

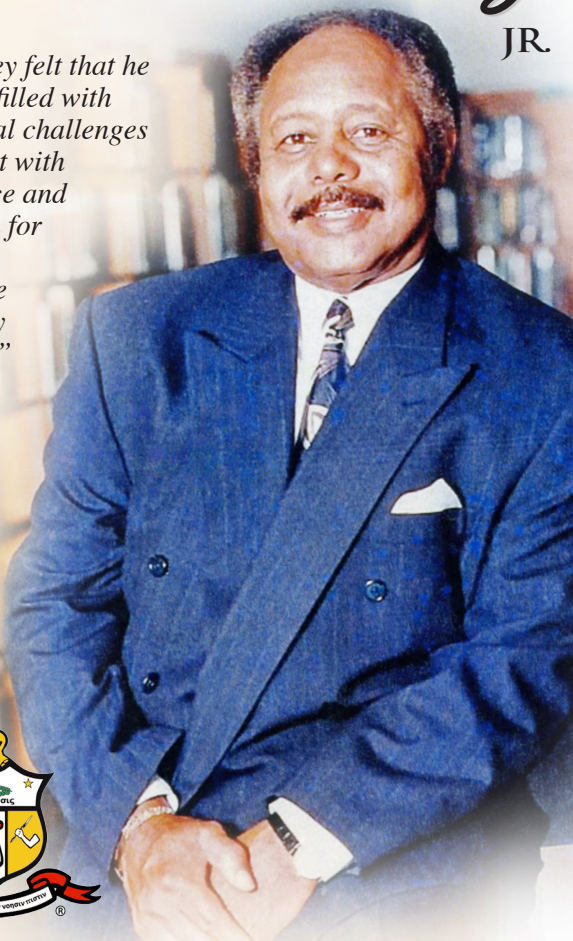
A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

FOR

Ernest Bradley

JR.

"Mr. Bradley felt that he had a life filled with educational challenges that he met with competence and dedication for the betterment of the community he served."



"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me, but for ALL who eagerly look forward to His appearing."

2 Tim. 4:7-8

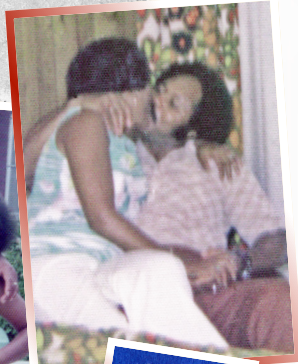
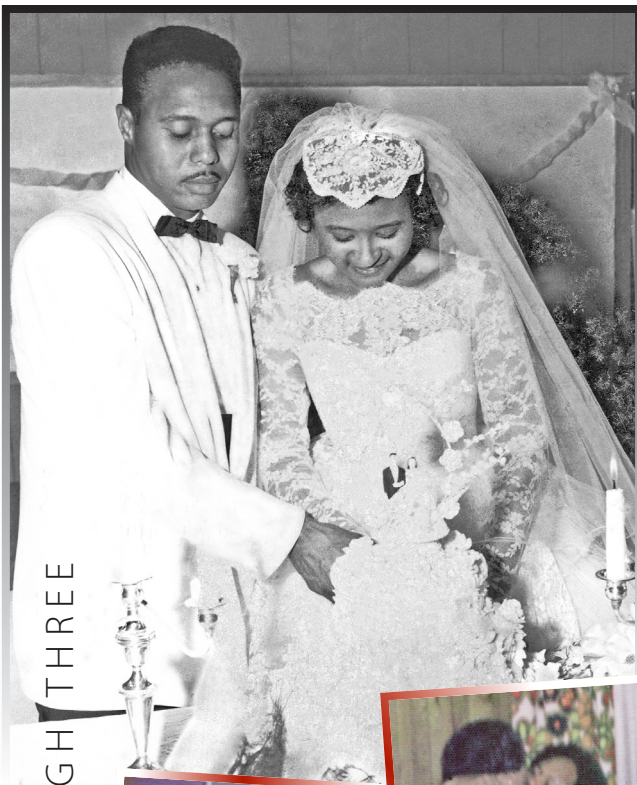
Wednesday, September 7, 2022

12:00 NOON

Washington Shores Presbyterian Church

3600 Rogers Drive, Orlando, FL 32805

Presiding Minister – Pastor Erika Rembert Smith



*Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You believe in God; believe also in Me.*

*My Father's house has many rooms; if that
were not so, would I have told you that I am
going there to prepare a place for you?*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I WILL come back and take you to be with
Me, so that you also may be where I am.*

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Presiding Minister – Pastor Erika Rembert Smith

Musician – Ms. Carolyn Morris

Procession – *“It is Well With My Soul”*Family and Clergy

Opening PrayerPastor Erika R. Smith

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – *Psalm 100* Rev. Larry Dorsey

New Testament – *John 14:1-6, 25-27*Mrs. Janet Bradley Brown

Musical Selection – *“Amazing Grace”*Mr. Willie Bacon, Saxophonist

Words of Reflection

As an Educator/Administrator and Mentor

Crooms Academy – Victoria Murphy

Carver Middle School – Mr. Ernest Boyd

Former Carver Middle School Student – Mr. Marion Campbell

As a Church, Social and Fraternity Brother

Washington Shores Presbyterian Church – Ruling Elder Larry Colleton

Orlando Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. J. Tony Foster

Host Of Orlando – Mr. Glenn Woodley

As a Political Campaign and Community Advocate

Campaign Manager for the Late Orlando City Commissioners

Napoleon “Nap” Ford and Daisy W. Lyman

Mr. Nathaniel “Nat” Stephens

Musical Selection – *“How Great Thou Art”*Mr. Willie Bacon

Words of Reflection

As a Family Man

Bradley Family Reunion – Dr. Gladys S. Wright

As Daddy – Dr. Ernita B. Hemmitt

As Father-in-law – Mr. Alexander Brown

As Granddaddy – Mrs. Aste H. Beasley

Walk Down Memory Lane (Video Presentation)CREATED BY Pastor Erika Smith

Resolutions and AcknowledgmentsRuling Elder Stacy Williams

Musical Selection – *“I Ask the Lord”*Dr. Karen A. Clark

Words of ComfortPastor Erika R. Smith

Processional Out Into the WorldFamily and Clergy

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” and “Goin’ Up Yonder”



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Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

— Isaiah 26:19^{NLT}

Ernest Bradley JR.

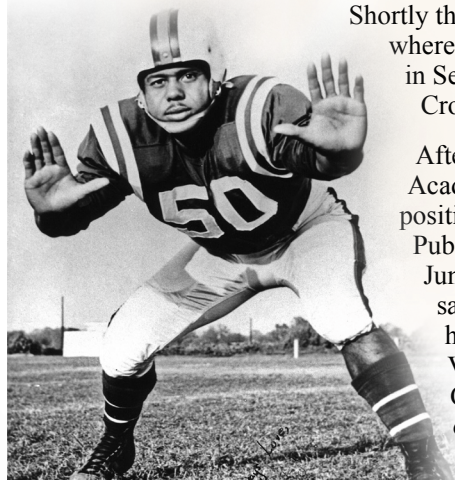
Ernest Bradley, Jr. was the only child, born to the late Ernest Bradley, Sr. and Doris Jones Bradley on July 3rd, in Windsor, Florida. His parents relocated to Orlando, FL when Ernest was a youngster, where they resided at Harry P. Leu Gardens (formerly “Estate”) throughout his upbringing.

Ernest was educated in the Public Schools of Orange County, FL. He graduated from Jones High School, class of 1951. Ernest was a member of the Jones High School Football team and as an exceptional athlete, he earned a four-year athletic scholarship to play football at South Carolina State University (formally College), in Orangeburg, South Carolina. During his matriculation, he did more than played football and studied; he found his future wife, Shirley Janet Richardson, who affectionately called him “Brad.” In 1956, Ernest and Shirley graduated from SCSC, earning him a dual Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and Biology.

Upon graduation, he became gainfully employed at Brewer High School in Greenwood, South Carolina, where he taught Physical Education and coached basketball and football for six years. During his tenure at Brewer High school, he wedded the love of his life, Shirley in 1958. In 1961, they became the parents of their first daughter, Ernita Renee.

Shortly thereafter, he moved to Orlando, FL where he continued his teaching career in Seminole County Public Schools at Crooms Academy in Sanford, Florida.

After three successful years at Crooms Academy, he then acquired a teaching position within the Orange County Public School System, at Carver Junior High School. In 1967, that same year, Bradley and Shirley had their second daughter, Janet Vernetta. During his tenure at Carver, he served as a teacher of physical education and the department chairperson.



Because of integration, Ernest Bradley, Jr.'s name was pulled out of the “fishbowl” which redirected his career to Conway Junior High School as a PE teacher. After a short six weeks, he was identified by the Assistant Superintendent to return to Carver Junior High School to serve as the Dean of Students, managing the discipline of students. Within a two-year period, he received another promotion to serve as the Assistant Principal of Instruction. With these acquired administrative promotions, Bradley decided to secure his career in the public school system by pursuing a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision for Secondary Education from Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

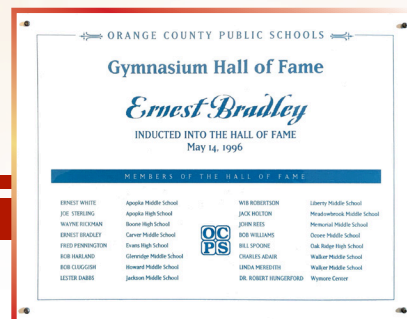


After acquiring a master's degree and based on his effective work ethics, Bradley continued to work in the capacity of an Assistant Principal for several more years. He demonstrated exemplary leadership skills, which led to his selection as the Principal of Carver. During his time at Carver, he was instrumental in working with the Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Board in the construction of Carver Junior High School gymnasium. He continued to serve as Principal, engaging with teachers, staff members and students for many years, after being promoted.

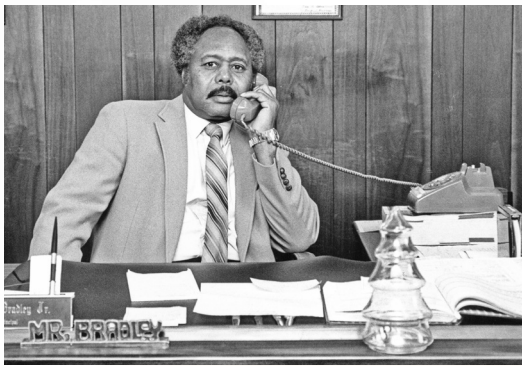
Just four years prior to his retirement, the OCPS Superintendent informed him that his leadership and strategic planning abilities were needed at another school, therefore naming him as the new Principal of Westridge Middle School. Despite his reluctance in leaving Carver, he found success in improving discipline, making strides in educational achievement of the students and building the morale of the teachers and staff.

While at Westridge, the Carver Junior High School staff believed that Mr. Bradley's dedicated service was not acknowledged properly. Therefore, they applied to OCPS requesting that the work exhibited by Mr. Bradley as a Physical Education Teacher, Football and Basketball Coach, Athletic Director, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal and Principal, in addition to overseeing the construction of the Gymnasium, warranted recognition. Thus, they requested to have the Gymnasium named in his honor; which was granted to them by OCPS. Today, Carver Middle School's athletic complex is named ERNEST BRADLEY, JR. GYMNASIUM in his honor.

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The Legacy of Ernest Bradley, Jr.



On May 14, 1996, Mr. Bradley was inducted into the Orange County Public Schools Gymnasium Hall of Fame. Mr. Bradley felt honored, as he believed he was a dedicated employee “just doing his job” serving the students and staff of Orange County Public Schools. Mr. Bradley felt that he had a life filled with educational challenges that he met with competence and dedication for the betterment of the community he served.

Although Bradley was a dedicated educator, he also committed his time and talents to his

church, fraternity, social and civic engagements. As a devout Christian, he became a member of the Washington Shores Presbyterian Church where he served as a Chairperson of the Trustee Board, Deacon, and Usher Boards. In 2014, the Men of Washington Shores Presbyterian Church honored Bradley with the “Ernest Niblack Man of the Year Award” honoring him for his dedication and many years of service to the work of the church.

For the past 44 years Brother Bradley was a devoted member of the Orlando Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He worked on various committees upholding the mission and principles of the Fraternity to inspire service in the public’s interest, mentoring young men in the Kappa Junior League, and supporting key undergraduate and community programs.

Bradley also was quite active in the HOST Of Orlando, Old School “Tailgaters,” the Orlando Chapter of the South Carolina State University Alumni Association, and the Clear Lake Bunche Manor/Hollando Homeowners Association, serving as Treasurer. In these organizations, he supported the various community service projects of giving to the local community and fundraising to support scholarship campaigns providing academic support for the youth of Orlando to attend colleges and universities. Additionally, Bradley gave of his talents as a community/political activist serving as Campaign Manager for the late City of Orlando District 5 Commissioners, Napoleon “Nap” Ford and Daisy W. Lynum. As Bradley continued to give back to his community, in December 2014 he was inducted into the Richard Evans Hall of Fame for his previous coaching contributions at Crooms Academy in Sanford, Florida.

Ernest Bradley, Jr. loved his “Bradley” Family, as he was instrumental in providing structure and organization of the seven branches that represents the children of Thomas and Mariah Bradley; known as the “Bradley Family Reunion.” He served as President for several terms to ensure the *Motto of the Family*: “A Family that Prays Together – Stays Together” remained strong.

Bradley transitioned to his heavenly home on August 29, 2022. His father, Ernest Bradley, Sr. and his mother, Doris Jones Bradley preceded him in death.

His journey’s legacy will be remembered by his loving **wife** of 64 years – Shirley Richardson Bradley; two **daughters** – Ernita Bradley Hemmitt, Ellenwood, Georgia and Janet Bradley Brown (Alexander), Upper Marlboro, Maryland; loving **granddaughters** – Aste Hemmitt Beasley (Issac), Imani Hemmitt, Nia Hemmitt, Trinity Brown, and Alexis Brown; **sister-in-law** – I. Elaine R. Akins (Nick); **brother-in-law** – Benjamin A. Richardson (Sarah); first **cousins** – the late Doreatha B. Orr, Connie B. Harris (late Bill), and Betty B. Smith (Ralph); “**extended family sister**” – Mary Stinson Murray; and a host of other **nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives**, and many friends.



And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

– Revelation 21:4

Pall Bearers

**Brothers of Orlando Alumni Chapter
of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.**

Marion Campbell • Ralph “Cokey” Johnson
Marcus Riggins • Marvin Poole
Art Wilson • Richard Thomas

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Entombment

Woodlawn Memorial Park
400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road.
Orlando [Gotha], Florida 34734



Family Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ernest Bradley, Jr. wish to express our sincere gratitude to our family, church, loved ones, friends, fraternity brothers, and former students/mentors for your love and support during our bereavement. With appreciation, we acknowledge the acts of kindness and support shown during our bereavement and celebration of the life and legacy of Ernest Bradley, Jr. Although, we are saddened by his death, we live with the knowledge that God blessed Bradley with a fulfilled life that was longed-lived. May the love and peace of God be with you now and forever more!

– The Ernest Bradley, Jr. Family



A Special Request

Donations in Loving Memory of **Mr. Ernest Bradley, Jr.** to the Washington Shores Presbyterian Church Ministries and/or the Orlando Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Administration Building Fund, are much appreciated and will be duly noted.

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