A SERVICE
OF
PRAISE AND REMEMBRANCE
FOR

DR. HAROLD POWELL

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010
11:00 o’clock in the morning

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AUDITORIUM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Interment
BELLEVILLE MEMORIAL GARDENS
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
ORDER OF SERVICE

REVEREND DR. JOE SINGLETON, OFFICIATING

PROCESSIONAL ................................................................. Mr. Cedric Wright, Musician

OPENING HYMN ............................................................................. “Blessed Assurance”

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament ............................................................................ Reverend Dr. James Riley
New Testament ............................................................................ Reverend Bryce Jamison

PRAYER .......................................................................................... Reverend Dr. Joe Singleton

SOLO .............................................................................................. Mrs. Leila Williams

TRIBUTES
As a childhood friend ................................................................. Mrs. Flossie Wright
As a college classmate............................................................... Mr. James Gilliard
As a distinguished professor/educator .................................. Dr. George Cooper
President, South Carolina State University
As a fraternity brother ............................................................... Mr. Frank Loadholt

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO ............................................................... Mr. Allen Holmes

TRIBUTES
As a church member ............................................................... Deacon Charles Owens
As a teacher/instructor/professional .................................... Mrs. Brenda E. Mitchell
As a neighbor ............................................................................ Mr. Fred Broughton
As a civic/community servant .............................................. Mr. Ronald Lofts
As a philanthropist ................................................................. Mrs. Deborah Breedlove

WORDS OF COMFORT ............................................................... Evangelist Delores McClain

SOLO .............................................................. “Jesus Is Love” ......................... Mr. Roger Jenkins

BENEDICTION ................................................................................... Reverend Dr. Joe Singleton

RECESSIONAL .............................................................................. “I’m Free”

Committal / Interment

BELLEVILLE MEMORIAL GARDENS
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
Dr. Harold Powell was born on December 17, 1932 in Jacksonboro, South Carolina. His parents were the late Cephus and Ida Powell. He received his early education in Jacksonboro and graduated from Colleton Training School in Walterboro, South Carolina. After serving six and a half years in the United States Air Force, he entered South Carolina State College (now South Carolina State University) in Orangeburg, South Carolina. In 1961, he graduated Summa Cum Laude (number one in his class) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Correction. During his undergraduate years, he earned all A’s and only one B. The B was in Physical Education. While attending South Carolina State, he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Upon graduation, Harold received graduate fellowships from the Danforth Foundation, the John Hay Whitney Foundation, and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. He completed his graduate work at Pennsylvania State University where he earned a Master of Science degree in Clinical Speech in 1963 and a Ph.D. in Speech Pathology and Audiology with a minor in Psychology in 1966. He was the first African-American to be awarded a Ph.D. in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Penn State.

He began his distinguished career in education at South Carolina State College in 1965. Some of the major accomplishments during his tenure include serving as the first chairman of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology; developing the curriculum and initiating the undergraduate program in speech pathology and audiology; writing the proposal that established the graduate program in speech pathology and audiology; opening the first speech, hearing and language clinic on a college campus in South Carolina; initiating the first intervention program for hard-of-hearing/deaf children in Orangeburg County; starting the first intervention program for autistic children in Orangeburg County; and writing the application for professional accreditation of the graduate program by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Dr. Powell’s numerous outstanding accomplishments and achievements are a testament to his passion for serving humanity. They include being named a Distinguished Alumnus of South Carolina State University and inducted into the Miller Society (for persons contributing $100,000 or more to the university). He also was a recipient of the Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award for distinguished contributions to the field of speech-language pathology. The Orangeburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board recently named its center for seniors with disabilities The Dr. Harold Powell Center.

His many professional and civic affiliations included the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; the South Carolina Speech-Language-Hearing Association; the National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing; the American Association of University Professors; Orangeburg County Disabilities and Special Needs Board; and the Orangeburg Sertoma Club. He was a member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and served on the Usher Board and as editor of the newsletter.

To all who knew him, Harold was kind, gentle, compassionate and generous. He was an intellectual, an excellent teacher and clinician, a good listener, a mentor and, most of all, a friend.

He leaves to mourn his passing his cousins, Mazalene Gant, Birdie (Eddie) Cody, both of Charleston, South Carolina, Margaret Mitchell, Wilmer Gant, Janice Gant all of Jacksonboro, South Carolina and Benjamin (Vennie) Mitchell of Walterboro, South Carolina; and a host of other relatives, friends and former students.
HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Deacon and Trustee Ministries of
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS
Members of Delta Zeta Lambda Chapter of
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS
Dr. Powell’s Former Students
(Speech Pathology and Audiology Majors)

ACTIVE FLORAL BEARERS
The Floral Ministry of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

USHERS
Usher Ministry of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

That man is a success …
Who loves life and lives it to the fullest;
Who has discovered and shared the strengths and talents
That are uniquely his own;
Who puts his best into each task and leaves each
Situation better than he found it
Who seeks and finds that which is beautiful
In all people … and all things;
Whose heart is full of love and warm with compassion;
Who found joy in living and peace within himself.

- Barbara J. Burrow (paraphrased)

The family of the Late Dr. Harold Powell wishes to express
our deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness
and support extended to us during our bereavement.
May God continue to bless each of you.

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