



Forrest Truman Akers

February 25, 1950 - November 30, 2015

Quotes From the Library of the Professor

“Our people have made the mistake of confusing the methods with the objectives. As long as we agree on objectives, we should never fall out with each other just because we believe in different methods, or tactics, or strategy. We have to keep in mind at all times that we are not fighting for separation. We are fighting for recognition as free humans in this society.”

—El Hajj Malik El Shabazz

“The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression.”

—W.E.B. Du Bois

“Truth is a continuous examination, and Fact... always supersedes belief.”

—Yosef A.A. Ben-Jochannan

“Dipped in chocolate, bronzed in elegance, enameled with grace, toasted with beauty. My Lord, she’s a black woman.”

—Yosef A.A. Ben-Jochannan

Obituary

Forrest Truman Akers (Abdul Khaliq Wadud/Trudy/Tutty) was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 25, 1950 to Mary I. Torrence and the late John Ellis. He is preceded in death by his stepfather, William Torrence; sister, Saunda Ellis and brother-in-law, Robert Johnson.

Educated in the Indianapolis Public School System, Khaliq graduated from Shortridge High School 1967, received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University in Political Science and Afrikan Art, and went on to complete his Master's in Business Administration from Butler University with a focus on accounting, finance and international business.

Khaliq worked at the United States Postal Service for over 25 years and functioned as a mail handler, union steward and finally as an accountant before his retirement in 2005.

He served in the Military as a communication specialist in the United States Force.

Khaliq was an avid reader, and loved playing chess, listening to Afrikan improvisational music (jazz). He also enjoyed bike riding, basketball and billiards. As an Afrikan Nationalist, he was also known in the community as the "Professor" due to his extensive knowledge of Afrikan History, politics and art; if you asked him a question on a topic...get ready for a mini lecturette because he loved sharing information and challenging people to think! Aside from the saying, "by any means necessary," one of his favorite quotes by El Hajj Malik El Shabazz was: "Of all of our studies, history is best qualified to reward our research." Highly respected for his wisdom, perspective and input, he was a member of "We the People", a study group whose membership comprise part of our extended family here in Richmond for over 23 years. He was also a founding member of the Alkebulan Society, For the People and the Richmond Kwanzaa Kollektive, organizations dedicated to offering a platform for educating and maintaining African heritage and history.

He leaves to mourn wife, Florence Naima Wares-Akers, daughter, Kito Nzingha; mother Mrs. Mary I. Torrence; sisters, Karen L. Akers, Theresa

Wright (Al), Dora Johnson, Felecia Howells, Audrey Taylor (John), Carol Torrence (Johnnie), and Lee Ann Fornley (Gil); brothers, Calvin Torrence and Carl Torrence; and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Forrest Truman Akers*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Nana Naima & Sister Kito,*

You two African women set the bar extremely high for service to family during a time of illness. Your service to Baba Khaliq during his health struggles is beyond compare. You showed how much you loved him by your actions not just words. Baba Khaliq made a tremendous contribution to African people and to me personally. May his name be called out in perpetuity by our future generations. Asante Sana for sharing him with us!

King Salim Khalfani

King Salim Khalfani - December 12, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ *To Florence and Nzingha,*

Very saddened to hear of the loss of your husband and father, Khaliq. Please accept my dearest and sincere condolences. I read of Khaliq's passing this morning in the morning paper. I have a card on the way, but wanted you to know that I immediately whispered a prayer on your behalf. May God bless and keep you. Please extend this thought to his sister, Theresa and husband Al.

*Love,
Mary Abdullah*

Mary. Abdullah - December 10, 2015 at 06:05 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Baba Khaliq and Mama Naima...Baba Khaliq was a beautiful soul that inspired me to embrace who I truly am. And for that I will forever be thankful. I pray for the strength and comfort of his family during these times.

Randolph Harmon (Hakim) - December 04, 2015 at 05:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Forrest Truman Akers.



December 04, 2015 at 11:43 AM

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“ Love Strength and Blessings to the family may Allah Bless his journey and the Ancestors welcome our brother with open arms. Salute

Queen Zakia Shabazz - December 04, 2015 at 11:36 AM

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“ Greetings & Hotep Mama Naima & Akers Family! Everything has probably already been said, but I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. "May The Ancestors be pleased" as they welcome him HOME! Well done, my Brother, well done. Peace & Blessings. MUCH love.

REE-SPECT,
Queen Nzinga

Queen Nzinga aka Sista Janet - December 03, 2015 at 10:02 PM

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“ truly saddened by this. only had the opportunity to spend a weekend with him and Mama Naima but there are only good memories. i remember being treated like an honored guest at their house (both are the kind of people who reflect the traditional Afrikan value of generosity and communality, expressed best by those who would give their all without expectation of return. i remember the chess games, the slides shown from the Motherland, the wares displayed on the floor, an endless collection of albums, the scrumptious food and the easy sense of family and community there. as i said, nothing but good memories and memories to last a lifetime of people who you wished you had made the time to get better. so, i'm definitely sorry to hear about this. please extend our sincerest condolences to the family..

Mwalimu K. Bomani Baruti - December 03, 2015 at 01:55 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 01, 2015 at 03:39 PM