

Mr. Hubert A. Poole  
July 18, 1925 - February 29, 2012



Mr. Hubert Poole grew up in Oberlin Village - Raleigh, North Carolina. He was one of seven boys. Mr. Poole was married to Mrs. Mary Holden Poole (deceased) and had two wonderful children, daughter, Rev. Bettye D. Poole, son, Alfred S. Poole (deceased) and granddaughter, Shannon Poole. He was a life-long member of Wilson Temple United Methodist Church where he served on numerous boards and committees.

Mr. Poole graduated from Washington High School and Shaw University receiving a BA degree in Social Studies. He was a talented football player while at Washington High School and continued his love of playing football at Shaw University where he played on the 1947 CIAA Championship team.

Mr. Poole was among America's first Black Marines. He completed his basic training at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina. He served in WWII.

After serving in the military, Mr. Poole began his career in Leisure Sports and Recreation with the City of Raleigh as a director of recreation at John Chavis and Pullen Parks. Later he began his tenure as an educator and athletic coach in the Raleigh Public School System (Ligon Jr and Sr High School, Daniels Middle School and Millbrook High School). He touched the lives of numerous students.

Following his retirement from the Raleigh Public Schools, Mr. Poole served as an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the North Carolina Senate as well as a volunteer host on the Amtrak Carolinian. He was also a member of the Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Order of Masons and other community related associations.

Mr. Poole was honored and granted the *Order of the Longleaf Pine* in April 2003. It is the highest award for the state of North Carolina for extraordinary service to the state granted by the Office of the Governor.

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