

**Flower Attendants**  
Former Students, Family, and Friends

**Casket Attendants**  
Devoted Nephews

**Honorary Casket Attendants**  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
*Gamma Zeta and Gamma Sigma Lambda Chapters*  
Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Beta Chi Boulé

## *The Acknowledgements*

On behalf of the family of Dr. Clinton H. Dixon, we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who supported us during his illness and passing. A special expression of gratitude is extended to Ms. Mary Fullwood for her tireless devotion and countless hours of caregiving. We also thank the hospice care team for their compassionate service; Father Brian Davy and the St. Luke's Episcopal Church family for their spiritual support; Dr. Paul A. Jones and Fort Valley State University for their continued kindness, and all program participants for honoring his life. To everyone who visited, called, or prayed with us—we are deeply grateful for your love and thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

In lieu of floral tributes, Dr. Virginia Dixon and the family have asked that contributions be made to the Dr. Clinton Dixon Endowed Professorship, which supports his enduring legacy in higher education.

*Professional Services Entrusted to*  
**Edwards Small Mortuary**  
1011 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.  
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# *Dr. Clinton H. Dixon*

## **THE FORMULA FOR A LEGACY:**

*a celebration and service of thanksgiving for the life of*

*Alpha: November 6, 1939*

*Omega: July 30, 2025*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025 | 2:00 PM**

*The C.W. Pettigrew Center Auditorium of Fort Valley State University*

1005 State University Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

*The Formula for a Legacy:*

# LIFE REFLECTIONS OF DR. CLINTON H. DIXON

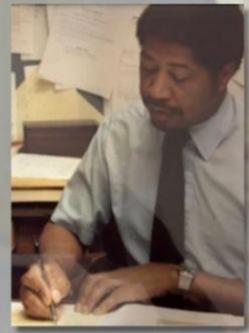
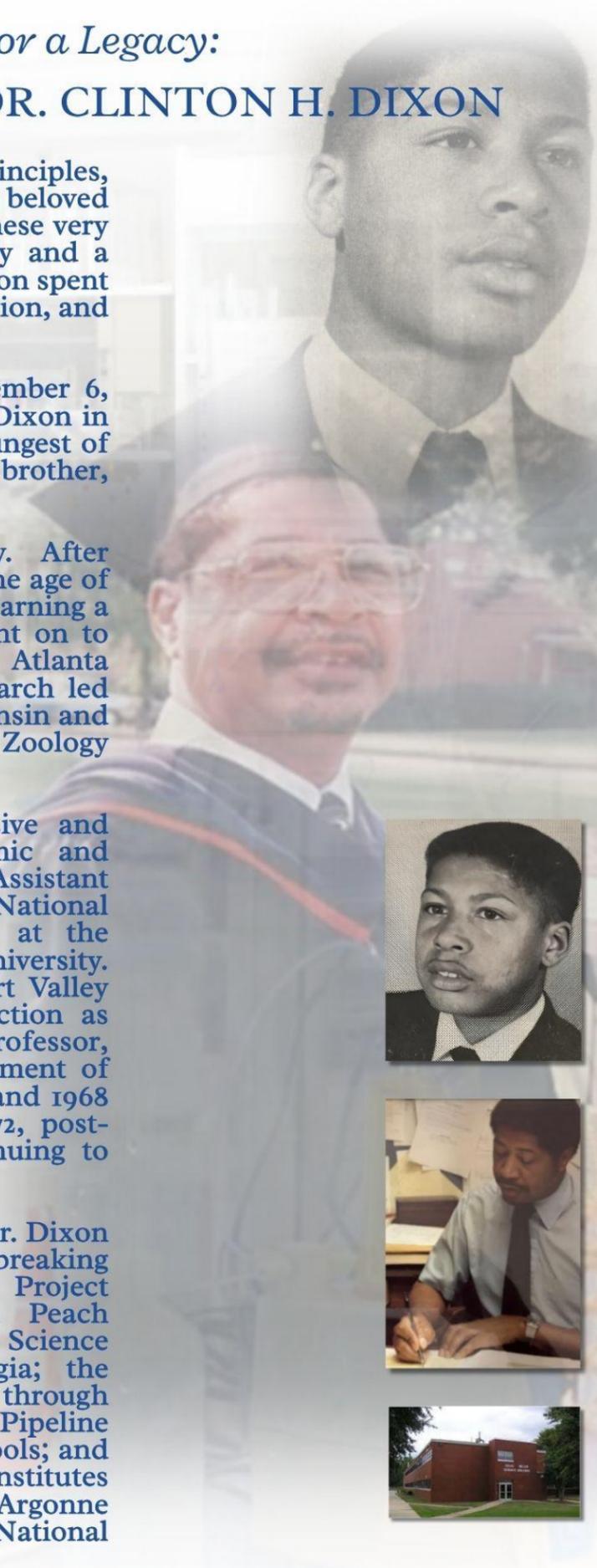
Every good formula starts with a foundation—principles, precision, and passion. Dr. Clinton H. Dixon, a beloved retired science professor, built a life rooted in these very elements. With a mind committed to discovery and a heart devoted to generations of students, Dr. Dixon spent his life pursuing knowledge, championing education, and advancing humanity through the lens of science.

Dr. Clinton Howard Dixon was born on November 6, 1939, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Grady (Georgia) Dixon in Milledgeville, Baldwin County, Georgia. The youngest of three children, he was preceded in death by his brother, Mr. Robert Dixon.

Dr. Dixon's academic journey began early. After graduating from Carver High School in 1955 at the age of fifteen, he enrolled at Fort Valley State College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. He went on to receive a Master of Science in Biology from Atlanta University. His passion for education and research led him to further studies at the University of Wisconsin and Carleton College before earning his Ph.D. in Zoology from Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Dixon's professional journey was expansive and distinguished. He served in various academic and research roles, including Laboratory Teaching Assistant at Morehouse College, Graduate Assistant at the National Science Foundation, and teaching positions at the University of Wisconsin and Oklahoma State University. Eventually, he returned to his alma mater—Fort Valley State University—where he served with distinction as Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, and ultimately, Head of the Department of Biology. He taught for five years between 1963 and 1968 prior to pursuing his doctorate, and from 1972, post-doctorate, until his retirement in 2005, continuing to contribute to the university until 2007.

A pioneer in scientific education and research, Dr. Dixon secured numerous grants and led groundbreaking programs, including the Phelps-Stokes Fund Project surveying healthcare needs in Taylor and Peach Counties; the Robert Wood Johnson Health Science Program via the Medical College of Georgia; the Undergraduate Research Cooperative Program through Georgia State University; the FVSU-MCG Pipeline Collaborative Program with Middle Georgia schools; and the MARS Program, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. He also conducted research at Argonne National Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory.



# The Order of Service

*The Reverends Brian Davy and Dr. Gregory Homer, Officiants*

**Prelude of Hymns**

**Processional  
Clergy and Family**

**Anthems**

*The Reverend Brian Davy  
Rector, St. Luke Episcopal Church*

**Musical Selection  
Mr. Randolph Lindsey**

**The Reading of Holy Scriptures**  
*Old Testament – Psalms 121 – Dr. Woody Freeman*  
*New Testament – 1 Peter 5:10-11 – The Reverend Anthony Thomas*

**The Prayer of Comfort**

**Musical Selection  
Terrance Dixon & Angela Dixon Smith, Cousins**

**Reflections (two minutes, please)**  
*Dr. Isaac Crumbly, Colleague and Friend*  
*Charles Jones, Fraternal Brother*  
*Dr. Ronald Adams, Former Student*  
*Dr. Da'zon Dixon Diallo & Jaire Dixon, Daughter & Grandson*

**Musical Selection  
The Alpha Ensemble**

**Eulogy**

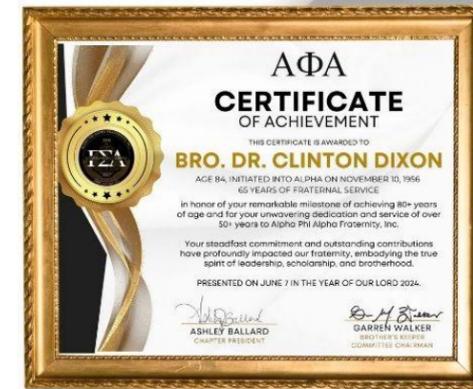
*The Reverend Dr. Dwayne Daniels*  
*Ret. Professor & Chair of Chemistry, Fort Valley State University*  
*Pastor, Beulahland Baptist Church, Cordele, GA*

**Acknowledgements and Resolutions**  
*Mr. Garren M. Walker*  
*28th President, Fort Valley State University*  
*National Alumni Association, Inc.*

**Closing Hymn  
The Alpha Ensemble**

**Recessional**

*The Commendation  
led by The Reverend Brian Davy  
and Committal Services will follow at  
Willow Lake Memorial Gardens*



**AΦΑ ΣΠΦ ΒΚΧ**

Dr. Dixon was a member of countless civic, social, fraternal, academic, and religious organizations. He was a devoted member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., initiated through the Gamma Zeta Chapter on November 10, 1956, and later served in the Gamma Sigma Lambda Chapter. He also held membership in Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Beta Chi Boulé, Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Honor Society, Fort Valley State University National Alumni Association, Inc., National Institute of Science, Organization of Black Scientists, National Association of Minority Medical Educators, and the Georgia Rural Health Association to name only a few.

His commitment to education and mentorship earned him numerous honors, including being named among the Outstanding Educators of America, receiving the Outstanding Teaching Award, and the John W. Davison Outstanding Faculty Award. A two-time Ford Foundation Fellow, Dr. Dixon also served as National President of both the National Institute of Science and Beta Kappa Chi. In 2001, President George W. Bush recognized his lifelong contributions with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. In recognition of his enduring impact, the Fort Valley State University Foundation established the Dr. Clinton H. Dixon Endowment to honor his decades of service.



Dr. Dixon was also a devoted family man. He and his wife, Dr. Virginia J. Dixon, shared more than 60 years of love and partnership. Married on September 9, 1964, they were blessed with three children. Together, the Dixons have made an indelible mark on their community—he in higher education and she as an educator and administrator in the Peach County School System. They were respected pillars of the Fort Valley community and loved by all who knew them.

Dr. Dixon was a faithful member of St. Luke Episcopal Church, where he served as Junior Warden in the Vestry. Even as his health declined, he remained spiritually grounded and supportive of the church's mission.

Dr. Clinton H. Dixon departed this life on July 30, 2025, at the age of 85, after an extended illness. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of 60 years, Dr. Virginia J. Dixon; their children, Dr. Dazon Dixon-Diallo, Chandra Dixon Thomas, M.A., and Dr. Anthony E. Dixon; son-in-law Bruce Thomas; grandsons, Bruce Thomas II, Brach Thomas, Joshua Satchell, and Jaire E. Dixon; great-granddaughter, Kaylei Thomas; sister, Mary Bernice Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, fraternity brothers, mentees, colleagues, relatives, and friends.

Dr. Dixon's formula for life was one of unwavering excellence, boundless generosity, and transformative leadership. His legacy will continue to shape lives for generations to come.



**LOVE IS PATIENT.  
LOVE IS KIND.**  
*1 Corinthians 13:4*