

## **Frederick Wallace Ford**

1926-2005

He attended his first school, "The Middle Six Down The Road School", where his mother served as principal and teacher for 47 years. After he graduated from Fairfield County Training School, in Winnsboro, South Carolina, he continued his education at Allen University, in Columbia, South Carolina. On May 27, 1948, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and a minor in Psychology. While at Allen University he was a founding member of the Gamma Gamma Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The late J. T. McCain, Civil Rights activist and principal of Palmetto High School, in Mullins, South Carolina, employed Frederick as a teacher in his first job.

It was always his desire to become a doctor and he pursued his goal by enrolling at Howard University in 1953. However, his studies in medicine were short-lived when he was drafted in the United States Army, where he served for three years. After service, he returned to Howard University and studied in criminal law. Later, he studied at the University of California at Berkeley and received a certificate in criminology.

Ford's career was with the United States Department of Justice where he received numerous, "Excellence in Performance" awards for continuous outstanding service. As a Southeast Asian diplomat and senior criminal investigator, he retired from the Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration in 1981. Prior to retiring, he spent three years in Bangkok, Thailand.

Following his retirement, he began a second career with the National Football Leagues' Region Drug Enforcement Program, covering the area of Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina. Through the years, there is one thing that remained constant in Fred's life. It was his undying love for "Ole A U" (Allen University), and his tireless efforts to preserve the legacy of the founding father, Bishop Richard Allen. He recruited many young people from all over the world. Before his death Frederick contributed \$50,000 to the institution.