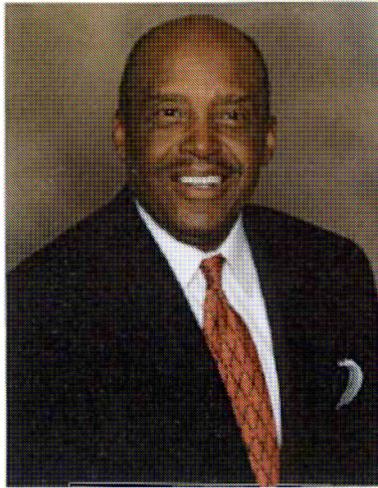




## NC A&T SU RALEIGH/WAKE ALUMNI CHAPTER

### NC A&T SU Alumni Paving the Path to Success



#### **Name:**

Mr. Fred A. Davis (September 13, 1937 – October 7, 2005)

#### **Birth/Family:**

Fred A. Davis was born to Mr. Hosea and Mrs. Adell Davis on September 13, 1937. Fred grew up as the oldest of six siblings; one sister Jennifer, and four brothers (Mike, Vernon, Terry, & Danny) on a 76-acre farm in Tillery, N.C., north of Rocky Mount. Fred and his wife Leola Dickens were married 44 years and have one son Jon (daughter-in-law Melissa) and three grandchildren (Alexis, Meagan, and Jonathan) on whom Fred devoted his love and affection.

#### **Education/Training:**

Mr. Fred Davis attended North Carolina A&T State University and majored in Industrial Technology. After graduating from North Carolina A&T State University in 1958, Mr. Fred Davis served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1959 to 1968. Fred was a Vietnam Veteran and earned an honorable discharge with the rank of captain.

#### **Employment History/Professional Experience:**

Upon completing military service, Mr. Davis continued his education by attending Northwestern University Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Syracuse University Sales Management Program, and the Indiana University Executive Development Program. Fred's work history was a beacon of personal and professional excellence in leadership as demonstrated in his accomplishments while employed by Eastman Kodak Company for twenty-three years. Fred began his tenure as a technical sales representative and was promoted to government market coordinator, staff assistant to mid-western regional manager, district sales manager, and director of marketing communications, regional sales manager, and manager of worldwide marketing support. At the time of his retirement in 1991, his management position represented one of the highest-level positions held by an African American in the Eastman Kodak Company.

#### **Awards, Honors & Recognitions:**

Mr. Fred Davis earned the North Carolina A&T State University Award for Alumni Excellence. In October 2005, the Davis Family Endowment Scholarship surpassed \$100,000, which was established in honor of Fred Davis and his youngest brother Danny Davis.

### Memberships/Associations:

Mr. Fred Davis was a faithful alumnus who always believed to be successful; you must roll up your sleeves and lead by example. Fred joined our Chapter upon his arrival to Raleigh, NC in early 1990's. Since joining our Chapter, Fred was our Alumni Giving/Annual Fund and Fundraising Chairs. During his tenure at Fundraising, he used his business savvy and placed us in the top tier of A&T Chapters' donations in the nation. Mr. Fred Davis also held positions in the National Alumni Association, Fred served on the National A&T Annual Fundraising Committee, and was the National Treasurer for several years, and was a key player in assisting the University in surpassing its \$1 million goal in alumni giving.

Mr. Fred Davis took his favorite hobby "Golf" and made it our Chapter's most successful fundraiser. Fred laid down the foundation for the Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament five years ago and it has continued to grow in his absence. In the great words of Mr. Fred A. Davis, "Until then, keep 'em in the short grass!"- Fred used his favorite quote to bid his fellow golfers best wishes to keep the ball out of the rough.

After moving to Raleigh, NC, Mr. Fred Davis joined First Baptist Church, where he served on various committees to include trustee, greeter, stewardship, and new members' board. Mr. Fred Davis continued to serve his hometown church, Galilee Baptist Church in Tillery, NC in any capacity necessary throughout his entire life.

Mr. Fred A. Davis has made major contributions to our University and especially our local Alumni Chapter. We honor and salute his many contributions.