will be dearly missed by many.*

Sharon O'Meally

Sharon O'Meally - July 17, 2024 at 05:28 PM

KW

“ *After visiting their home for Easter dinner and other occasions, Mr. Kimbrough was an extroverted man who could hold a conversation on just about any topic. Our church also enjoyed him as a guest speaker at Galbraith AME Zion. He definitely enjoyed soul food; something Ms. Judy would get on him about. I will miss his outgoing personality. Karen M. Woodbury*

Karen M Woodbury - July 17, 2024 at 09:41 AM

LB

“ .Condolences to Judy & family in , the lost of your husband ,Grand father & Friend to so many. We finished WSSU in1970 and down the line before we retired he was my principle at DCPS.Worked well with the students.Members of the class 70 sends sympathy with RAMILY prayers. Class members
Linda Brooks
Tonya T. Smith
Willie Ingram
Donald(duck) Williams



Linda Brooks - July 16, 2024 at 11:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Vaughn C. Kimbrough Sr..



July 11, 2024 at 05:40 PM

WB

“ We will forever remember Mr. Kimbrough as Malcolm X Elementary School Principal. He was indeed a deeply caring educator and administrator. Principal Kimbrough provided the students and staff with high quality education learning experiences that revealed his dedication and commitment. Thank you Mr. Kimbrough for making our making our school filled with high learning expectations. You will forever remember #1 Malcolm X Elementary School Principal. Your educational legacy lives on in your students and staff.

Willie Brewer - July 10, 2024 at 12:45 PM

DP

AMEN

Dr Leo Pickett - July 12, 2024 at 07:27 PM

DS

One in a million. We thank him

Dr Leo Pickett retired educator. singer - July 12, 2024 at 07:37 PM

DS

Simply the best

Dr Leo Pickett retired educator. singer - July 12, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - July 09, 2024 at 09:43 AM

RP

My wife and I are just finding out today (8/1/2024) about Vaughn's passing and extend our heartfelt sympathy to Judy and the family. We will miss fellowshipping with Vaughn during our meet-ups in Myrtle Beach; it was always a pleasure to share laughs, family stories, and societal/political issues.

Vaughn, we will miss you and your infectious smile. May you rest in an everlasting peace.

Raymond and Rhonda Poles

Raymond Poles - August 01, 2024 at 07:16 PM