



## Melville Westbrook Pugh

October 9, 1926 - June 27, 2005

MELVILLE WESTBROOK PUGH, JR. was the first born of Melville and Evelyn Pugh of Sparrows Point, Maryland. Over time he was joined by one sister and three brothers. He was born at home at 1014 J Street on October 9, 1926 and he unexpectedly returned to the Creator on June 27, 2005. He was part of a close-knit family that was part of a close-knit community comprised of many relatives and friends. Like his father he was naturally curious about everything. He was a boy scout. He embraced education and in these pursuits he was supported wholeheartedly by family and friends. As a result, he was to become the first member of his family to attend college. He entered Morgan State in 1944, but his career there was interrupted by service in the Navy, during World War II. Eventually he would graduate with Honors in 1949. He then entered the University of Iowa from which he would receive his Master of Sociology degree. He was offered and accepted the position of Instructor at Grambling State College and it was there that he met his fate. Idell Shedrick was his beloved, his other half. They were married in 1953, and spent over fifty years together. They raised two grateful sons together. They laughed, cried, triumphed and suffered together. They were together at his death. Eventually she brought him into the Catholic Church, which was a pillar of his life. He brought his family home to Baltimore in the late fifties in search of greater professional opportunities at Morgan State College, an institution he loved. He would teach there until his retirement as acting Head of the Sociology Department in 1986. For the rest of his life he would be stopped by

former students who thanked him for his efforts on their behalf. He was active for over fifty years in both the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Morgan Alumni Class of 1949. He was also an active part of the spiritual and daily life of St. Mary's Parish. No words can tell his life nor sound the grief of those who love him. He is survived by his beloved wife, Idell Pugh; sons, Clifford (Carol) and Melville, III (Joyce); three grandchildren, Jennifer, Adam and Kelsey; three brothers, Fenton (Myrna), Harry (Geraldine) and Joseph (Jo Ann); sister-in-law, Marguerite Ducre; brother-in-law, Thomas Campbell; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melville Westbrook Pugh*

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“ *Mr. Pugh was a kind and gentle man. He always had a nice word for me whenever I saw him at church. He will be greatly missed. I will keep his family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Andrea Simmons-Moore##imported-end##*

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“ *I am sadden to hear of the passing of Mel. I will miss our Church talks. My prayers go out to his wife, Idell and his family. May the Lord Bless and keep them. Soror Cynthia##imported-begin##Cynthia A. Simmons##imported-end##*

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“ *God bless Mrs. Pugh and family. May God strength you now and forever. Mr. Pugh was my Sociology teacher, at Morgan State University. What a mighty fine teacher he was. He always gave us a laugh before class, about his waffles for breakfast. Again, I say God bless all of you.##imported-begin##Karen Y. Harris##imported-end##*

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“ No time on earth is long enough to share with those we love or to prepare our hearts for good bye. Soror Idell I will keep you in my prayers always - God bless you and may you gain strength through your faith.##imported-begin##Soror Audrey Moore##imported-end##

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“ May God continue to walk with you and guide you through this period of bereavement. May your memories of Brother Pugh be a constant reminder of his love and dedication to his family. Bro. Athur M. Barnes Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Baltimore Alumni##imported-begin##Arthur M Barnes##imported-end##

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“ Soror Idell and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, Mel. Please know that my family and I will keep you and your family in prayer. I, too, lost my husband last month, but both of us will have memories that will linger. Please know that my family and I are praying for you. Sisterly, Vertelle Middleton and family-- Charleston, SC##imported-begin##Vertelle Middleton##imported-end##

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“ We are saddened to hear of the sudden death of such a giant of a man. Mr. Pugh was a giant not only through height but through Christian stature and devotion to the human family. He stood tall in goodness, kindness, knowledge, sharing his wisdom, time and mentorship skills. You could count on Mr. Pugh to help make a difference in people's lives. What a man! He will be greatly missed. Be assured of our prayers for the peaceful repose of his soul as well for the wonderful Pugh family. May the angels lead him into Paradise where he will be re-united with his ancestors and where he will see face to face the Lord our God. Much Love Therese and Andrew Favors###imported-begin###Therese and Andrew Favors###imported-end###

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“ I will remember Mr. Pugh as a gentle presence, always content to stay in the background when he and Idell came to the Oblate Motherhouse. He always greeted you with a smile and a hug. I am happy that he has gone home to God, but sad that we will not see him here again. Thanks be to God for the life of Mel Pugh!###imported-begin###Sister Marcia Hall,OSP###imported-end###

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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Condolences. Mr. Pugh was one of my first semester teachers at Morgan State in 1973. He was an excellent teacher and a kind and gentle person. I have always spoken fondly of him to my family.

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