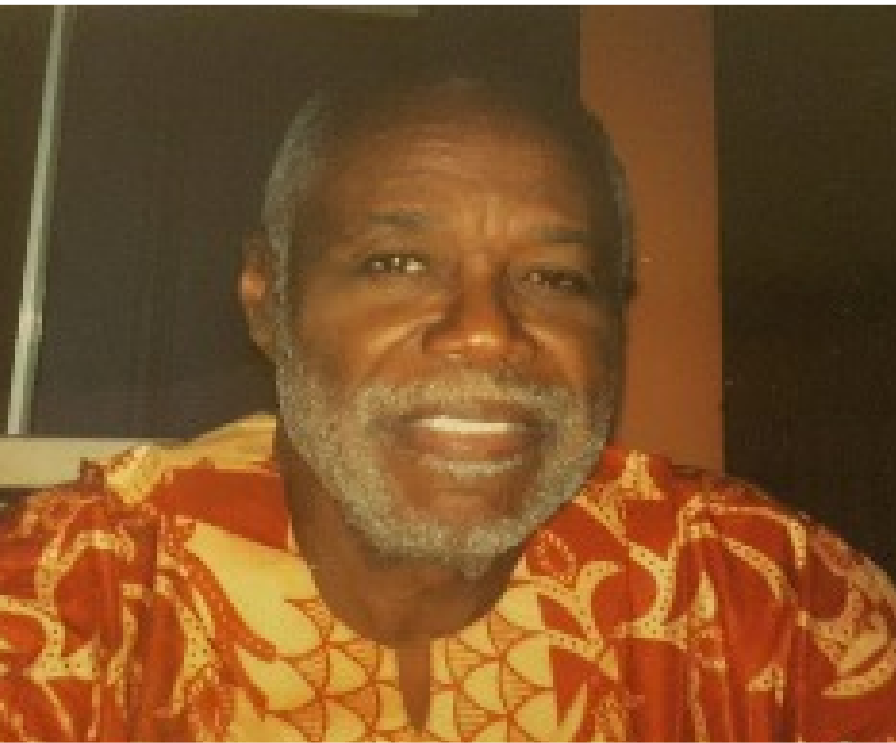


*Celebrating the Life of
James Stedman "INUNI" Aaron*

July 14, 1936 – December 20, 2017



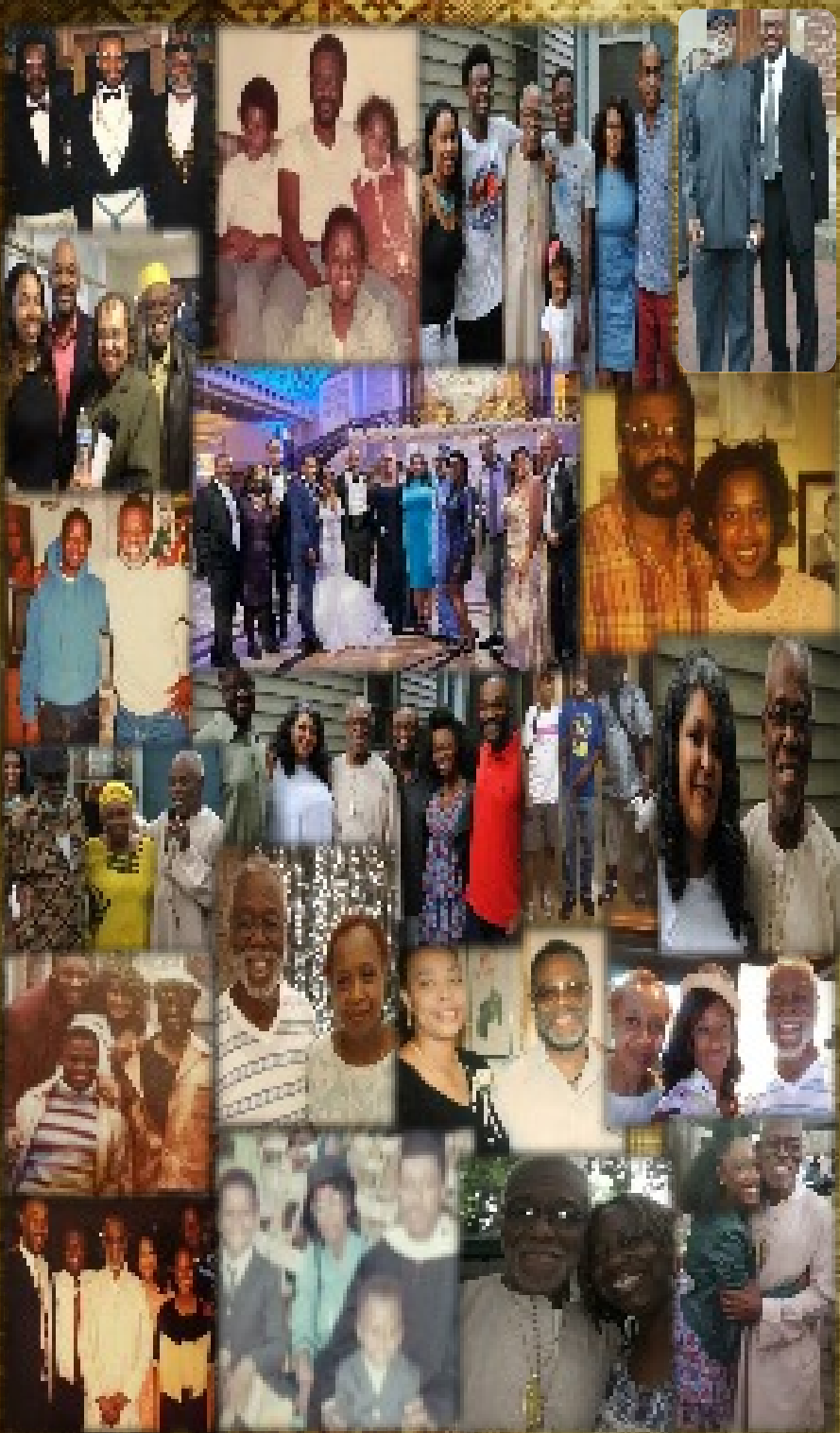
Service:

Thursday, December 28, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Trust Graham – Celebrant



Reflections on the Life of an Afrikan King

James Stedman "INUNI" Aaron was born on July 14, 1936 to Cyril and Ruby Aaron of Georgetown, Guyana, South America. Stedman attended St. Stephens Anglican Primary School and Washington High School. He also attended the Day Commercial School where he studied shorthand, typing and bookkeeping. After completing his formal education, he became a journalist for the Daily Chronicle (the local newspaper) and then subsequently joined the Guyanese Civil Service as a Court Reporter.

Stedman met and married Jeanette McCrae in 1961. They were married for eleven years. Their union produced three children, Matthew, Malcolm and Sharon. Stedman wanted more for his family so he migrated to the United States in 1962 for better opportunities. He attended Howard University, in Washington D.C. and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Upon his graduation from Howard, he relocated to New Jersey to attend Rutgers University attaining a Master's degree in Finance.

Stedman's professional career began with Prudential Insurance Company where he met Cecile Berry and the two shared a son, Taharqa. In 1975 he met Leonie Hendricks and in 1984 they married. From this union they had Rkhty. Stedman served as a loan officer for the State of New Jersey, The Urban League and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). He worked as a loan officer for SBA for over 15 years. Stedman was recognized with many awards including a special award in 1994 for his work helping the disaster victims from the Northridge Earthquake in Los Angeles, California. He remained with the SBA until his retirement in 2005.

INUNI, as he was affectionately called, founded the community organization, Afrikan Echoes in 1981. In the beginning the organization met for lectures in his home and as the membership grew they utilized various locations to accommodate the growing interest.

“African Echoes George E. Simmonds Legacy Group Is an organization that is dedicated to the restoration And maintenance of the culture, tradition and history Of Afrikan people at home and abroad. Our primary focus is to stimulate, educate and serve our communities by providing alternative educational and cultural outlets that are steeped in Afrikan values, Afrikan principles and most of all African World View. To maintain our sense of equilibrium and principle we use an ancient concept called Maat. (truth, justice, righteousness and balance) it provides for us the grounding force of morality, integrity and ethics and represents the corner stone of ones character and personality and our relationship to the world. In short We see ourselves as the custodians of Afrikan consciousness and culture protector of principle and personality and servants of and for Afrikan people.”

INUNI was creative, well versed in history, politics and he loved to travel. His extensive travels have taken him to every continent with the exception of the Arctica’s. Wherever INUNI traveled, he studied the impact of his Afrikan ancestors. He was also known for his strict holistic lifestyle and often shared his practices with his family and friends. The most notable thing about INUNI was the impact he had on anyone he crossed paths with. He had a strong conviction that family, friends and community were essential to living a full life. INUNI touched the lives of many, mentored all that sought guidance and left a legacy for us to continue. He was a man of character who believed in always doing the RIGHT thing and setting an example for his children, grandchildren and community.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-three years, Leonie, his younger brother Noel, his children; Matthew (Gina), Malcolm (Monique), Sharon Tyree (Al), Taharqa Berry and Rkhty, his grandchildren; Aliyah Gatlin (Husain), Nicole McCrae, Matthew Jr., James, and Malcolm Jr., his great grand-daughter; Makalya, nieces, nephews, cousins, his Afrikan Echoes family and a host of many other dear relatives and friends.

“One thing is certain, the rest is lies, a flower that once blooms forever dies.”

Order of Service

Drum Procession

Opening: Prayer and Reading

The Fourth of July - Frederick Douglas

A Poem

Obituary

INUNI's Five Quotes

Dance Selection

Personal Reflections

Eulogy

Closing Prayer



INTERMENT

Fairmont Cemetery

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Repast

Good Neighbor Baptist Church
100 Chancellor Ave Newark, NJ 07112



Pallbearers

Afrikan Echoes Brothers

Acknowledgement

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Beth Israel Hospital Staff

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Personal Acupuncturist, Brian Nicholas

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