

# **DR. PICKWARD J. BASH, JR.**

Dr. Pickward J. Bash Jr., Class of 1947, has been an anesthesiologist in Westchester County for 50 years.

At White Plains High School Dr. Bash was a top Latin student, a member of the Honor Society and the first President of the school's Fellowship Council, organized to promote friendlier relations between white and African-American students and, according to the 1947 yearbook, "study the cultural backgrounds of both races."

Dr. Bash received a BS from Hamilton College and, when he graduated from the Meharry Medical College in Nashville in 1956, he became the first African-American graduate of White Plains High School to attain a medical degree.

After interning at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, Dr. Bash served two years as a medical officer at the U.S. Navy Training Center in Bainbridge, Maryland, and then returned to Brooklyn for his anesthesiology residency at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

Dr. Bash has been on the staff of Hudson Valley Hospital Center in Cortlandt since 1960. He was Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology from 1968 to 1993 and was President of the Medical Staff for two years. Dr. Bash has also consulted at the V.A. Hospital in Montrose and at Sing Sing Prison Hospital.

Active in professional organizations, Dr. Bash was a member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists for 13 years, a member of the Board of Ethics of the Westchester County Medical Society for 5 two-year terms and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Federation of Anesthesiologists since 1984.

While Dr. Bash was President of the Peekskill Kiwanis Club it partnered with the Peekskill High School Key Club in community service projects.

Dr. Bash's two sisters, Geraldine and Phyllis, and four cousins are all graduates of from White Plains High School.