

Aisha M. Fraser Testimony

It was the Roman Philosopher Seneca who said; “Death is the day that will judge all our past years” Aisha M. Fraser (her preferred name after the divorce) packed more “life” into 45 years than most have done in 80. I know...I was there. She was born the year Jean and I was married...45 years ago. Little did we know now, what a wedding gift that would turn out to be.

Raised and nurtured by a father (my brother Eddie) who was stern but fair, conscious and woke and modeled old school values and work ethic. Aisha got that beautiful “Mocha” color from her Dad and those beautiful eyes and mouth from her Mom Millicent.

Mom Millicent was a “force of nature”; strong on character, trustworthiness and service. Mom provided Aisha with a solid spiritual background at Lane Metropolitan Church and every extracurricular activity she could get Aisha involved in at Shaker Schools. One of the key lessons they taught her was the patience and empathy that came with effective listening. The lesson was simple: “the same letters are in “silent and in listen”.

Aisha’s name was inspired by the great Stevie Wonder hit of the day “Isn’t She Lovely”. It means “she who lives”, and boy did she live life to the fullest, every minute every day. Aisha imparted hope on others, she was “goodness” personified. She was a servant leader. She knew who she was and to whom she was... “She mattered”.

Aisha was like a beautiful chameleon; she had many looks;

- The look of a “doting Mom” to her two girls
- The look of a concerned but loving teacher
- The look of an effective and charismatic leader and
- The look of a powerfully built ballerina

Everywhere I traveled around the country to give a speech I would meet her FAMU alumni friends...and they would ask me “Are you Aisha Fraser’s Uncle?” I would proudly say yes! And they would reply in such a way that implied: “Well aren’t you a lucky guy”.

Aisha had a great sense of humor. I remember once we were having a discussion at the time, I was trying to decide between 2 honorary fraternity offers (Alpha’s and Phi Beta’s) I was considering. Aisha suggested I try joining the Delta’s first in preparation before joining the Alpha’s (smile). We both laughed, I told her I would need gender reassignment surgery first, but my lovely wife of 35 years would veto that! She replied, “would you like for me to talk to Aunt Jean?” I said “NO”.

It is my sincere belief, and Aisha is a model of this final thought: Be Good to People. You will be remembered more for your kindness than any level of success you could possible attain.

Please support Aisha’s daughters, Audrey & Ava, by passing this important law in her name. Aisha’s spirit, family, friends and community would so honored and it will most certainly help countless abused women for generations to come.

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