

# RENAMING & DEDICATION CEREMONY



John Dove "J.D." Pone Sr.  
Recreation Center

Saturday, March 30, 2019  
10 a.m.

2964 School Road  
Hope Mills, North Carolina



## John Dove "J.D." Pone Sr.

*November 24, 1946 - April 6, 2016*

Mr. John Dove "J.D." Pone Sr. was born November 24, 1946, to the late Richard and Edna Pone. He attended Cumberland County public schools and graduated with honors from Anne Chesnutt High School in 1965. He went on to attend Fayetteville State University for nearly four years before being drafted to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Pone's passion for volunteerism led to his extensive community involvement, which included serving as deputy chief of the Gray's Creek Fire Department Station 24 and as the chaplain for the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association. He was a champion for youth and served with organizations that promote youth development, including the Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, where he served as chairman; the Gray's Creek Youth Association; South View High School band boosters and the Communities United for Youth Development, of which he was one of the founders and a member of the board of directors. He was also involved with the Southeastern Cumberland County Rural Association, Board of Directors of the Gray's Creek Medical Center, Southeastern Interdenominational Singing Union and Gray's Creek Senior Outreach.

Mr. Pone was dedicated to his faith and was a long-time member of Willis Creek A.M.E. Zion Church. He held positions within the church as preacher's steward/chairman of the steward board, church administrator, transportation ministry, musician and a member of the male chorus, gospel and senior choirs. He was also active at the district and conference levels of the church.

On April 6, 2016, Mr. Pone passed away leaving his wife of more than 37 years, Mary; children John "J.R." and Dachia; and grandchildren Jaden, Jameson, Haden and Josiah.

John Dove "J.D." Pone Sr. lived a life of fidelity and service to his family, friends and community. He devoted himself to the Gray's Creek community and thereby the entire citizenry of Cumberland County.



<b>Welcome</b>	Jeannette Council, Chair Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
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<b>Posting of the Colors</b>	Cumberland County Emergency Services Honor Guard
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<b>Invocation</b>	Reverend Selvyn Lindo Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church
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<b>National Anthem</b>	Jared Little, Pone Family Friend
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<b>County Remarks</b>	Jeannette Council, Chair Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
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<b>Community Remarks</b>	Helen Brockett, Vice President & Secretary Gray's Creek Ruritan Club
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<b>Pone Family Remarks</b>	Dachia Pone Davis, Daughter
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<b>Dedication/Benediction</b>	Reverend James E. Davis, III, Son-in-Law
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<b>Plaque Unveiling</b>	Recreation Center Lobby
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<b>Reception</b>	Multipurpose Room
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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Michael Gibson - Director, FCPR

A **special thank you** to the Gray's Creek Ruritan Club  
for providing refreshments for today's reception.