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#### Retirement Celebration In Honor of Sylvia Ward Williams

Success in life is much more than where one was born or lived but rests solidly on one's desire and beliefs. Our beloved classmate, who worked tirelessly at many tasks in life, has decided to closeout her major dream brought to fruition, and now live out the dream of retirement life. Sylvia serves as our class chaplain.

Her belief in setting goals and hard work has earned her the wings of freedom to enjoy life's wonders. After achieving a lifetime goal of serving the community as an Elder Caregiver and owner of the Care Home; making travel plans for others as a travel agent; procuring homes for members of the community in new neighborhoods as a realtor all while staying faithful to community and church, Sylvia is adding travel to her resume' of life works. Eugene Pugh delivered a touching tribute to Sylvia.

As a young student she came to us from Panama, C.A. and has never regretted the opportunity of being immersed in the American Dream with the guidance and friendship she received at Miami Northwestern with the class of 6T5. As a poet once said: "Do not take the path ahead, but go instead

take the path ahead, but go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." This she has done.



Larry Rogers, Edith Smith Reeves, Sylvia, Hattie Williams Walker, Alonzo Mumford

Eugene Pugh

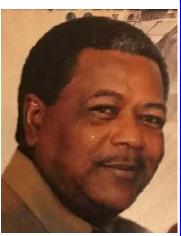
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### Díð You Know ???

#### Walter Leotis Hardemon

destined seemed for а promise made to look out for his fellowman. If the task seemed interesting, he would volunteer to do his best with fervor great whether he knew enough



about it *March* 19 or the probable outcome.

March 1947 – November 2021

He was the epitome of "You can make it if you try." Walter served his family, his country, and his community with humbling respect for all with whom he met.

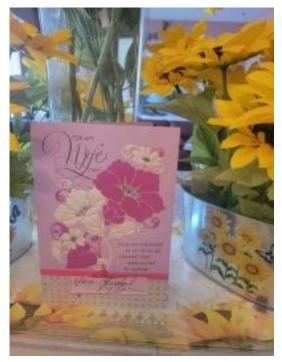
After graduation from Northwestern with the class of 6T5, Walter served in the United States Army for seven years which included a tour of Vietnam during the height of the war. He began a career with the City of Miami in their Parks and Recreation Division and also continued his education in the field of Early Childhood Education.

His training as an early childhood educator shaped his beliefs and goals of nurturing the lives of the communities young children, especially his and Patricia's four boys, Kegan, Brandon, Paul and Delton. Walter also serviced his community as an officer for the City of Miami Police Department for 16 years. During his tenure he founded the "Do The Right Thing" program for the youth of the communities in which he served as well as Youth of America, Incorporated. President George W. Bush recognized his services to the community with an award.

A true beacon of the community and fellow graduate of Miami Northwestern High School class of 6T5. The guiding hands of Northwestern truly shapes the destiny of the community and the people it serves.

### Memoríes

#### From Eloise Carswell Owens



My soul mate went on to be with the Lord. On April 15th we would have celebrated our 55th wedding Anniversary. Roy would always choose the most beautiful cards. I did not need a gift. This is an example of Roy's cards.

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### MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

The original Memorial Day was set at May 30 no matter the day, and, the Uniformed Monday Holiday Act in 1968 set the date as the last Monday of in May. Memorial Day did not become an official federal holiday until signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1971. Although the term Memorial Day was used in the beginning in the 1880's, the holiday was officially known as "Decoration Day" for more than a century.

There are more than 26 places, many in the south, that claim to be the origin of the Memorial Day tradition. One of the more prominent traditions in the Afro-American community began after the Confederate surrender and the discovery of an internment camp for union soldiers in May 1865. More than 1000 people recently freed from enslavement accompanied by regiments of the U.S. Colored Troops gathered at the former race track to give the Union dead a proper burial consecrating the new burial site as "Martyrs of the Race Course" with song and ceremony. In May 1868, General John A. Logan made a degree that the celebration of life for the soldiers who died should be held each year.

In honor of the southern tradition of honoring those who fought our country's battles, the names of those we know in the Class of 6t5 are respectfully presented in their memory:

**United States Army:** Glenn Green; Larry Thomas; Rodney Thompson; Walter Hardemon; Paul Gibson; Russell Kelly; Asia Hudson; Ashley Campbell; Albert Hall; Wesley Barnes; Raymond Moton; Thaddeus Pinckney; Albert English; Jimmy Washington; Eddie Youngblood; Ernest Bethune; Preston Sconiers; Jerry Lawson; Albert McDonald; Melton Mustafa; Robert Smith; Ernest White; Morris Boze; Alan Bain

**United States Air Force**: JW Lester; George Joy; Roy Owens; Roy Preston; Albert Watson; Clarence Taylor; Theophilieus Worrell; Harry Brown; Pelham Brown; Thomas Benjamin; Shirley McKenzie Wiley; Frederick Swain; Michael Graham

**United Stated Marine Corp**: Albert Tims; Edward Lanier; Walter Andrews; Willie Herriott; James Newbold

**United Stated Navy:** Sandra Elliot Coleman



## **Mother Blessings**



Catherine Green—96 years Mother of Jeannette Green Cohen



Sarah Hepburn—98 years Mother of Myrtle Hepburn



Janie Prater Poole—96 years Mother of Mary Gatlin



*Lillian Washington*—97 years Mother of *Willette Washington* 



Velma Williams—95 years Mother of Diann Myers Robinson



Vernal Williams—96 years Mother of Marchelle Williams Hough



*Gladys Roan*—97 years Mother of *Lena Roan-Snyder* 

## The Class of 2022



Seka Dembure Granddaughter of Wilsonia Browne BS, Psychology Emory University Entering GA Tech Masters Program in Human Computer Interaction



**Kamari Washington** Grandson of **Fred Johnson** 8th grade graduation from River City Science Academy Innovation



Damon K Johnson Grandson of Fred Johnson Graduating from The High School of Service & Learning at Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn NY Planning a major in Business Administration



Amari Griffin Grandson of Clarence & Sherry Jones Graduating from Iprep Academy Entering FSU with a Pre-Med major

The Pride & Joy of 6T5

**Our Grands & Greats** 



Two years ago **Hattie & Phillip Walker's** granddaughter, **Vernese Bowe**, studied Respiratory Therapy at Concorde Career College. She worked full time at the beginning of this 18 month course—reducing to part-time with 6 months left. Vernese graduated with honors as a Respiratory Therapist, and is now Registered. Her future options include pursuing a bachelor's degree as a Physician Assistant, Respiratory Director or Perfusionst.



### Where 'Er We Roam



Twanisha "Tee Tee" Terry

This 2017 graduate of Miami Northwestern is a blossoming track star. After a splendid college career at the University of Southern California & graduating with dual aspirations, "Tee Tee" Terry has embarked on a professional Track and Field career as a 100 meter sprinter. She has achieved star status as a premier sprinter and aspires to represent the U.S.A. in the next Olympics.

#### 13 Classmates paid so far YEA !!!!!!

#### **Dues**

You forgot!! Here's your reminder. Make your \$50 check payable to Miami Northwestern Class of 6t5. Mail to Linda Payne – 1804 NW 192<sup>nd</sup> St. Miami Gardens, FL 33056. We welcome your paying for as many years as you missed.



- May 12th Joseph Gay
- May 17th Earnestine Headings
- May 18th Joseph Travis
- May 20th Mary Gatlin
- May 23rd Alonzo Mumford
- May 31st Claudia Hepburn Charles



Mack & Vandene Samuel

55 years—May 27th

#### **Directory Update**

We are using the class website to update classmate information. NO contact info is vis-ible to the public. Go Here:

https://miaminorthwestern6t5.myevent.com

Click on "Classmates 6t5" TO: create a profile—Click "Add Your Profile" update a profile—Click "Edit Your Profile"

There is a "forgot your user name or password link"

If you can't get in, send an email asking for help to "reunion6t5@gmail.com". Include your phone number.