

**WINCHESTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 1515
MONROE, NC 28111**

Dear Senior Counselor,

The Winchester Alumni Association is offering three \$500.00 scholarships for graduating seniors. Information about each scholarship is attached. Students may apply for all three scholarships.

It is especially important that the application be completed and mailed by the deadline. We cannot accept email applications because the reference letters and transcript must be sealed. All incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.

We hope you will have Seniors interested in applying for these scholarships. If you have questions or concerns you may contact me or Mr. Robert Heath. Information is listed below.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Regards,

Nancy Baker Massey, President
Telephone # 704-289-2353
e-mail: onemistyblue67@yahoo.com

Robert L. Heath, Scholarship Chairperson
Telephone # 704-608-3824
e-mail: heathrl62@yahoo.com



*Winchester Alumni Association
Professor J. W. Graham Scholarship*

Dear applicant:

Please find below the criteria for the Winchester Alumni Association scholarship. We have attached some information about Professor Graham because each applicant must demonstrate their knowledge of him during the interview.

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Criteria

G.P.A. must be 2.5 or higher

Three letters of recommendations

Documentation of Community Service (form is part of the application)

Copy of transcript

Recent Photo

Interview (Interview will be scheduled by the interview committee after the application is submitted.)

Deadline 04/05/2021

Note: To ensure that your application is completed, please use the check list before you mail the application.

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Judge Washington (J.W.) Graham
Teacher & Principal
Winchester Avenue School
September, 1926- May, 1955

Born June 24, 1904 to Charles Edward and Ida Torrence Graham. Both parents were farmers and educators.

Education:

- Elementary education at Feddler School, Lemley Township, Huntersville, NC
- High school and college at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC
- Graduate with honors from JCSU in 1926
- Completed all requirements except thesis for a Masters of Arts degree at North Carolina for Negroes- Now North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC

Work:

- : Mathematics/ Science teacher and coach for sixteen years, Winchester High School
- Principal for thirteen years, Winchester Avenue School
- Administrator and teacher in night school for veterans of World War II. July, 1949
- Worked many summers as a waiter at resorts hotels in and around Asbury Park, NJ

Affiliations:

- Caldwell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, NC
- Black's Memorial Presbyterian Church, Monroe, NC
- Trustee at Black's Memorial
- Member of Men's Bible class
- Masonic Lodge #32, Monroe
- Eta NU Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Charlotte, NC
- Esquire Club (Men's Social Club) Monroe, NC

Family:

- Married to Blanche Melton Graham but ended in divorce
- At his death/May 28, 1955, he was survived by:
- Wife: Gerlieve Knight Graham
- Daughter: Doris Graham Reeves(now Pennington)
- Step-Daughter: Berene D. Knight(now McKay)
- Step- Daughter: Julia A. Knight (now Robertson)
- His parents and siblings (five brother and two sisters) are all deceased

Death:

Died peacefully on Saturday morning, May 28, 1955. His funeral was held at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Rev. C.C. Johnson, Pastor, Rev. E. H. Hunt, Pastor of Black's Memorial Presbyterian officiated.

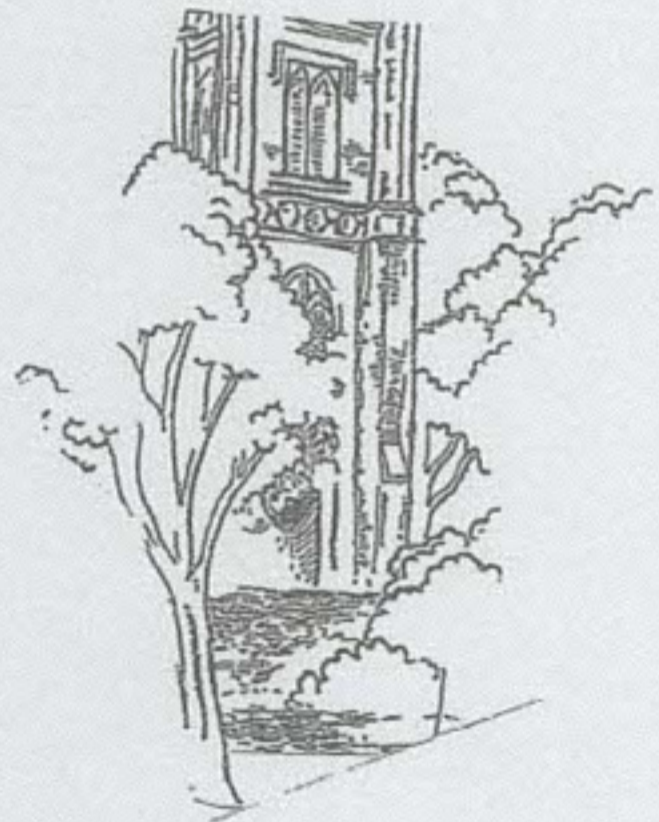
The City of Monroe honored him by ringing the bell in the courthouse tower as the funeral procession passed through the city on Hayne Street. Policemen in "Dress" uniforms with white gloves saluted as the funeral procession passed the intersections. He is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Monroe, NC.

Miscellaneous Information

Dr. R .L. Douglas, a mathematics professor at Johnson C. Smith made the following statement to his daughter's Doris Algebra class in 1945.

"Class! I have been teaching mathematics at this institution for over thirty-five years. This young lady's daddy was the best math student I ever had!" "Bar none..."

- Coached Girls' Basketball team to State Championship (year unknown)
- During World War II he taught First Aid to community volunteers, who in turn, taught the course to the residents in their immediate areas.
- He was instrumental in obtaining work and /or academic scholarships for some high school graduates.



WINCHESTER AVENUE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

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*Winchester Alumni Association
Rep. William "Pete" Cunningham Scholarship*

Dear applicant:

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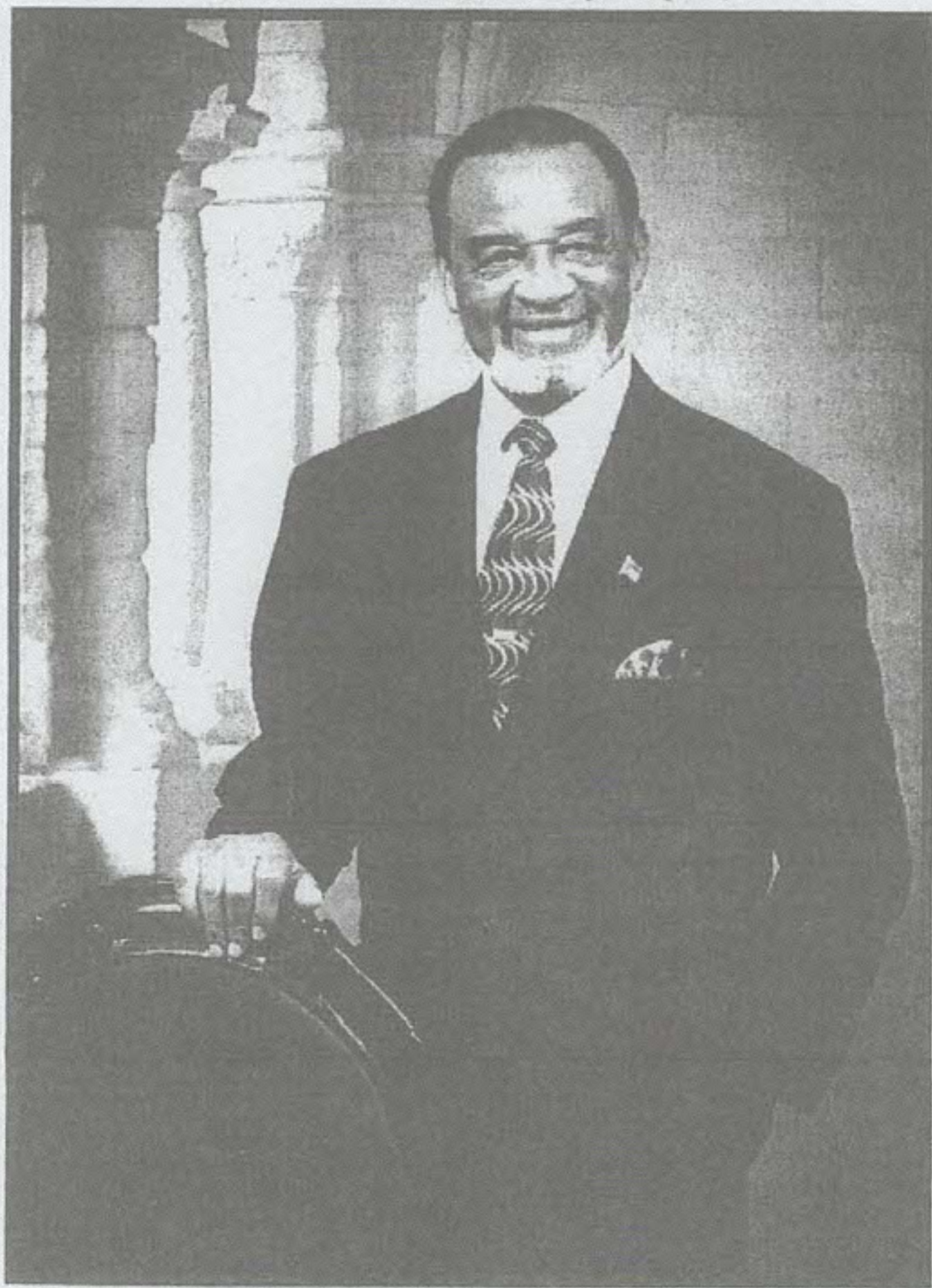
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Honoring A Life & Legacy of Service



The Honorable William "Pete" Cunningham

November 7, 1929 - December 21, 2010

William "Pete" Cunningham

A retired military man and North Carolina lawmaker, Mr. Cunningham understood the importance of service to community.

The Honorable William "Pete" Cunningham was born November 7, 1929, to the late Mrs. Jonsie Patterson and Mr. John Wallace of Monroe, North Carolina. He departed this life at home on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Mr. Cunningham was married to Mrs. Carla Rorie Cunningham.

The body will lay in state, Monday, December 27, 2010, 12 Noon-6:00 p.m. The Family will greet friends Monday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. with funeral service, Tuesday, December 28, 2010, 12 Noon, First Baptist Church-West. Interment immediately following at Hillcrest Cemetery, Adams Street, Monroe, North Carolina.

In 1986, Cunningham was elected to the North Carolina General Assembly State House of Representatives, 107th District for 21 years. When he retired from the General Assembly, he was the longest serving member of the Mecklenburg County legislative delegation. He was a member of the Legislative Black Caucus from 1987 – 2008; he served as Minority Whip of the House from 1995 – 1996; and as an Ex-officio Member to all Committees from 2002 – 2008. He would continue his legacy of service by working with Governors Jim Hunt and Mike Easley to bring about diversity in hiring practices for the state of North Carolina.

Mr. Cunningham served his country in the United States Army in the Third Battalion 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division. In 1966 he enlisted into the Navy serving as Radioman 1st Class on the USS Barracuda stationed in Charleston, South Carolina. After 20 years of honorable service, he retired from the military in 1986.

He graduated from Winchester Avenue School, Monroe, North Carolina in 1945 and received his B.A. in Business Law from Johnson C. Smith University in 1956.

Cunningham embarked on numerous and diverse entrepreneurial occupations to include real estate investing, automobile and insurance sales, owned a restaurant and gas station. In addition, he was president and co-founder of Cunningham and Hatchett Associates, a personnel agency. Cunningham became the sole owner of the historic Excelsior Club in 1988-2006, Charlotte's first African-American social club and gathering spot.

Mr. Cunningham understood the importance of service to community. He used his talents, resources, creativity and skills to either found or co-found organizations that still impact the lives of individuals in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community. He was founder of The Charlotte Business League, a leader in The Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg (BPC), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). His active status with the NAACP in the 1950's and 60's propelled him to become a life member. Through the NAACP, he continued to advocate for fairness and justice for African Americans. As a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Pete advocated for Veterans, the mentally disabled, and senior citizens.

His compassion for children led him to the Anita Stroud Foundation where he served as the chairman in the 1990's of its volunteer board for several years and remained an active member of the Foundation until his passing. Out of his commitment and dedication to the Anita Stroud Foundation, he encouraged the Excelsior membership participation which lead to the founding of the Excelsior Club Humanity Organization (ECHO).

Spiritually grounded, Mr. Cunningham was a member of First Baptist Church-West where he served on the Board of Directors.

"A legacy is what we leave outside ourselves." We can say with certainty that Mr. William "Pete" Cunningham's has left a legacy—a legacy of dedication, sense of responsibility, commitment, service and advocacy. He was a servant of the common man. Anyone could reach out to him and he would listen and assist. His family and friends knew that he was dependable and loyal. Many individuals here in Mecklenburg County and across the State of North Carolina are beneficiaries. Even in his last days, Mr. Cunningham continued to be a shoulder on which others could lean and an ear to which others could vent their concerns. Though he is no longer on this physical plane, his legacy shall live on forever.

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*Winchester Alumni Association
Ms. Aurelia Williams Scholarship*

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