

Thank You

Marvin Benjamin Graeber

His Life
&
Homegoing
Service

Friday, July 3, 2020
3:00 PM

Lakeview Memorial Park
3600 North O'Henry Boulevard
Greensboro, North Carolina 27405

Reverend Doctor James A. McDaniels
Officiating

for
Your Support!

05 July 2020

Thank you so much for your support, your cards, your calls,
and your visits to my Father over the last four (4) years.

Also, Thank you for your words of encouragement, your cards,
and your calls at the time of my Father's death.

I have compiled this booklet as my way of saying thank you.

With much Love and Respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Denise Graeber'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Sharon' being the most prominent part.

Sharon Denise Graeber



The Life of Marvin Benjamin Graeber

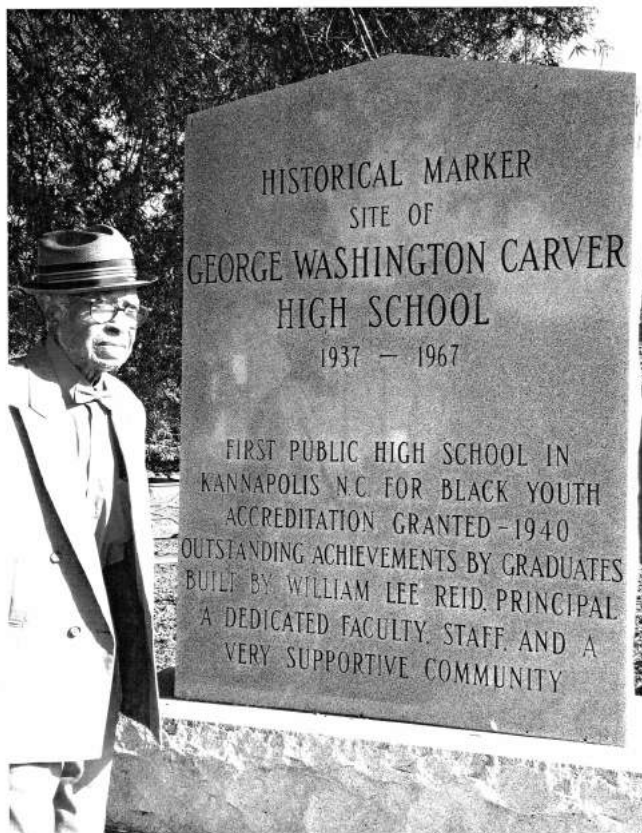




Marvin Benjamin Graeber was born Sunday, December 19, 1920 to Cora Knight Graeber and Augustus Graeber in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Marvin was the “Knee Baby”, seventh of eight children born to Gus and Cora. A long with his parents, his siblings, Ora Graeber Wesley, Maggie Graeber Wilson, Lewis Graeber, (Reverend) Charles Graeber, Cleo Graeber, Douglas Graeber and Mable Graeber Woods Ford have all preceded him in death.

The photo above was taken on his Baptism Day on Easter Sunday, March 27, 1921 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Kannapolis, NC. (He is on his Mother's lap) Pictured left, Marvin (back row third from the right) was a proud member of the 1939 graduating class of George Washington Carver High School in Kannapolis, NC. Marvin is pictured to the right standing beside the George Washington Caver High School historic marker.





GRAEBER, MARVIN B., S/Sgt., 726 Med. Sanitary Co., entered service 29 Dec. 42; served 24 months in foreign theaters; and received the American Theater Medal, EAMET Medal with 4 bronze service stars; Asiatic-Pacific Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged 20 Dec. 45.

Marvin joined the US Army in 1939 and served in Europe.

Upon receiving an honorable discharge, he attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College (now North Carolina A&T State University), graduating in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

While an undergrad he crossed the burning sands of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated to become a member of Mu Psi Chapter in 1947.

Marvin was also a member of the Aggie Baseball Team. (Pictured below)

In 1951, Marvin was called to re-enter the US Army because of the Korean Conflict.



After his tour of duty, he enrolled in graduate school at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, graduating in 1952 with a Master of Science Degree.



BASEBALL SQUAD

Front row left to right: Robert Capers, Verona Mesa, William Scurry, Ivin Broadnax, Walter Fowler, Ralph Mason, Marvin Graebel, Joe Sadler, Willie Walker, George Knox
Back row left to right: Ernest Canada, Robert Daniels, Harold Green, Mariel Reid, Howard Rouse, Thomas Alston, Robert Watkins, Guy Bass, Hebert Simmons, George Johnson, Alphonso Parks, Coach Howard C. Gentry

In the photo above Marvin is located on the first row 4th from the right.

While in Illinois, Marvin played Semi-Pro Baseball.

Marvin, with Roommates, Teammates, Fraternity Brothers: Joe Grier, George Knox and Hebert Simmons were friends for life. Marvin was the last man standing.



In 1954, Marvin married Beulah Mae Long of Landis, North Carolina, who preceded him in death.



To this union was born one daughter Sharon Denise Graeber.

Marvin was employed at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (NC A&T SU) from 1953 until his retirement in 1983.

During his thirty (30) years of employment at NC A&T SU he held the positions of Assistant Dean of Men, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds and Campus Police, retiring as Associate Director of the Physical Plant.

Marvin was appointed by the NC Department of Justice to serve as a Campus Policeman from 1962 through 1972.

In addition to his active membership in Grace Lutheran Church in Greensboro, NC, Marvin has been active in his community.

He has served as Elder and President of the Men's Club of Grace Lutheran Church, in Greensboro, NC.

He has served on the Board of Directors for the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Precinct Chairman, President of the Greensboro Citizen's Association, Director of the Mid-East Region of the NC A&T SU Alumni Association, Life Member of the Greensboro Branch of the NAACP, Organizer and President of the Knight Family Reunion, Member of the NC A&T SU Foundation Board of Directors, Treasurer of the NC A&T SU Sports Hall of Famers, Chairman of the Guilford County Board of Social Services and active member of Tau Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi.

Marvin has received many awards and honors, some are: The Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Induction into the NC A&T Sports Hall of Famers (Baseball), The Guilford County Democratic Party – Chairman’s Award, Senior of the Month in 1987 from the City of Greensboro, The NC A&T SU Hall of Fame Award of Excellence, and Citizen of the Year and Founder’s Day Awards from the Tau Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Above: Marvin with long time friend Gov. James Hunt. Right: Marvin with President Bill Clinton. Below: Marvin with NC A&T SU Sports Hall of Famers. (Marvin seated in wheelchair)





Above: My Dad with his constant companion, Ringo. Five years ago my Dad decided we just had to have another dog. We adopted Ringo from the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Ringo bonded to Daddy right away.

Left: Faith was a constant in my Dad's Life. Marvin is seated to the left. My Dad, a previous Church Elder, stepped aside from his position in order for Grace Lutheran to have a Female Elder, Mrs. Mildred Neal seated right.

My father touched the lives of many people throughout his life.

He was the best father a daughter could ever have had. He stood by me and allowed me to pursue my dreams. He was my foundation and the wind beneath my wings. He fostered my interest in the built environment. He was my Best Friend Forever, my confidant and counselor.

He taught me to cook pancakes for breakfast when I was in grade school. When I was in Jr. High School he built me a small balance beam so I could practice my gymnastics routines. He taught me to ride my bicycle and split the chore of teaching me to drive with my Mother.

Introduced me to the world of Political Advocacy my Senior Year in High School and upon my return to Greensboro in 2003 immediately got me busy in our precinct.

He introduced me to entrepreneurship and encouraged me to start my own businesses and to publish my first book.

He taught me that with "Faith" all things are possible. He taught me to pray.

He taught me the importance of family, and how to keep going when those you love let you down.

He taught others and me not only buy his words of wisdom but also by example.

My father received his wings the morning of Friday, June 26, 2020 at the age of ninety nine (99) years and six (6) months in his sleep.

I know he is hugging my Mom in Heaven and implementing service projects with the Men of Omega Chapter.

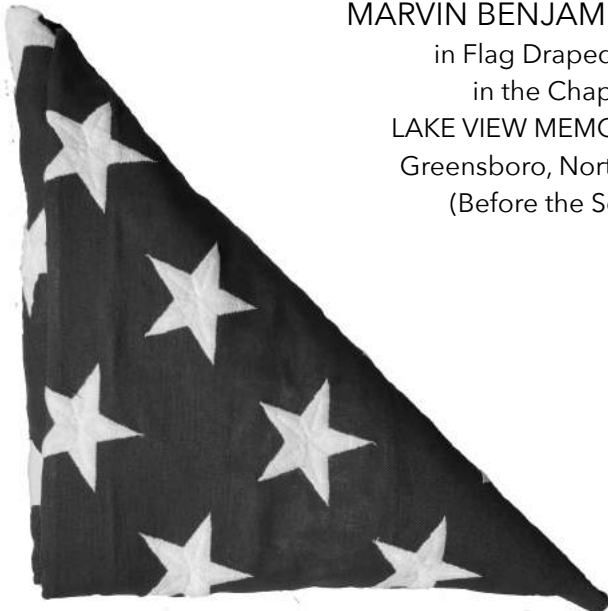


God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb
He gently closed his loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace be thine."

His weary hours, his days of pain
His weary nights are past
His ever patient, worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.



MARVIN BENJAMIN GRAEBER
in Flag Draped Casket
in the Chapel at
LAKE VIEW MEMORIAL PARK
Greensboro, North Carolina
(Before the Service)



Funerals in the era of Covid-19 are severely restricted. Due to Covid-19 our home church was not available for my Dad's services. We were only allowed to have twenty-five (25) persons in the Chapel at Lake View for the service. Blue wrist bands were issued to identify those invited for the service. Socially distanced seating was only provided for ten to twelve persons.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515
July 3, 2020

To the Family of Veteran Marvin Benjamin Graeber
c/o Hinnant Funeral Home
512 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Greensboro, NC 27406

Dear Sharon and Graeber Family,

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your devoted loved one, Veteran Marvin Benjamin Graeber: loving father, uncle and friend to many. The citizens of the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina and I join the Grace Lutheran Church family in expressing heartfelt condolences to the Graeber family, as you mourn the passing and celebrate Mr. Graeber's well-lived life.

Marvin Graeber, as we all knew him, was very active in the Greensboro community and the Guilford County Democratic Party. He was a dear friend and my campaign treasurer when I first ran for elected office. He was detailed, dedicated and loyal. Mr. Graeber, who would have celebrated his 100th birthday on December 20, 2020, was an immensely humble man who was well respected by ALL who knew him. Although this is a sad time, take pride in the fact that Mr. Graeber honorably served our country in the United States Army, twice, and fought in the Korean War. For that, we owe our deepest gratitude to him and others who risked their lives for our nation. Additionally, he graduated from The North Carolina A & T State College, (now North Carolina A & T State University) and later worked at the school for thirty years in various capacities. His legacy will remain with us forever. Mr. Graeber may be gone from this earthly world, but memories of his love and kindness will remain with us. He loved his daughter Sharon dearly, now he walks heavenly paths with his wife Beulah Mae.

The passing of a loved one is never easy; my prayers and thoughts are with your family during this difficult time. In the days ahead, trust and lean on the Lord for the comfort that only He can provide. Marvin Graeber's life brought love, joy and comfort to all who knew him throughout his nine plus decades. While you celebrate his life, take comfort in knowing he left an indelible impression on everyone he met. He leaves an extraordinary legacy of service. May he rest in peace.

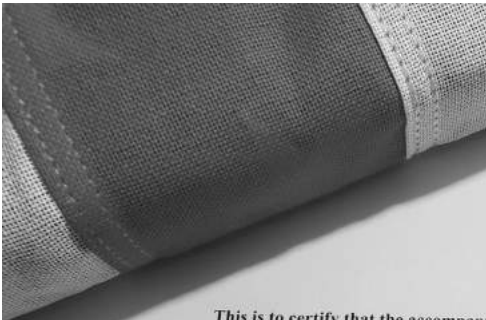
Sincerest Sympathy and Love,

Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.
Member of Congress
12th District, North Carolina

This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the
United States Capitol on July 1, 2020.

At the request of the Honorable Alma S. Adams, Member of Congress,
this flag was flown in honor of Army Veteran Marvin Benjamin Graeber.

As previously stated. My Marvin Graeber was very active in Democratic Politics. He was recommended to now US Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC District 13) to be her campaign treasurer, and loyalty served as such when she ran for her first elected office (on the City of Greensboro NC School Board). She fondly remembers that he kept her records "Tight and Right".



Ω RESOLUTION OF RESPECT Ω
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BROTHER MARVIN GRAEBER who entered **Omega Chapter** on **June 26, 2020**

Once again, a Son of Omega, having completed the designs written for him, has passed through the portals of Eternity and entered **ΩMEGA CHAPTER**. He has been a shining light in the bright crown of Omega. The radiance of his star will furnish a guiding ray to them who will follow after him to seek the light that is Omega.

AND WHEREAS, The All-Wise and Merciful Grand Basileus of the Universe has called from Labor to Reward our Beloved Brother

AND WHEREAS, He has been a True, Faithful, Dedicated and Committed Brother living the Cardinal Principles of **MANHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, PERSEVERANCE** and **UPLIFT** of The **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that **TAU ΩMEGA CHAPTER** of **THE ΩMEGA ΨI ΦI FRATERNITY, INC.**, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and tender to the family of our beloved Brother our sincere condolences in their deep affliction and that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the family.



Terrence Williams
Brother Terrence Williams, Basileus

Date 7/3/2020

Antonio Blackley
Brother Antonio Blackley, KRS

George McCormick
Brother George McCormick, Chaplain

Marvin received honors in the form of resolutions from the two (2) organizations he loved the most, other than church.

Tau Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
and
The North Carolina A&T State University
Hall of Famers Educational Foundation, Inc.

Marvin served as treasurer for the Hall of Famers and was a key figure in the establishment of the organization's One Million dollar (\$1,000,000.00) endowment.

He was pleased to see the endowment meet its one million dollar goal, and take part in the check presentation to NC A&T SU.



OFFICIAL MEDALLION

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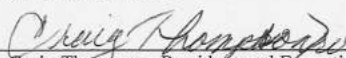
OFFICIAL EMBLEM

The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Sports Hall of Fame Resolution For MARVIN B. GRAEBER

- WHEREAS:** Marvin B. Graeber matriculated as a student at the then A&T College, now North Carolina A&T State University who became one of the pioneers for other athletes to follow; and
- WHEREAS:** While a student, he was a member of several campus organizations, activities and sports, mainly Baseball; and
- WHEREAS:** Upon graduating, he remained a loyal and dedicated alumna and a role model for Exemplifying true "Aggie Pride;" and
- WHEREAS:** He was inducted into the **North Carolina A&T Sports Hall of Famers Educational Foundation, Inc.**, in 1982; and
- WHEREAS:** He supported the **North Carolina A&T Sports Hall of Famers Educational Foundation, Inc.** fully in its endeavors until illness prevented him from Participation in activities; and
- WHEREAS:** In these activities, he had the complete support and devotion of his family, Beulah M. Graeber, wife (Deceased); Sharon Graeber; and
- WHEREAS:** He departed his worldly home on Friday, June 26, 2020 to enter to the Heavenly Kingdom of God; and
- WHEREAS:** His funeral service will be on Friday, July 3, 2020 at Grace Lutheran Church, Greensboro, NC; and
- WHEREAS:** He will be interred at the Memorial Service and
- WHEREAS:** He will be sorely missed by those members of the **North Carolina A&T State University Sports Hall of Famers Educational Foundation, Inc.**, the entire Aggie Family in general, and family and friends everywhere.

THEREFORE, be it resolved this 3rd day of July 2020, that we, the **North Carolina A&T State University Sports Hall of Famers Educational Foundation, Inc.** do hereby convey our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of our beloved brother and sincerely and hope that the Lord bless and keep you in your time of bereavement and need.

Respectfully submitted by: _____


Craig Thompson, President and Executive Board
North Carolina A&T State University Sports Hall of Famers
Educational Foundation, Incorporation.

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