



Eric A El-Amin

May 21, 1954 - April 11, 2002

Born in Baltimore, Maryland on May 21, 1954, Imam Eric Ahmad El-Amin was the younger of two sons of Flan and Ruby Couch. He was affectionately known as “Deke” and “Jackie” by many of his friends. Eric was curious, yet physically active at an early age. He continued all his life participating in many and varied activities and programs. While a student in elementary and junior high school, he played Little League baseball. He was a member of his father’s many championship teams, and was an outstanding catcher. At Forest Park High School, he starred in football, basketball, and baseball receiving many awards, some of which included “All State” recognition. Eric received a scholarship to Virginia State University where he lettered in football and baseball. He then transferred to Morgan State University and continued to play baseball and received All-American honors as a catcher. He was the last All American baseball player in Morgan’s history. He was also a key member of Morgan’s Debate Team. It was during this period of time, he accepted Islam under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. As in everything he did, he gave one hundred and fifty percent of himself in an effort to meet the requirements of the faith. After the death of Elijah Muhammad, Eric continued to serve Islam diligently under the leadership of Imam W. Deen Mohammed who was a friend and companion. He served in various leadership capacities over the years and at his death, was a member of the Public Relations staff of the ministry of W.D. Mohammed. He traveled frequently throughout the country and abroad promoting the proper image of Islam. He was a member

of Muslim American delegations that met with Pope John II, Bartholomew I, and Grand Mufti of Syria. Eric possessed an extraordinary ability in relating to people. He was employed in the Dallas, Texas public school system. Upon his return to Baltimore, he was a therapeutic counselor for Baltimore Family Life, then as a community planner for Northwest Baltimore Corporation, and for many years, was the policy advisor to the Baltimore City Health Department, and then Project Manager at the Urban League. He was the recipient of many community and humanitarian awards and also served as a co-host on Morgan State's radio station WEAA, Dialogue With the African Male. His loving and devoted wife, Hanan; son, Ahmed; mother, Ruby, loving brother, Earl; sisters-in-law, Ethelyn, Precious and Donna; brother-in-law, James; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends, will cherish Eric's memory.

Tribute Wall



“ Eric A El-Amin

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“ Healing happens slowly over weeks and months and years and even then, there will be days when memories call fresh tears. A song, a scent, or photograph keeps your heart in touch; with all that you so treasured in the one you miss so much.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##

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“ Dear Ruby and Family, The Fortunes send heartfelt condolences to you in remembrance of Erik. May God Bless and keep you. Love, Marie##imported-begin##Marie K. Fortune##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow. May God continue to give you the strength and courage to see you all through. Candice##imported-begin##Candice Fauntleroy##imported-end##

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“ Hello Mrs. Couch and family. I'm Marie Fortune's daughter. I fondly remember Eric's wonderful sense of humor from our days at Forest Park High School. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Bernice Kinney Coles##imported-end##

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“ I have known Eric since Lemmel jr.high.When I think of those days in Jr. and Sr.High school, he is one of the first people I think of with fond memories.My thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow. Larry D. Morrisey,Sr.Class of 1972##imported-begin##Larry D. Morrisey##imported-end##

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Eric's passing. He and I were colleagues at the Baltimore City Health Department some years ago. I am now retired and live in the State of Maine or would I certainly attend his service. I will be with his friends and family in spirit if not in person. Richard Kelly Vassalboro, Maine##imported-begin##Richard M. Kelly##imported-end##

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“ May our Creator forgive Eric's sins, remove his faults, and grant him The Promised Paradise! I am of the fortunate ones who came to know Eric's great mind, wisdom, and love for goodness and truth. Eric is a wonderful spirit and product of the great leaders throughout mankind, from Adam to Abraham, Jesus to Muhammed, and Harriet to his Mother and "Flan". We proudly continue his work of dedication to the mission of Imam Warith Deen Mohammed, the inheritor of the Creator's plan for Human Excellence, freedom, justice and equality. Eric, your spirit is with the righteous! Peace until the "morning"!##imported-begin##H. Daniel Mujahid##imported-end##

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“ May G'd Bless and strengthen you in this trying and difficult time. Peace Be Unto YOU.##imported-begin##S.A. Shareef##imported-end##

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“ Emily Price Jones HeadStart Staff sends their condolences. Our short work experience with Eric was certainly a pleasant one.##imported-begin##Barbara R. Smith##imported-end##

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“ Dear HaNan, Ahmed and Earl: My prayers are always with you. Please call me at any time time that you need me @ 410-947-7547 or 443- 857-9600. e-mail: mondemetarere@hotmail .com Blessings##imported-begin##Karla M. Wynn##imported-end##

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“ Dear Hanan, I was on the site looking for information for my mom about a service and saw Eric's name. I am saddened to hear of your loss, and pray your peace throughout this storm. I don't know if you remember me, but I worked in the Sinai nursery and you and I had babies in the NICU together. We used to sit and talk a lot. I spoke with Eric several months ago about a project I was involved in at MPT and he told me that you were doing well and still making your beautiful jewelry. I'd love to hear from you. Be blessed.##imported-begin##Deidre Webb##imported-end##

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