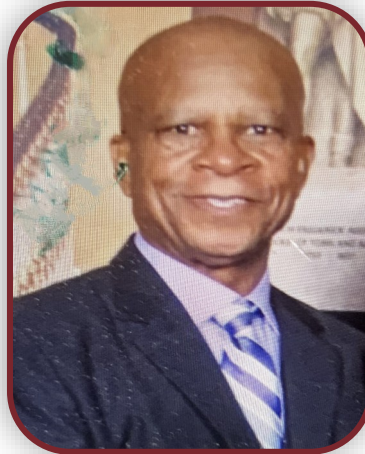


MORRIS JEFFERY MAYS

Distinguished Graduate

W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1972
(Posthumously)



Morris (Mot) Jeffery Mays was born April 7, 1954, in Tarboro, North Carolina. He received his early education through 10th grade from W. A. Pattillo High School, then graduated from Tarboro Senior High School in 1972. He attended Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and graduated from Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia, in 1979.

Upon returning to Tarboro, Morris became proficient in welding and guitar after completing courses at Edgecombe Community College. He loved learning and teaching, designing, construction, aquaponics, playing guitar and saxophone, and many other things. He excelled in multiple disciplines, including Architectural Engineering. He worked for several architectural firms, then started M. Jeffries Designs and received several awards for his projects.

He taught Early Childhood Education for Dade County Schools in Miami, Florida, for several years. As an inventor and entrepreneur, he patented products including anti-bacterial toothbrushes under Mays Care Products, which he promoted religiously. He performed duties for the U.S. Embassy in various countries, including Afghanistan and Kabul. He was recognized for his dedication to duty and loyalty to all U.S. Forces, providing exceptional service in support of the Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coasties in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

As a farmer, he received combination licenses from the State of North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for aquaculture and catchout for over 50 species of fish. His goal was to grow plants and produce on a larger scale to provide more nutritious options for the community.