



Dr. Ronald W. Hampton

October 17, 1940 - July 10, 2015

Dr. Ronald W. Hampton
Pawleys Island

Dr. Ronald Wayne Hampton died on Friday, July 10, 2015 due to a long-term illness. Born October 17, 1940 in Kannapolis, NC, he was a son of Raymond and Helen J. Hampton.

Dr. Hampton attended Kannapolis public schools, graduating from A.L. Brown High School in 1959. A standout athlete, Dr. Hampton went on to attend Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, where he played football in the 1960 Tangerine Bowl. After receiving his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Presbyterian College, he earned a master's degree in counseling from Appalachian State University and a doctorate in educational psychology from Nova University.

Dr. Hampton devoted his professional career of more than 40 years to education and economic development for the benefit of South Carolina and its citizens. He began his career teaching psychology and coaching football, basketball, and track in Chester, SC, followed by service as Associate Director/Dean of Instruction at York Technical College and Vice President at Spartanburg Technical College. Dr. Hampton and his family moved to Cheraw in 1977, when he was named President of Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical

College (now Northeastern Technical College). He spent the rest of his professional career at Northeastern, where he led the college through an era of unprecedented growth in enrollment, course offerings, and physical facilities. During Dr. Hampton's 27 years at NETC, student enrollment increased over 100 percent and the size of the Cheraw campus doubled. The college expanded its service area to include Dillon County, and its name was changed to Northeastern Technical College to reflect a new regional focus. Dr. Hampton also led in the establishment of community campuses in Pageland, Dillon and Bennettsville, developed a registered apprenticeship program in metalworking, and helped to establish NETC's nursing curriculum.

Dr. Hampton's educational leadership extended throughout the southern United States through many years of service on the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional organization which reviews and accredits colleges in 11 southern states and Latin America. After retiring from NETC, he served as interim president at Williamsburg Technical College in Kingstree, SC. Dr. Hampton was active in many community organizations, including the Cheraw Rotary Club (president and Paul Harris Fellow), the Cheraw Chamber of Commerce (president), and the Chesterfield General Hospital Board. His service was recognized in 2003 when the Governor of South Carolina presented him with the Order of the Silver Crescent, the state's highest award for volunteer and community service. The Ronald W. Hampton Student Center at Northeastern Technical College was named in Dr. Hampton's honor at his retirement in 2003.

Surviving are his wife, Shelia Argo Hampton, of the home; daughter, Georgia Christian, of Myrtle Beach; son, Ronald Wayne Hampton Jr. and his wife Leah, of Pittsburgh, PA; brother, Keith Hampton and his wife Elizabeth, of Washington, NC; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 12:00 pm, St.

Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church in Pawleys Island, SC. Visitation will immediately follow at the church in Berly Hall. A graveside service announcement date and time will soon be made, which will be held in Kannapolis, NC.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald W. Hampton Scholarship Fund, Northeastern Technical College Foundation, 1201 Chesterfield Hwy, Cheraw, SC 29520 and the Agape Senior Foundation, 1624 main St., Columbia, SC 29203.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Services

JUL 14. 12:00 PM.

St. Pauls Waccamaw United Methodist Church

Visitation Following the Service

JUL 14.

St. Pauls Waccamaw United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Shelia, I am Rose Marie Clary, we worked together in Ben Hammett's office, I found a picture of Georgia made when we visited you in Columbia. Our Donna was born Oct. 14, 1960 and Georgia was born in Nov. I started wondering where you were and googled Ronnie's name and was shocked to come up with his obit. Our condolences go out to your family, may God bless you.*



Jimmy & Rose Marie Clary (Woodruff, S.C.)

Rose Marie Clary - August 25, 2015 at 11:52 AM

DS

“ *I was very saddened to hear of Ron's passing. He was a friend and mentor to me. He supported me in my career at a number of times. He was a fine educator and competent administrator. We lose much in his passing. Darrel Staat*

Darrel Staat - July 16, 2015 at 04:31 PM

RB

“ *Dr. Hampton was a big part in the success of a lot students at CMTTC. He was always encouraging, guiding every individual to meet their potential. Thank you for you belief in us. You will be missed, but never forgotten.*

Rocky Brown - July 14, 2015 at 08:20 PM

RC

“ I have great memories of working with Dr. Hampton at Williamsburg Technical College--we were able to accomplish a great deal during his short stay with us -- and we had a good time in the process. Jim and I send our sincere sympathy to Sheila and the family, and regret that we will be unable to attend the service on Tuesday. We will think of you during this sad time of transition.

*Rosa Cherry, Kingstree, SC
Williamsburg Technical College Retiree*

Rosa & Jim Cherry - July 13, 2015 at 09:15 PM

CE

“ During Dr. Hampton's brief tenure at Williamsburg Technical College, he made an Indelible and positive imprint on many who had the pleasure of knowing and working for him. As for me, I most remember sitting in his office on the day I learned I would be deploying to the war in Iraq. His sincere concern for me and my family provided great comfort and solace during my darkest hours. The world has lost a truly remarkable and gifted man, but heaven has gained a new angel. My sincerest and deepest sympathies to his family.

Clifton Elliott, VP for Academic Affairs, Williamsburg Technical College

Clifton Elliott - July 13, 2015 at 08:37 PM

SB

“ Farewell to my mentor and friend...humble, kind, respectful of others, having all the attributes of a true gentleman and a leader with vision. My deepest sympathies to Shelia, Georgia and Wayne and all the family and to all those who loved and respected him. He has left a wonderful legacy for all of us who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him.

Sandra Barbour - July 13, 2015 at 01:12 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathies to Sheila and family and may peace be with you during this difficult time.

Jean K. Compton - July 13, 2015 at 10:56 AM

CH

“ Dr. Hampton made CMTC/NETC a family; we mourn his loss like a family. The world is a lesser place without him.

Charlene Huntley - July 13, 2015 at 09:43 AM

JW

“ Ron Hampton was a fellow president, colleague, and friend. He was gracious with advice when help was welcomed and committed to quality education He leaves a void. Our deepest sympathy for his passing.

John T. Wynn, President Emeritus, Williamsburg Technical College

john wynn - July 13, 2015 at 09:11 AM

KW

“ Kathy W. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Ronald W. Hampton.



Kathy W. - July 13, 2015 at 08:44 AM

CG

“ Our prayers for you are continuing
Rev Chris E Giles

Chris Giles - July 13, 2015 at 06:43 AM

AA

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ron while in the PR department of State TEC. Always a pleasure and professional dedicated to education. My condolences to his family.

Ann Addy - July 13, 2015 at 05:32 AM

CS

“ Dr. Hampton was President when I began my career at Northeastern Technical College! I greatly admired him and his leadership. Every employee was important to him. He saw each one as an asset to the college. He ran a tight ship but you never doubted that he had the best interest of the college and it's students and employees as his priority. He had great respect for women in the workforce and loved to see everyone excel! My deepest sympathy to the family. Rejoice in knowing that we will see him again in Heaven!

*Catherine Sellers
retired NETC employee*

Catherine Sellers - July 12, 2015 at 07:51 PM

EG

“ On behalf of the Agape Hospice Team, I send you our sincere condolences and prayers. Mr. Hampton will truly be missed but not forgotten by many. May each of you find peace and strength during this time. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the future.
*Edith Glasgow, Bereavement Coordinator
Agape Hospice of the Low Country
843-397-1197/ 655-4269-cel*

Edith Glasgow - July 12, 2015 at 05:48 PM

JH

“ *Ron Hampton was one of my most valued colleagues and friends. For 40 years in the technical college system. He was a good man and a great leader of Northeast Technical College. He guided the construction of one of the most attractive college campuses in SC. More importantly he was good Christian gentleman who cared deeply about the success of his students. He and I made trips together to evaluate teaching and learning programs that would make our colleges better and help our students to be more successful. He left a wonderful legacy. See you in the next life, Ron. Rest in peace.*

Jim Hudgins - July 12, 2015 at 12:06 PM

JH

“ *Jim Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ronald W. Hampton*



Jim Hudgins - July 12, 2015 at 12:00 PM