



Ahsan Norman Akmal

March 24, 1951 - August 10, 2020

Ahsan 'Norman' Akmal was born in Los Angeles, California on March 24, 1951 to Ahsan and Vilma Akmal.

The family lived in Watts, California for the first eight years of his life until they purchased a home and moved to Compton, California in 1960. He attended Caldwell Street Elementary school, Walton Junior High school and graduated from Compton High School in 1969. As a young adult he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. In his early 20s, he worked as a carpenter's apprentice learning his craft and later becoming a supervisor. He ended his carpenter career and became a journeyman rigger, working on several high-rise buildings in the downtown Los Angeles skyline.

He married the love of his life, Emma, in January of 1983 and was a wonderful husband and stepfather. He was loved and welcomed by Emma's many sisters and family members. The couple purchased a home together in Moreno Valley, California and that is where he resided until his passing. Norman loved life! All throughout Norman's life he loved animals. He and his wife Emma would take care of stray animals and nurse them back to health and try to find them a home. At one time, he had both a fresh and saltwater fish tank. He was an avid fisherman and loved to fish! In the early 70s, he purchased a boat and looked forward to the weekend so he could go fishing. His voice was boisterous and he laughed all the time. Norman was "the life of the party" and when he would do his famous "Hip Walk" he would have everyone falling out laughing! He was so much fun to be around, was loved by so many and will be missed greatly.

Ahsan Norman Akmal is survived by his loving wife Emma Akmal, daughter Alisha Akmal (Sharif), step-daughters: Kendra Luna and Trecia Thompson-Reeves, son: Darryl Akmal, grandson: Kazi Rahim, sisters: Deborah Ellis, Sheila Akmal-Johnson, Sahmia Akmal, brothers: Ahsan Ali Akmal, Patrick Mathis, Rasool Akmal, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by his step-daughter Deborah Morris, his sisters Gloria Jean Akmal, Tahara Akmal Briscoe and brothers Saeed Akmal, Adama Abu Akmal. He was

also predeceased by his parents Vilma Lee Akmal and Ahsan Ali Akmal.

Events

AUG Visitation

02:00PM

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Miller-Jones Mortuary and Crematory -Moreno Valley

23618 Sunnymead Blvd, Moreno Valley, CA, US, 92553

Comments



“ Uncle Norman, I was waiting for your trip back to visit us. You were always so kind and welcoming. I know Cedric always enjoyed conversations with you and your great hospitality. Ever since I can remember, there was no mention of Aunt Emma without hearing Uncle Norman. You have always been a part of our lives and will truly be missed.

I know your spirit will watch over all of us as we continue to appreciate the time we got to spend with you and as we reflect on the time we should have had. Rest peacefully uncle Norman and know your time here was not in vain. Love Marlena, Cedric, Ian and CJ.

Marlena Goree - August 19, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Uncle Norman, my heart has been broken since the moment I learned about what happened. You have been in my life since as long as I can remember. Always so full of love and life and the longest, consistent male figure in my life. Just thinking about how you loved us all so fiercely, how much you gave, the kindness you showed. It's all too much for me Uncle Norman to know I will never hear your laugh or voice again. It just doesn't seem fair. I am going to miss you terribly and I wish that we had more time. I wanted Zach to grow up knowing you; I know you would have loved to teach him chess. And although I know you are resting in eternal peace, I just wish we could have had you a little longer on this earth. There will never be enough words to convey how much you mean to me. Thank you Uncle Norman for being a place of love and refuge for me my entire life. Thank you for the random texts that made me smile. Thank you for being a good man, and for always making me feel special. Thank you for making the holidays special and loving each of us in a way that made us feel special. You always would call me your "favorite niece" and you were my favorite uncle. Nothing will ever change that. Our bond meant so much to me and it's unbreakable. I am going to miss you terribly so for right now I won't say goodbye but see you later. Don't worry about Aunt Emma, I'll be sure to look after her. I love you Uncle Norman.

LeShawn Simplis-Barnes - August 18, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ahsan Norman Akmal.



August 16, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Love and miss you so much . Seeing you pictured here next to the word “mortuary” still doesn’t sit with me right. This is still such a shocking thing for me and will take some time getting used to. I was always looking forward to seeing you every Single holiday and even the times when I would come out there by myself just to hang out (I also knew you and aunt Emma would feed me until I was beyond full haha) . No one knows until now but other than me coming out there to escape the city here and there, in my adulthood you and aunt Emma would let me bring girls out there to stay and get away from LA when I had no where to go I miss us talking s*** all the time to each other about who was better in darts. That was our game. I miss everything about you Unc. You and aunt Emma’s house was my entire childhood. So many memories made there and so much time I had to enjoy your presence here on earth . I’m thankful for it, as we all continue to live now with this, it’s important to celebrate and embrace everything you had to offer. All the times you made us laugh and heal pain you never knew we may have had, All the times of you being welcoming to your home and treating our family with such kindness. Forever in my heart and you were a huge supporter of my New career in music and I’m going to you proud like we talked about. I wish you were to see it unfold but I know your now watching over my journey from above. Continue to guide us all on the right path and give us strength. Love you forever . Rest In Paradise 🙏

Kahlil Simplis - August 15, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ DS

Darlene Simplis

14 minutes ago

God, what can I say. I have so many wonderful memories of you. We spent just about all the holidays together, and Thanksgiving and Christmas will never be the same without you. Our birthdays were also 2 days apart, and we sometimes celebrated those together as well. You've been such a huge and important part of the Simplis family, and was a father figure to Olin and Karim and grandfather to Kahlil. I thank you so much and hope you know how grateful I am for that. I remember a particular summer they spent with you and Emma when they were little boys. When they came home at the end of that summer, they were like little butterballs — they'd each gained about 15 lbs each! This was from all the huge meals you had cooked for them all summer, including several sacks of potatoes in hash browns made with a machine you had just bought that summer.

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Darlene Simplis - August 15, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ Hard to believe our beloved Norman has passed on. He has been so much a part of my life since I met Stephanie in 2009. Whenever we would get together, which was quite often, he would always greet me with that genial smile and call me brother Mark. And he meant it. Family was all important to him. He was always there for everyone, sharing whatever he had. There was no guile in the man. He was the real deal. You got exactly what he was thinking. He was a happy guy and he made people happy who were around him. Who can forget his loud laugh and booming voice at family get-togethers? He was always so happy to be around those he loved. He will be so missed by me and by so many others whose lives he touched. It isn't fair that his time came so suddenly and we didn't have the opportunity to express these thoughts to him directly. But I know that he knew we loved him the same way he loved us. He will live on in our hearts and memories until our last days. Goodbye my brother. Sleep in peace.

Mark Farley - August 15, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ Norm: Words can't express how heartbroken I am. I will miss you telling me that I was your favorite sister-in-law (to learn that you said that to the others too) and all the little chatter that we would have. Few days before you left us we had a wonderful conversation on the phone. Afterwards you texted me a bunch of pink rose, a yellow butterfly and you wrote "Love You Dearly Stephanie". I know your time was too short on earth but what a lovely way that I will forever remember you. SIP my dear brother.

Stephanie - August 15, 2020 at 05:57 PM



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Darlene Simplis - August 15, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ I usually have a multitude of words to put into sentences.. However, I've been in such denial of your sudden tragedy that words are hard to express adequately how I feel.. Firstly, thank you for being such a wonderful, descent human being! From the moment I met you, you have remained very loyal and dedicated to those you love! I remember visiting with you and my beloved sister Emma during the time of dad's surgery.. Your hospitality remains unmatched because it was real, you wanted us there and your actions exemplified just that! I can recall how dad would rave about you, he never called you his son-in-law, it was always Norman or his son, the bond you both shared was nothing short of admiral. It is no secret that you made every single person feel exceptionally special, we were all your "favorite sister-in-law" that perhaps have been your best kept secret.. But what I admired most about you dear Norms, was the love you had for my beloved sister Emma, and daughters Kendra and Deborah! If anyone wanted a sneak peak of that love, all they need to do is to scroll down your Facebook page and see all the lovely pictures of your wife that you proudly posted so frequently.. You were definitely a good man! As you rest in that far away land, know that you were loved just as much as you loved, know that you touched the life's of so many people and that life will never be the same with your joyful, sweet, kind spirit!! I know the reception was grand, but you have left a huge void on this side.. Sleep well and alone that I will keep your memories alive by loving your beloved Emma endlessly!!

Candice Simplis-Paige - August 17, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ There are people who live quietly doing their own things behind the scenes. People who influence behaviours in everyone they meet in their own special way. People who often lend a helping hand, and people who teach whilst they learn. Ashan Norman Akmal was one of those persons. Quietly making his way on earth and being that change. Norman you will always be remembered thanks for loving Emma and by extension us the way you did. I cannot begin to imagine how the rest of the family are feeling. Putting RIP besides Norman's name makes me realise how life is to be lived and loved. Norman will always be remembered for who he was and what he believed in. Norman you will always be Norman JR as affectionately known. . we pray that God wrap His loving and merciful arms around Emma and show her that she is loved so that she can continue to fight this fight called life.

We offer sincere condolences to Emma and the rest of the family. Fly high Norman Jr Fly high.

Love always Juva, Karen, Sharrette, Kim, Kent and Cuthbert , ,

Karen - August 17, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Oh my, another great brother has passed. My deepest sympathy for his family and all those who knew and love him. In the African way of saying it he has gone to join the ancestors. Peace.

Joseph Acquah

Joseph Acquah - August 17, 2020 at 09:09 PM