



Clifford J. Pugh

November 16, 1948 - March 19, 2019

CLIFFORD JOHN PUGH was born on November 16, 1948 in Monroe, Louisiana, a small town outside of Grambling, Louisiana. He attended Grambling Public Schools until his family moved to Sparrows Point, Maryland after his 2nd grade year. For one year, he was enrolled in his mother's 3rd grade class at Bragg Elementary School. However, for the remainder of his elementary and secondary education, he attended Saint Mary's Catholic School as their first African American student. Due to his academic success at St. Mary's Catholic School, Clifford received an academic scholarship to attend Loyola High School, Clifford was introduced to debating, which led him to receive many distinguished awards including an academic scholarship to attend Harvard University. In 1970, Clifford graduated from Harvard University with a dual degree in Political Science and Economics.

Upon graduation, Clifford began doing campaign work for the first African American Congressional seat holder, Parren Mitchell. Once Parren Mitchell was elected in 1971, Clifford decided to step down from his position to pursue a career in finance through the City of Baltimore. However, after having a family, Clifford changed his career by becoming an Afterschool Program Director for the YMCA. In 2016, Clifford retired from YMCA to become the primary caregiver for his mother, Idell Pugh.

Clifford enjoyed playing chess, reading books on history, crime, and events,

playing tennis, watching sports, and most importantly debating. Clifford was good at debating on anything from politics to who was the Baltimore Raven's best player.

On March 19, 2019, Clifford "Cliff" Pugh departed this life, surrounded by his children at the age of 70. He will be remembered for having an undying love for his children.

Clifford Pugh is survived by: his mother, Idell Pugh; daughter, Jennifer Pugh; son, Adam Pugh and daughter-in-law, Keri Pugh; grandson, Adam Pugh Jr.; brother, Melville Pugh III and sister-in-law, Joyce Pugh; niece, Kelsey Pugh; uncle, Fenton Pugh; aunts, Myrna Pugh and Geraldine Pugh; and a host of cousins.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Memorial Gardens

2724 Liberty Rd
Sykesville, MD

Previous Events

Wake

MAR 25. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Clifford J. Pugh

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I just want to extend my sympathies to the family and let them know that Clifford will be in my prayers. While we were in the same class at Loyola High school, I regret that I didn't get to know Clifford very well personally, but I remember he had a reputation as being a confident and outstanding student. After reading his obituary, I not only admire him for his later academic and professional achievements, but am happy and not surprised that he was a dedicated and loving father. Peace to you, Clifford. Enjoy your reward in heaven,
Denis Sullivan '66

Denis Sullivan - April 02, 2019 at 04:00 PM



“ I well remember Clifford Pugh from my years at St. Mary's, and I am so sorry to learn of his passing. My prayers go out to his family members and close friends...

Giff Nickol - April 02, 2019 at 01:26 AM

GB

“ My name is Gerry Blair. I was Clifford's friend, classmate and "Scholastic Math Team" co-member at St. Mary's Govans. We took the Loyola High School Scholarship exam at the end of 8th grade, returned to my house on Homeland Avenue afterwards, sharing Doughnuts from Fowler's Bakery and shooting pool. We both attended Loyola High school where we were classmates again in what others sarcastically called "The Brain Class." Clifford was an excellent student, multi-sport intramural athlete and a good friend.

We didn't keep in touch as our lives took us along different paths. It was only later in life when we spoke of "old times" that I truly understood the challenges he must have courageously confronted head-on as the first black student at St. Mary's, and as a true minority student at Loyola in the 1960s. I'd like to think that the reason I didn't know was because I never saw him in that light. I just always saw him as my friend!

Or, maybe times were different then, and I was saw caught up in my own youthful angst that I was oblivious to the times we lived in back then. My family and friends would tell you that I've spoken of him often over the years - in fact, as recently as a week ago, before I heard this sad news. He probably never knew how much he affected how I view life and my interactions with others.

Goodbye old friend, and know you made your mark in my life's journey! Peace!

Gerry Blair - April 01, 2019 at 10:50 PM

BB

“ *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Rest In Peace Our Loyola Brother

Bernie Bowers - April 01, 2019 at 12:41 PM

MP

“ *Myrna W. Pugh lit a candle in memory of Clifford J. Pugh*



Myrna W. Pugh - March 23, 2019 at 06:49 AM

FP

“ *Fenton C. Pugh lit a candle in memory of Clifford J. Pugh*



Fenton C. Pugh - March 23, 2019 at 06:48 AM

ON

“ *One by One International Inc of NY & NJ purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Clifford J. Pugh.*



One by One International Inc of NY & NJ - March 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Clifford J. Pugh.*



March 21, 2019 at 03:40 PM

SC

“ *Bill, Adam (Keri) and Jenny, Carol,*

We are all so sorry and will miss Clippy so very much! Out of the 10 Pugh grandchildren he was the oldest. He was blessed with such intelligence that every conversation and interaction was stimulating and mostly a lesson.



May he rest in peace and you all find peace that he is!

*God Bless you all!
Sister & Cousin,
Shelley (Pugh-Campbell) Carver*

Shelley Carver - March 21, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ *We the March Family and 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.*

March Funeral Homes - March 20, 2019 at 10:55 AM