



Dr. Douglas Junious DePriest, Ph.D.

June 9, 1944 - October 12, 2009

Dr. Douglas J. DePriest entered into this world June 9, 1944 to James and Octavia(Christian) DePriest in Henrico County, Virginia. He went home to be with the Lord on October 12, 2009. "Doug," as Dr. DePriest was affectionately known to his family and friends, was the youngest son of 13 children. It was very obvious that he loved all of his sisters and brothers equally and that they loved and admired him. He attended Virginia Randolph High School and was a proud graduate of the class of 1962. Secondary school was followed by four years at Hampton University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. While at Hampton University, he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was elected Senior Class President, and was a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. In 1968, he received an M.S. degree in Mathematics Education from the University of Tennessee. Six years later, he was awarded a Ph.D. in Statistics from American University in Washington, DC. Dr. DePriest was blessed to marry and have three children: Marcía, Kraig and Delmar, all of whom adored him. He has been described as an exemplary father who was consistently and deeply involved in their lives. He encouraged and supported their academic success, musical and athletic abilities. He was known in his community as the "cool" parent who made sure that neighborhood youth had plenty of food and fun. Dr. DePriest worked as a Deputy for Special Programs for the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, Virginia. In addition, he taught several courses in Mathematics at the Naval Academy and American University. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant

Colonel with the United States Army. In 1985, Dr. DePriest accepted a position with General Electric Lighting in Cleveland, Ohio as Manager and Consulting Engineer. His responsibilities included supervising the Engineer Recruitment Program. While working for both the Government and G. E. Lighting he traveled to Europe, China, Indonesia, India, Chile, and Brazil developing and publishing materials and training global teams. Dr. DePriest returned to his Hampton academic roots in 1999 when he accepted a position as Associate Professor of Mathematics at Hampton University. In 2005, he became the Assistant Dean of the School of Science as well as Chair of the Mathematics Department. He was appointed Acting Dean of the School of Science in 2008. Dr. DePriest was truly dedicated to developing exemplary academic programs and consistently encouraged faculty and student excellence. As an avid lover of research, his interests included statistical data analysis, design of experiments, product safety and reliability analysis and mathematical modeling. Dr. DePriest was President of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society and the Editor-in-Chief of the Beta Kappa Chi Bulletin. He received multiple awards from NASA, General Electric and the Office of Naval Research and was the author of numerous articles in academic journals. In 2007, Dr. DePriest was inducted into the prestigious Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity – Grand Boulé. To unwind, one of his favorite activities was gardening. He grew a variety of flowers, fruits and vegetables and giving them away provided as much personal joy for him as growing them. He was also an ardent sports fan and always enjoyed a lively debate on winning strategies. In every setting, Doug was the life of the party. Daddi was a down-to earth, genuine, fun-loving person with a wonderful sense of humor that was infectious. He always made time to help others and he was loved by all who knew him. He was preceded in death and met in heaven by his son, Delmar. Left to cherish their precious memories are his caring and devoted children, Marcía (Brian), and Kraig (Monica), his adoring granddaughters, Kamile and Kallie, his loving fiancée, Dr. Linda Malone-Colon; his amorous seven sisters, Arniece Cheatham, Evelyn Senion, Louise Barge, Ruby Haithcoach, Rev. Jean Flannagan (Rev. James

Flannagan), Arletha Wells and Linda Parham (Mack); two fond brothers, Carlton DePriest and Warren DePriest (Audrey), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and students.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Douglas Junious DePriest, Ph.D.*

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“ *I send my heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. DePriest. May you be sustained and comforted by the hope of the resurrection. When Jesus was here on the earth, he gave a preview of what he will soon do in the future. He opened the eyes of the blind ones, he unstopped the ears of the deaf one, he made the lame ones walk, and even more importantly he restored life back to many who had died. Mark 5:38-43 tells us of the heartwarming account of how he raised a little 12-year old girl back to life. The account says that her parents were beside themselves with great ecstasy at seeing their daughter come back to life. One day all who love and worship the God of all salvation, Jehovah God, and who walk in the footsteps of his son, Jesus, will have that same joy of seeing their loved ones alive again. This is God's promises to those who love him; a promise from the God who cannot lie. Titus 1:2. As you reflect on this biblical hope, may you rejoice in your loved one's life and accomplishments, and may the hope of the resurrection be a burning light in your hearts. John 5:28,29, Acts 24:15, Daniel 12:2, Rev 21:3-5##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##*

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“ Hello ! DePriest's ! May I send my fellow feeling to you all in your recent circle of life broken after 65 years. I know the feeling too of lossing a dear one and have been help for many uplifting words of comfort from others as you all are getting. One thing is for sure your heavenly father cares , 1 Peter 5:7. In the future we will not be touch by death as God's will is being done on earth as it is in heaven, Mt.6:9. Dr. Douglas had so many accomplishments in his life and a desire to share and help people was a grand thing, may the gift of memories help on the journey of life ahead.##imported-begin##lillian Crosby##imported-end##

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“ Sincere condolences to the family, May the God of all Comfort, comfort you at this time. In his word the Bible he promises to swallow up death forever at Isa 25:8 and to ressurect our loved ones at Acts 24:15 and restore this earth to a beautiful paradise at Psa 37:10,11. May these scriptures add to your faith and hope.##imported-begin##T. Taylor##imported-end##

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“ To Dr. Douglas Depriest family and to "ALL" his friends, especially those from his small community home place - I along with all of you, deeply are sorrowful of this loss. I have been knowing Douglas on or before first grade. Growing up in our community with Douglas was lots of fun and now a Memorial. Memories of swimming, fishing, playing baseball, basketball and a Sunday afternoon community football game, even though we didn't always have a real football, but we still played, often in Douglas' family front yard. During football, Douglas usually was the quarterback. Then there was the long walks to church and to catch the school bus, along the walks, we would often have these philosophical conversations, with Douglas having very serious thoughts or something what was humorous, but it got our attention. I was very happy when I received the news, one of the greatest news event of our community, that Douglas had received his PH.D. Thanks be to God, for having this Christian Person - Dr. Douglas - in our community and a part of our lives.##imported-begin##Major Lee Lightfoot##imported-end##

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“ To The Family Of The Late Dr. Douglas DePriest: I am very saddened to hear of the demise of a family member, Dr. Douglas DePriest. I know that he will not only be missed by his family, but also the thousands of students, faculty and staff at Hampton University who knew him all so well. Although I know that there isn't much one could say to ease the pain, but please know that I stand with others in keeping his children and those closest to him in my prayers and thoughts during this very trying and perilous time. Without question, Dr. DePriest was a giant in his own right. He represented the best of the talented 10th that Dr. W.E.B. Debois spoke of so vividly in his book *The Souls of Black Folk*. Dr. DePriest's story is extraordinary! Being born in the 1940's at a time when things didn't look so favorable for people with his pigmentation; he is preserved by receiving a Bachelor's of Science degree in mathematics, Master's of Science degree in mathematics, and a Ph.D. in statistics. This remarkable matriculation prepared him to become the acting dean of the School of Science at Hampton University where he touched many lives. Please accept my condolences as we all mourn the loss of our loved one. "The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee, the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Numbers 6:25-27 Sincerely, Brenda Pree City Clerk Jackson, MS###imported-begin###Brenda Pree###imported-end##

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“ I loved his spirit, his intelligence, and his gentle ways. God bless him and may his soul find its rightful place in the universe.###imported-begin###Carolyn Cunningham###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Douglas .Virginia Randolph H.S.classmate 1962##imported-begin##CHARLES CHRISTIAN##imported-end##

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“ You have my condolences for the loss of your dear love one, for I too loss a love one in death. But may you find comfort and hope in what God's word the bible have in mind for us Isa. 33:24 which shows all sickness and pain will be gone. May this thought bring you much comfort##imported-begin##D. Farmer##imported-end##

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“ Extending deepest sympathy to the DePriest Family in your lost, and hoping, too, that comfort and peace may come to you.##imported-begin##Dr. Cynthia D. Sellers##imported-end##

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“ Deepest sympathy. May you find peace and comfort in this difficult time##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Billups##imported-end##

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“ May God's Peace and Love be with you.##imported-begin##Bernadette Butler##imported-end##

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“ To God be the Glory! Our hearts go out to the Depriest family. Although we have met him briefly, we are sorrowful. He has been a great mentor to our son and we are sure other children. He has been a living example of what God wants us to do in our lives. Thank you for being an impressionable part of our lives and treating us with dignity. To God be the Glory!!###imported-begin###Leslie & Marguerite Lucas###imported-end##

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“ My deepest condolences to the DePriest family for the loss of a caring father, devoted grandfather, supportive brother and uncle as well as the cornerstone the family. It is my hope that you will find some small comfort in the out pouring of love and sentiments coming from those who are sharing in your grief and who too are mourning the loss of a great humanitarian and a devoted friend. Doug will always be with you in spirit as he was in life, so always remember to take the time to feel his warm embrace of love as you journey through your lives. I am thankful for the significant role he played in my life and will be forever changed by his untimely departure.###imported-begin###Brenda Collins###imported-end##

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“ I would like to convey my condolences for the loss of your loved one. The Bible teaches about a future time when those who have fallen asleep in death will live again by means of a resurrection on a paradise earth (John5:28-29, Psalm37:11,29). May you find comfort in Jehovah God and the many wonderful promises found in his word the Bible because Titus1:2 assures us that he cannot lie.###imported-begin###C. Murphy###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy at the loss of your love one. May you find comfort in knowing that others care and feel your loss.##imported-begin##Shelia Jordan##imported-end##

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“ The members of Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society at Fisk University would like to express their sincere sympathy to the DePriest Family. May God strengthen you during your hours of bereavement.##imported-begin##Fisk University , BKX Chapter##imported-end##

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“ Even though we walk through the shadow of death, God is always with us. Nothing will separate us from the love of GOD.##imported-begin##Rev. Helen Jefferson##imported-end##

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“ To Family and Friends of Douglas, Thank you for sharing Douglas with us. I was blessed to know him through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Program and last saw him at our annual meeting in October of 2008. His love of his country, his university, his profession and his family was so deep and sincere. Although we will miss him, his spirit will live on through all those he touched. I am honored to say that he was my Friend. May God bless you and comfort you. You are in our prayers. Dr. C. J. Stein, National Director, NROTC Program##imported-begin##Dr. C. J. Stein##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends of Douglas: What a shock it has been to learn of the passing of such a talented and personable classmate. At Hampton Institute, Doug was a star; smart and energetic with personality plus. When I saw him in October 2008 in Daytona Beach, Florida at the Naval ROTC meeting as a representative for Hampton University, it was no surprise that he was brilliant and represented Hampton University with zest. May God continue to bless and keep his family members and friends. Caroline L. Lattimore Class of 1967 Hampton (Assoc. Dean of Arts and Sciences, Duke University)##imported-begin##Caroline L. Lattimore, Ph.D.##imported-end##

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