

CLASS OF 2019



Freddie L. Franklin, Sr.

Freddie L. Franklin, Sr. was born 4th of 10 siblings to the late George and Arata Franklin, in the Buckhorn community of Sopchoppy, Florida. His was a family and community where discipline, hard work, honesty and dedication to God and neighbors were a way of life. These attributes set the successful course of Freddie's life.

Freddie graduated from Tallahassee Community College and continued his education at Florida State University. He was appointed by Governor Bob Graham to serve on the Tallahassee Community College Board of trustees, and served 5 years. He was the first graduate from TCC to serve on the Board of Trustees.

After several great jobs, Freddie's visionary, perfectionist, hard-working personality was led by divine intervention into the healthcare arena. He successfully operated Miracle Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for 35 years, and oversaw an expansion of the facility from 15,000 to 74,000 square feet and a doubling of the number of beds. He served a term as President of Florida Health Care Association.

Freddie has served as a Deacon in his church, The Mount Trial Primitive Baptist Church, for 45 years. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Helen, for 47 years. They have 3 awesome adult children and 6 wonderful grandchildren. Freddie is thankful that retirement is another avenue in life to give service to others

Watch the video presented at the 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony of Bill Phelan speaking on behalf of Freddie Franklin, Sr. [HERE](#).