Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

December 14, 1948 - April 17, 2015

GANGES, Mr. Tendaji Wasifu - Age 66, passed away Friday, April 17, 2015 at his residence. Memorial Service will commence from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd. Pastor Marvin A. Jennings Sr. officiating. After which Mr. Ganges will be taken to Hughes Funeral Home, 324 Belleville Ave., Trenton, NJ 08618 (609) 599-9006 fax (609) 695-2072. Mr. Ganges will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. There will be no public viewing.

Originally born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey, to the late Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sr. and Helen (Mann) Ganges. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges made his transition from this life on Friday, April 17, 2015 at his residence in Flint, Michigan. During his younger years he enjoyed playing sports and the outdoors. He graduated from Trenton Central High School, completed the Upward Bound Program at Princeton University, earned his Bachelors at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH, and his Masters at Newark State College in Union New Jersey.

Prior to retiring in September of 2014, he dedicated over 40 years of his life to pre-college and college level students by serving as a mentor, teacher, consultant, senior level administrator, and various other roles. He served on numerous professional and community boards and committees including, but

not limited to the Board of Directors of The Urban League of Greater Flint, membership on the Flint Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Task Force, the Flint Community Action Group, the Flint Community Leadership Summit and Planning Group, 100 Black Men of Flint, the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of the Board of Trustees for Antioch College and innumerable others. Prior to retirement he most recently spent almost 20 years as the Executive Director of the Office of Educational Opportunities Initiatives and the Assistant to the Provost at the University of Michigan-Flint.

He was preceded in death by his parents, several uncles, aunts, and cousins. He is survived by: brothers, Larry and Kelly Ganges both of Trenton, NJ, 3 adult children; Mikul-Neno Ganges, Yosef Ganges, Ayanna Ganges Burns, 4 granddaughters; Layla, Zora, Annaya, and Kaliah, and other family members and friends.

A Memorial in Celebration of his life will be held at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd. Flint, MI on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 3 pm until 6 pm followed by light refreshments until 7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of the following organizations: The newly established UM Flint scholarship in honor of Tendaji W. Ganges, Scholarship for The Urban League of Flint-Black Scholars Program, or Antioch College for the establishment of a scholarship in honor of Tendaji W. Ganges

A funeral service and burial will take place on Tuesday, April 28 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton, New Jersey. Arrangements are entrusted to Hughes Funeral Home, where he will be laid to rest with family who preceded him.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church
3502 Lapeer Rd.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall

Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

VS

Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Valerie Southall - April 26, 2015 at 10:10 PM

AM

Tendaji was a well-known advocate for students - he will surely be missed. Although he left U of M Flint, he continued his efforts to provide access to a college education for under-represented groups. Our community has lost a great friend and leader! Angela M. Reeves, Ed.D, L.P.C, M.S.W.

Angela M. Reeves, Ed.D, L.P.C, M.S,W. - April 23, 2015 at 09:50 AM

ME

Mary A. Bowen, Esq. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Mary A. Bowen, Esq. - April 23, 2015 at 08:58 AM

ME

As a pillar of this generation, you will be greatly missed. I'll never forget our dialogues during my tenure at EOI, conversations about my activism in the community and rabble rousing in a good way. I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank you for the impact you've had in my life, especially your "gentle nudge" to continue my pursuit of a law degree. Your words of encouragement, passion for the greater Flint community, will echo for years to come. May your legacy continue through the lives of the students you've touched over the past 20 years.

Mary A. Bowen, Esq. - April 23, 2015 at 08:57 AM

Jeff Bean

Tendaji spoke the truth. That is, unfortunately, a rare thing in today's culture. But he refused to apologize for making people uncomfortable if pointing out reality made you uncomfortable. I admired him for his courage and his vision, but, most importantly, for the fact that love powered those things. He did what he did because he cared in an enormous way. Few people will ever know what it is to love at large in the way that he did. I will like the world a little less without him in it.

Jeff Bean - April 23, 2015 at 08:16 AM

AD

Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire family! He was a great community and social justice activist! A freedom fighter in his own rights!

AC Dumas - April 23, 2015 at 07:54 AM

I curiously looked up the meaning of the name "Tendaji".. I came to learn it means.."makes things happen"... How appropriate. Tendaji I love you and I will never forget the life's lessons that you imparted.

D. Eric Walker

D Eric Walker - April 22, 2015 at 09:17 PM

RG

Ricky And Sandra Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Ricky and Sandra Greene - April 22, 2015 at 08:44 PM

GM

We were on various programs together, and on the last occasion we were together, I spoke first, and he told me, laughingly, as he passed by me, on his way to podium, "George, you are always messing up," referring to our different view of various aspects of history, which we often talked about, especially as it relates to the history of ancient Egypt. We both enjoyed those sessions, and I will always remember fondly those talks, and our time in Nigeria together. This man was a giant, an intellectual, well-read, and well-spoken, a true light in the community.

Tendagi Ganges will most definitely be missed.

George Moss - April 22, 2015 at 03:22 PM

CR

I now reflect even the more to your pictures and can hear your voice of wisdom with most of the time I had no retort so I just let the living words sink in my spirit. How I would badger you about having your own broadcast in my segment because millions needed to be blessed by you not just the hundreds of thousands of lives that you touch everyday....

The words of the wisest man I know.....

Carolyn Randolph-Witcher - April 22, 2015 at 03:05 PM

SG

Shalonda Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Shalonda Griffin - April 22, 2015 at 01:43 PM

AN

To the family of tendsji w. Ganges we have truly lost a Sprint filled person a person so willing to always share his knowledge with youth .he will be Missed greatly tendaji ganges shared so much with our youth we at vernon chapel a.m.e.church

ann newman - April 22, 2015 at 08:11 PM

VH

Tendaj, I will miss the enthusiasm you shared (U/M, Kettering)! Pre-college will never be the same. Those long meeting were so worth it. Miss you my friend.

Virginia Hill, Kettering University

Virginia Hill - April 22, 2015 at 01:32 PM

DJ

Dawn Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Dawn Jones - April 22, 2015 at 09:06 AM

SB

Sharon Brownlee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Sharon Brownlee - April 21, 2015 at 08:19 PM

SB

I had the honor of meeting this wonderful soul during a travel abroad trip. Mr.Tendaji Ganges was such great man will be missed by many. My condolences and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Sharon Brownlee - April 21, 2015 at 08:25 PM

CP

Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Carmen Patterson - April 21, 2015 at 03:57 PM

TL

I had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with Mr. Ganges in 2013, he was a very remarkable and knowledge man. My Prayers are with his family at this time.

T. Lewis - April 21, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JL

Jon'Tise Samuels Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Jon'Tise Samuels Lewis - April 21, 2015 at 03:18 PM

VI

Vincent Isom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Vincent Isom - April 21, 2015 at 02:56 PM

GH

Gwendolyn Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Gwendolyn Holmes - April 21, 2015 at 01:20 PM

TJ

Tendaji was the sounding board of my professional career. He made certain to teach me never to settle. Always go for the best and to the top. He is one of the reasons I continue to work in education. To be missed.

Tiffany Jennings - April 21, 2015 at 01:16 PM

SW

Mr Ganges will be greatly missed at our neighborhood meetings.He always had good suggestions on what we should do. May the family be comforted by Jesus. Neighbor Sandra WILLIAMS

Sandra Williams - April 21, 2015 at 11:34 AM

TH

Taura Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Taura Howard - April 21, 2015 at 09:58 AM

PM

Pat Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Pat Moore - April 20, 2015 at 09:46 PM

AI

African American Inspiration - The New 1420AM WFLT will continue the LEGACY you taught us so much about. You will always be our FRIEND and Brother. Live in the Sunshine. Bettye Hendricks to our Co-Host Mr. Tendaji W. Ganges Thank You!!

African American Inspiration - April 20, 2015 at 08:27 PM

GB

Gail Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Gail Bowman - April 20, 2015 at 05:33 PM

PS

I remember Tendaji as a true and dauntless advocate for educational opportunity. His efforts helped many students and professionals realize their dreams. His legacy will live forever.

Patrick D. Smith - April 20, 2015 at 11:58 AM

JF

Janice Womack & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Janice Womack & Family - April 20, 2015 at 11:53 AM

PS

Patrick D. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Patrick D. Smith - April 20, 2015 at 11:43 AM

DS

Danielle Sample lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Danielle Sample - April 20, 2015 at 09:48 AM

LB

Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Lynn Barbee - April 20, 2015 at 08:53 AM

LB

Lynise Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Lynise Barbee - April 20, 2015 at 08:52 AM

BB

Barbara And Scott Bassett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Barbara and Scott Bassett - April 20, 2015 at 04:23 AM

HR

Hubert And Debra (Davis) Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Hubert and Debra (Davis) Roberts - April 19, 2015 at 04:33 PM

SH

Sheri Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Sheri Hawkins - April 19, 2015 at 02:04 PM

TP

Teneya Parrish lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Teneya Parrish - April 18, 2015 at 07:51 PM

LC

Loria Corder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Loria Corder - April 18, 2015 at 06:31 PM

BM

Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tendaji Wasifu Ganges

Barbara Moore - April 18, 2015 at 01:48 PM

It never ceases to amaze me that software systems like "Linked-In and Facebook refuse the recognize the death of a trusted friend and colleague in the world of Cyberspace.

E. Daniel Ayres - January 20, 2016 at 10:35 AM