



Dr. Robert J. * Cummings

December 22, 1940 - April 7, 2007

Dr. Robert J. Cummings, Professor of African Studies Howard University

On Saturday, April 7, 2007 of Silver Spring, MD. Cherishing his memory are his wife, Melbourne Cummings; his sons Samori Cummings wife, Shelley and Samir Cummings; his aunt who raised him, Ella Mae Jones; his brother E.B. Cummings Diane; his birth mother, Lilliar McHome; his cousin and close friend, Alberta Mosley; other siblings, Charlie B. Gilmore, Alvin Toliver, Foster McHome, David L. McHome, Oscar McHome, Annie Mae Cummings, Bertha Bryant, Annie Lavinia Williams and his extended family, many friends, colleagues and students.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Professor Robert J. Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Howard University Department of African Studies.

To send a lasting tribute or condolences to the Cummings family, please sign the Online Guestbook below. Click "Sign Guestbook".

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Robert J. * Cummings*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Thank the Lord for Google. I found my cousin Robert decades ago when he was dept chair of Africana Studies and his wife Melbourne was dean. They were away when I got to campus.*

With the passing of their dad and my mom- they are first cousin through the Sneads, JacksonCounty, FL Nicholson branch. My sister, BJ is a Howard alumn, but she lost connections to both E.B,s & Robert because she lived abroad as did I and so many of this branch of the family.

My heart bleeds for my cousin and his family and me for losing each other in this family unfriendly world. We are farflung— even if we actually live in the U.S. May he rest in peace and his family find comfort. Iman Reed Abd Al-Quddus dtr of Emmitt Reed (Tallahassee) & Lola Nicholson Reed (dtr of Henry & Etta Nicholson of Sneads, Fl—> Tallahassee.)

iman Reed Abd Al-Quddus - November 08, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *##imported-begin##david I mchome##imported-end##*

January 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy on the passing of a great and wonderful human being.##imported-begin##Delia Carter##imported-end##*

May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Cummings Family:
I was sorry to learn of the homegoing of Dr. Cummings. However, I rejoice in knowing that he has gone to a better place. I hope you will find comfort in Isaiah 57:1-2. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, your loved one has found rest, comfort, and peace in the Father's arms. God bless each of you. My family and I continue to pray for you and with you.*

Sincerely yours:

Mrs. Ann C. Brown and family

formerly of HU, Wash., DC

Richmond, VA##imported-begin##A. C. Brown##imported-end##

April 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS FAITHFUL ONE PSALM 116:15*

We are with you lifting you up to the throne of God at this difficult time. May our good Savior grant the family of Dr J.Cunmmings and the entire Church that comfort, strength and peace that surpasses all human understanding.

May God continue blessing you.

Love from,

Susan.##imported-begin##Susan Ngando##imported-end##

April 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Know that my prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

Dolores Cummings##imported-begin##Dolores Cummings##imported-end##

April 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry to hear about the death of your father. May the lord be with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Anthony McDaniel##imported-end##

April 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish you strength and comfort at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Betty J. Goodwin##imported-end##

April 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My family and I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to have interacted with Dr. Robert "Bob" Cummings during his lifetime. Lessons that we learned from his unselfish free spirit will never be forgotten.
Mel, Samori & Shelly, and Samir you will always be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Dorothy Morgan-Quelch##imported-end##

April 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear about the death of your father. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##George & Jahleel Evans##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and condolences are with you. The memories of Bob will be with me forever,our singing together in Perry,Fla.##imported-begin##Benny Goodman##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to Melbourne, the Cummings family, extended family and friends. Our loving brother in Christ shall be missed and never forgotten.##imported-begin##Loyce I. Grigsby, Asher Family##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Feeling numb, words are inadequate - But I trust God to allow us to continue Bob's extremely wonderful legacy of TEACHING! While missing him - his values, his energy, and yes his glorious smile and spirit - the love and gratitude of having known him will remain forever.*

As I continue to grow my spiritual relationships, know that your family member, Dr. Robert J Cummings, has had a most powerful influence in my growth as well as my life.

Love to you - Mel and the entire family,

Penny J. Polk

TPCBC##imported-begin##Penny J. Polk##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mel, Samori, and Samir - with our love and deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Mary C. & Kim Watters##imported-end##*

April 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

Rev. Lee & Norma McClain & Whitney##imported-begin##Lee and Norma McClain & Whitney##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Mel, Samir and Samori. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

With love,

Dorrett Henry##imported-begin##Dorrett Carroll Henry##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you although we cannot be with you in person to celebrate the life of Uncle Bob. We pray that God will comfort you and keep you in His loving care. We love you all.

Your nephew and neices,

Tony, Cheri, Tierra Amira & Tiffani Amara Willoughby##imported-begin##The Willoughby Family##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ These words of sympathy are sent with prayers.
May your hearts soon be filled with cherished memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well-lived.##imported-begin##Robyn Iglehart and family##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God be with you and your family during your hour of sorrow. Wish we could be with you, but our work prevent us from coming. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Oliver & Blanche Washington##imported-end##*

April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM