



## Walter Caesar Rush

February 15, 1932 - May 15, 2021

### FUNERAL UPDATE:

"Thank you so much for the prayers. The funeral of Walter C. Rush will be held Wednesday, May 19, at 11 a.m. at Bethel Church of God in Christ, 1800 Parkview Drive, Monroe, LA. Interment will be at Richwood Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Miller Funeral Home, Tuesday, May 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the Shirley and Walter Rush Scholarship Endowment at Georgia Tech. Go to <http://development.gatech.edu> and click on the "GIVE NOW" button. Then in the "Other Designation" Box, fill in "Shirley and Walter Rush Endowment". Continue to keep us in your prayers"

# Cemetery Details

## Richwood Memorial Gardens

2705 Richwood Rd. #2  
Monroe, LA 71202

# Previous Events

## Church Service

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethel COGIC  
1800 Parkview Dr.  
Monroe, LA 71202

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Caesar Rush*

January 30, 2023 at 03:35 AM



“ *Walter Caesar Rush*

January 30, 2023 at 02:22 AM



“ *Walter C. Rush*

*One of the greatest math teachers of all time. Not only was he passionate about math, but he cared that we understood the content. His teachings and the care he had for his students went beyond the four walls of his classroom. He made himself available whenever the need arose. Mr. Rush introduced us to more than foundational math but to critical thinking. Personally, math has played such an integral part of my life and my career, from hand calculating doses for NICU infants (where a decimal point off could mean life or death) to converting numbers for compounding purposes to help formulate medicines for ailing patients. We will be forever grateful to teachers like Mr. Walter Rush who deposited so much more than mathematical concepts into our lives but life lessons that will stand the test of time. Through the students whose lives he touched, his contribution to the world will go on for generations to come. He will truly be missed. May his soul Rest In Peace.*

*Martha Holmes Hegwood  
CHS '69*

**Martha Holmes Hegwood** - May 19, 2021 at 10:13 AM

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*Mr. Rush was a great Math teacher. He wanted his students to be the best that they could be. "Keep trying, you will get it" was his words to me and other students. For ever in our our hearts. RIH Mr. Rush,*

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**Barbara Gilbert Davis CHS' 66** - May 19, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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*Mr. Rush was an excellent educator and role model. He was my homeroom teacher and math teacher. I remember in high school and even after many people would repeat his "Rushisms" and laugh knowingly. He was iconic in our school and city. I remember hearing about him before I even got to high school!*

*Over the many years he taught at Carroll, he touched hundreds of students. Some he inspired to try harder, some he pulled out their inner mathematical genius, and there were probably some who left his class with a headache. When I think of all the ways Mr. Rush impacted me, I think the most important lesson he taught me was that there was a standard and you had to meet or beat it. Where you were from and who your parents were didn't matter. The car your parents drove or the job they had didn't matter. The number of times they came to have a conference with him didn't matter. All that mattered was that you worked hard and met the standard.*

*Many times, our fondest memories are of those who were kindest to us, but I would say that our strongest memories are of those that stretched us, had high expectations of us, and made us see that we could do great things if we tried. Mr. Rush definitely fell into this category for me. I'll never forget him, his stories, or how hard he wrote on that chalkboard.*

*To the best man to ever put chalk to chalkboard at 2939 Renwick, a personal thanks for helping me see what I could be. May God bless your family and may He receive you into His kingdom with open arms.*

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**Roy Sims (CHS class of 1996)** - May 19, 2021 at 11:45 AM

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*Mr. Rush was more than a wonderful teacher who prepared us for the future, he was a mentor whose words were life changing. Always going above and beyond the requirements, he motivated me and many other students to excel far beyond what the world thought of us and what we thought of ourselves. He pushed us to be "excellent".*

*I will never forget the lessons he taught us, not just in math, but about life. As in "We can't overcome if we don't know Math"!*

*Mr. Rush was a major trendsetter. In 9th grade, I remember the terminals being in the back of the class room donated by Southern University! In the 11th and 12th grade, we had a real "computer room" with the new Apple computers, learning Basic and Cobal. Mr. Rush pushed us to be all we could be.*

*My 9th grade year was tough. With both parents deceased, living with my grandmother, I was "passing" his Algebra 1 class. On one test, I made a 100 A. He found me and asked me to come to his class. He shared with me my grade and told me that I hadn't scored that high in his class all year. He said he knew I didn't cheat. So, (in his words), he "looked me up", saying, "Since you don't have parent here, you just need somebody to push you. So, I'm going to push you, push you, push you!"*

*I'm so grateful he did. I know I wouldn't be where I am today without him "pushing me".*

*As an adult, I would tell him how he motivated me. He said "I was doing my job". Well, we all know he was doing much more than his job.*

*Thank you for doing more than your job! We will always love Mr. Rush!*

*Daphne Johnson Fernander (CHS Class of 1986)*

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**Daphne Johnson Fernander** - May 19, 2021 at 04:54 PM

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*My condolences to the Rush family.*

*I am grateful that I was his student and I owe so much to his encouragement.*

*Chondra S Carston (CHS Class of 1988)*

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**Chondra S Carston** - May 26, 2021 at 10:11 PM