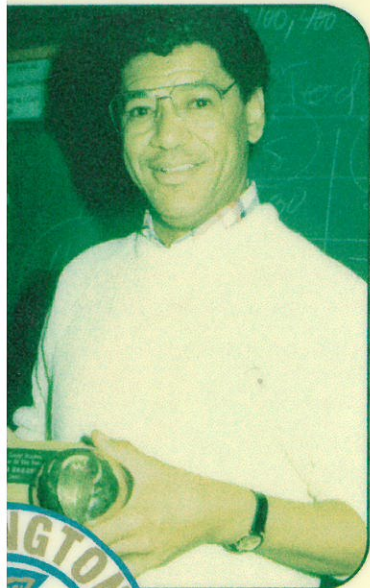


Carter Bradshaw

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2008



Carter Bradshaw (March 25, 1936-March 7, 2007) was a celebrated musician, teacher, actor, and friend who graced the halls of Washington High School with his challenging teaching style, high expectations, quick wit, and generous spirit.

From 1972 to 1998, Mr. Bradshaw taught history, government, and African American studies at WHS, sponsored the Student Senate, and assisted with theatre and show choir productions.

Carter Bradshaw also shared his talents with the community through his involvement in Theatre Cedar Rapids. He starred in productions including *Pippin (Pippin)*, *Big River (Jim)*, *Jesus Christ Superstar (Judas)*, *Cabaret (Master of Ceremonies)*, *Hello Dolly (Louis)*, and *The Wiz (The Wizard)*. He was a featured soloist for the Cedar Rapids Symphony Guild, *Follies* from its inception in 1980, through 2000.

Having received a Bachelor of Arts in education from Virginia State College and a Master's Degree from the University of Iowa, Mr. Bradshaw adroitly combined his academic skills with his God-given talents in the classroom. He was always "on stage", and used his acting skills as a classroom management tool. Former students reading this tribute may recall

rushing to Room 125 to avoid being late to Mr. Bradshaw's class thus incurring his wrath for not having their "happy hips" in their seats when the bell rang. He held his students to high academic and personal standards, because he knew the importance of what he taught to the real lives of his students, because he knew the importance of developing self-discipline, and because he had learned through his own life's journey that there is no reward for mediocrity.

In addition to sharing his considerable talents with the Washington High School community, he also taught Human Relations classes for Grant Wood AEA, and after retirement, became an Adjunct Professor at Coe College, providing multi-cultural educational experiences for student teachers.

Carter Bradshaw was and is revered by his colleagues, students, and friends as an amazingly talented human being. As Carter himself would say, and as we would now all agree- he was "a legend."