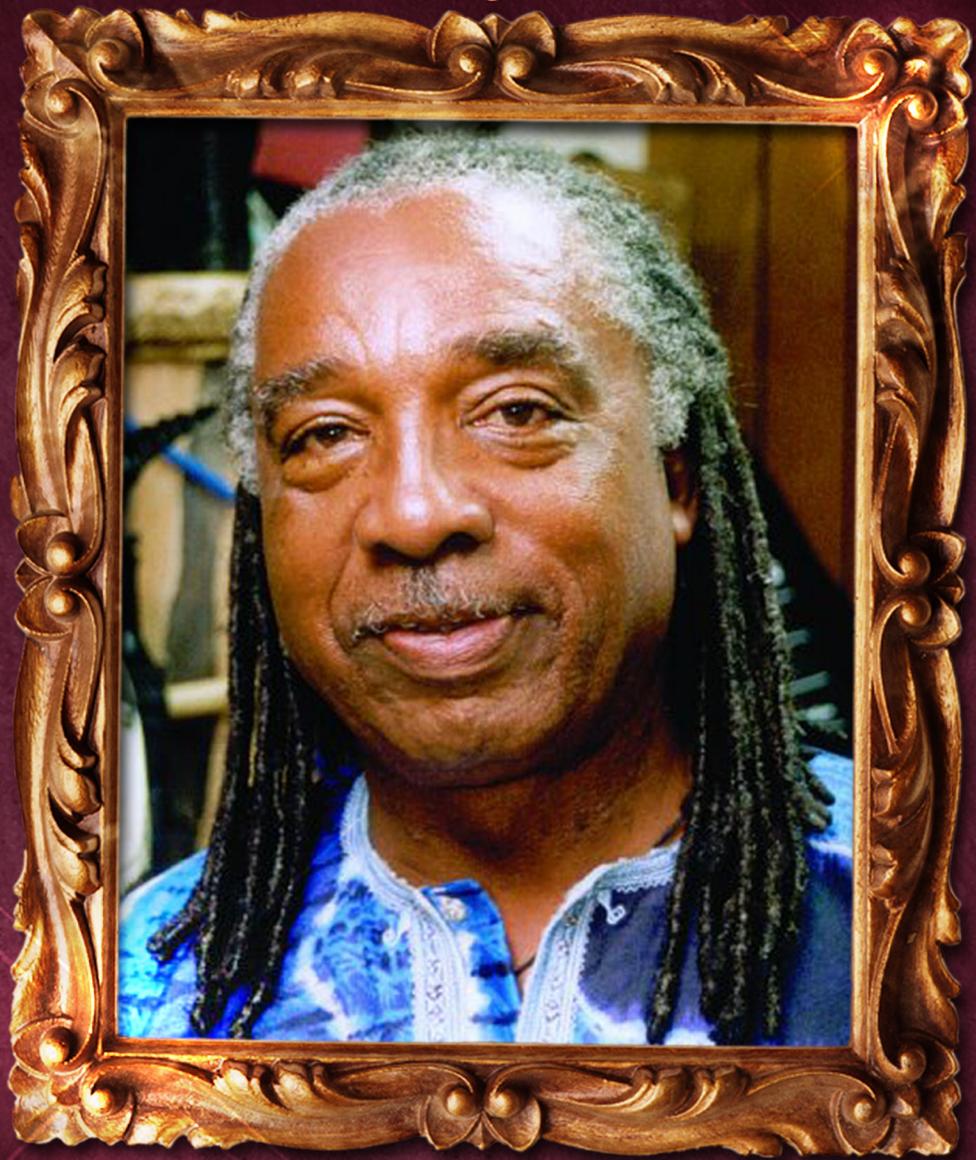


Gene K. Emanuel

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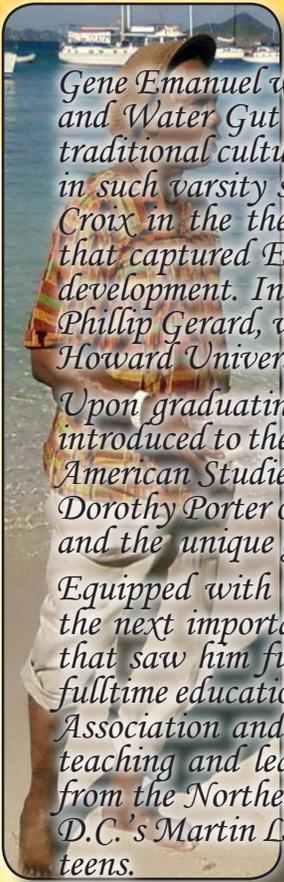


*Family Service: Friday, August 5, 2011
Emmanuel Baptist Church, St. Thomas*

*Memorial Services:
Monday, August 8, 2011
University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas
Tuesday, August 9, 2011
Educational Complex, St. Croix*

*Funeral: Wednesday, August 10, 2011
Lord God of Sabaoth Lutheran Church, Christiansted, St. Croix*





Gene Emanuel was born in Christiansted, St. Croix. One of six children, he grew up in the Gallows Bay and Water Gut communities. His formative years in those communities immersed him forever in the traditional culture and more of St. Croix. While growing up, his teenage years saw him fully involved in such varsity sports as baseball, track and field, and basketball; and even going on to represent St. Croix in the then much heralded inter islands meets. Sports, however, were not the only endeavor that captured Emanuel's interest and attention. Academics would come to play a critical role in his development. In fact, it was a special academic pre-college program created by the esteemed educator, Phillip Gerard, which help pave the way for several successful years at the prestigious Lincoln and later Howard University.

Upon graduating from Lincoln, Emanuel enrolled at the famed Howard University where he was introduced to the personal scholarship and research of many highly respected academicians. There, African-American Studies became a natural and expected focus for him. It was there also that he met librarian Dorothy Porter of the famous Moreland Spingam Room, who led him to the writings of Casper Holstein and the unique group of Virgin Islanders who were to change literary and political history.

Equipped with such a rich and wide-ranging educational background, Emanuel was now ready for the next important stage in his life. Utilizing Washington, D.C. as a base, he began a new chapter that saw him fully immersed in community service and activism, while simultaneously engaged in a fulltime educational career. To more effectively facilitate his work, he organized both the Virgin Islands Association and the Virgin Islands People's Party. Additionally, in a perpetual motion of working, teaching and learning, Emanuel formed the Garvey-Nkrumah Reading Society with representatives from the Northeast and South depressed neighborhoods of Washington D.C. The group met weekly at D.C.'s Martin Luther King Library and presented programs of reading and drama for young adults and teens.

Deciding it was time to make a more direct contribution in the land of his birth, Emanuel returned to the Virgin Islands in 1981 setting up residence on the island of St. Thomas. He soon thereafter began teaching at the College of the Virgin Islands. Soon after his arrival at the College of the Virgin Islands, it became readily apparent that Emanuel wasn't your ordinary college professor. His initial actions made it clear that he could perhaps be placed in that category of a small number of instructors who follow a model similar to the example established by the late legendary Guyanese scholar/teacher/activist, Walter Rodney. This meant, among other things, that instead of being contented with taking care of his regular classroom responsibilities and then going off at the end of the day to his family and/or evenings of socializing, one could normally find Emanuel working with students, Rastafarians, community organizations and activists late into many evenings. Unlike some of his colleagues, one could also find him attending a variety of grassroots community functions on a regular basis.

Essentially, he became fully engaged in efforts to make a fundamental difference in the life of the territory's African majority especially in the social and cultural spheres. Thus, to that end, he has performed in a variety of tasks and roles. He has continued to be one of the most knowledgeable and articulate speakers in the territory on issues uniquely affecting African people. He has spoken, on innumerable occasions, at schools, rallies, workshops, libraries, conferences and other forums throughout the territory. He has made guest appearances on practically all radio and television talk shows in the V.I. and written articles in various territorial publications including *The Voice*, *Kasha*, *UCA Speaks*, and the *V.I. Daily News*. Immediately after Hurricane Hugo in 1989 he began hosting "University on the Air," a weekly radio program of news, information and culture. Utilizing the radio program and other forums, Emanuel has managed to interview a long list of distinguished personalities from throughout the African world community. Among others, he has interviewed Ivan Van Sertima, Kwame Ture (aka Stokely Carmichael), Arona Petersen, Wole Soyinka, Molefi Asante, Rex Nettleford, Earl Lovelace, Audrey Lorde and Trevor Rhone.

Annually, since 1983, Emanuel has been one of the principal organizers and tour guides for the yearly commemoration of the historic 1733 African Slave Revolution on St. John. The tour has actually become an important tradition that many look forward to each year. In terms of his activism, it should be noted that Emanuel has been either a founding member or leading member of a number of community Black consciousness organizations. As of this writing, Emanuel's work and activism continues virtually unabated.

Professor by profession for several decades, Gene Emanuel, believed that his most important discipline was his study of Caribbean and Virgin Islands culture and the heritage that gave birth to this New World's contribution to civilization – our culture.

Born on the island of St. Croix to Beatrice and Lionel Emanuel, he attributed a great deal of his success to his early education in the public schools of St. Croix. A graduate of the Christiansted High School, Gene was a student of a great team of educators, particularly Ms. Medora Jackson, Austin de Chabert, G. Luz A. James, Theodore Tynes, D.C. Canegata and most of all Phillip Gerard, who introduced the “great ideas of the world” to a cadre of young people who would later make their mark in this society. Albert Sheen, William Roebuck and Winston Hodge were among the cadre.

Growing up in the culture-rich sectors of Gallows Bay and Water Gut, Gene was exposed to the rich and then vibrant culture of St. Croix. Men and women like “Ciple” of musical fame, Mrs. “Cresto” Hansen, Ms. Clothilda Lawrence, Charles “Cody” James, Claudia “Nen Claudy” Walcott, Wesley Thomas and Helen Joseph (to name a few), fueled his interest in the culture, spurring him to study it and eventually to urge its preservation and presentation in the interest of survival.

At Lincoln University, where he majored in Political Science and English Communications, he began to shape his ideas of identity and scholarship. Here he shared ideas with other students from the Caribbean, Africa, Greece, Japan and the teeming cities of the North, especially New York and Philadelphia. Influenced by the liberation ideas of Lincoln University alumni he considered “freedom fighters” for self-determination, justice and independence, Gene became actively involved in the Civil Rights movement. It was during this period he came under the influence of Malcolm X, Kwame Toure, poets and musicians of the Black Experience, especially Langston Hughes, Imamu Amiri Baraka and Ron Karenga.

Gene also studied Latin and Greek, including these cultures and those of the Old and New Testament. At Howard University, he studied Afro-American and African Literature and researched with eminent world class scholars such as Sterling Brown, John Loved and Arthur P. Davis. He became actively involved in Caribbean Struggles for cultural identity and liberation from colonial mentality with Nationalists and Pan Africanists from Trinidad, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Nigeria and Ghana. During this period he helped to form and shape the Virgin Islands Association and an African Liberation Day in Malcolm X Park in Washington, D.C.

His university teaching career began as a graduate assistant at Howard University where he taught Reading, English Composition and Creative Writing. Gene also taught at Lincoln University and Federal City College, (now the University of the District of Columbia or UDC). While at FCC, Gene along with Dr. Andreas Taylor and 24 inmates at Lorton Penitentiary formed the first major prison education program created for Black men by Black men. The highly successful project was not only successful as a rehabilitation effort, but became a model for the federal regions of the United States with a heavy black concentration. Lorton led to the development of the Winter Term project with Oberlin University entitled project C.R.E.A.T.E.

Gene was then drafted by the United States Army and served during the Vietnam Conflict, where he was decorated with a Bronze Star for meritorious action in a battlefield engagement with a “hostile” enemy.

His employment with then College of the Virgin Islands, allowed him to return and commit himself to the culture he loved. Professor Emanuel developed the first journalism class at the St. Thomas campus and was a member of the team that created the first course in Virgin Islands Literature and Culture at the University of the Virgin Islands and the University of the West Indies. The prestigious Smithsonian Institute requested of him to be one of their chief researchers in the investigation of Virgin Islands culture, and later created a re-staging of the Folklife Festival on St. Croix. Most recently Gene presented at the Trinidad & Tobago Emancipation Support Committee and attended their celebration numerous times. Earlier this year he served as one of 100 global delegates of the African Union's (AU) African Diaspora Technical Committee of Experts gathered in Pretoria, South Africa.

By Gerard M. Emanuel, Assistant Director - Government of the United Virgin Islands Department of Education Division of Cultural Education

“This journey is part of our hearts, our head, our eyes and our ears.

Africa lives continually with us

One People, One Freedom.”

-Professor Gene K. Emanuel

SURVIVORS of Gene K. Emanuel

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Mary W. Emanuel

SONS

Khenna & Khary Emanuel

DAUGHTERS

Kebra Emanuel-Autry, Kami and Ama Emanuel

ADOPTED DAUGHTERS

Alea Mitchell, Elizabeth Moralez and Dara Monifah Cooper

GRANDCHILDREN

Amari, Zoe, Akira, Talaya, Nava, Jelonie and Amaya

BROTHER

Percival Sewer

SISTERS

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ADOPTED SISTER

Rhonda T. Vanterpool

NIECES AND NEPHEWS

Janice Westbrooks, Denise Ferguson, Yvette Gaynor, Ivory, Julia, Valerie and Lucinda, Anthony (Tony), Enrique (Rico) and Raymond (Kumalo) Sewer, Lester, Jr., and LeTerrance deJuan Emanuel, Senghor L. Morgan, Lance, Malcolm and Gregory Hundey, Michael, Larry, Tara and Tyrone

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SISTERS-IN-LAW

Ethel Sewer, Lacinda Hundley and Audrey Watkins

AUNT

Glenna Emanuel

COUSINS/OTHER RELATIVES

Eilee Young, Beverly and Ethlyn James, Antonio Emanuel, Stanley & Lawrence Perry, The Walcotts, Adams, Thompson, Gerard, Francis, Clark, Juanita & Raymond Matthew and Ferdinand families



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Charles Wesley Turnbull, Ph.D

Former Governor, United States Virgin Islands (1999-2007)

August 3, 2011

STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF PROFESSOR GENE EMANUEL

In the passing of Gene Emanuel the people of the Virgin Islands have lost a committed culture-bearer of the highest degree, a dedicated educator with many talents, including a brilliant mind, and an ardent community activist. He was one who not only talked the talk but walked the walk.

As a Virgin Islands culture-bearer, he joins the ranks of the noble ones who have gone before such as J. Antonio Jarvis, Lezmore E. Emanuel, Delta M. Dorsch, Ector C. Roebuck and Elmo D. Roebuck, Charles H. Emanuel, Arona Petersen, Lito Walls, Nab Eddie Bobo Collier, and others.

Professor Emanuel was the consummate Pan-Africanist, Afro-Caribbeanist and advocate for the African Diaspora. As an educator, among other things, he was one of the most popular, engaging and innovative professors at the University of the Virgin Islands. His many students over the years attest that his classes were thought-provoking, lively, informative and inspiring.

On a personal and professional level, Gene was my friend and colleague at the University of the Virgin Islands. He was also my fraternal brother in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.; Theta Epsilon Lambda Chapter, the first chapter of a Greek-Letter College fraternity or sorority established in the Virgin Islands. Gene Emanuel loved these Virgin Islands and their people unconditionally. Wherever he went and whomever he met, he always espoused the Virgin Islands and its culture, especially the African Heritage, with great enthusiasm and pride.

My deep condolences go out to his family, friends, colleagues at the University of the Virgin Islands and his associates in the African Diaspora movement. May Almighty God, the Creator, bless and comfort those who mourn his passing. May his soul rest in peace.

Charles W. Turnbull, Ph.D

Former Governor and Professor of History, Emeritus UVI



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DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

To the Family of Gene Emanuel

I join the Virgin Islands community in mourning the passing of one of our youngest iconic Tradition and Cultural Bearers, Professor Gene Emanuel, of the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI).

I remember growing up on St. Croix with Gene and his siblings, in what many of our Elders described as the last of the “good old days”, as St. Croix changed from rolling cane fields and dirt roads into the modern development that we have today. The Emanuel family has been a Crucian family that stressed the need on having a complete education, which required more than one higher educational degree. The family maintained a focus and an appreciation on the uniqueness of the Crucian Virgin Islands culture; since St. Croix, in its historical role, was an Amerindian island that had been infused with a multitude of European and African influences, before the transfer to these United States. The beginning of the 20th Century migration of West Indian descendants of the African Diaspora to these islands; the unpopular war in Vietnam in which Gene admirably served this Nation, all of these helped to begin shaping Gene’s outlook and thinking on life, as left these islands and started his formal education.

He completed his education at Howard University and simultaneously was a teacher there, when the last stages of the Black American demands for racial equality burst into civil unrest; the fast pace of life and its many distractions of the jet set 1960’s; and the idealism of our pampered boomer generation revolutionized the moral, social, and cultural fabric of life and our Civilization. The greatness of the African past was being presented by African writers for the first time, which Gene enthusiastically embraced and imparted in an African liberated awareness to the thousands that crossed his path. Gene was a Participant and Leader in all things Afro centric.

On behalf of my family, staff and the Members of the 112th Congress of the United States, I offer my sympathies and condolences to his wife Mary; his children and our colleague, Kebra; his siblings, Percy, Eleuteria, Lynelle and the Emanuel Family; to Gene’s extended UVI Family and the multitude whose minds he fed and whose lives he enriched. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna M. Christensen".

Donna M. Christensen
Member of Congress



Office of the President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

On behalf of the UVI family—Board of Trustees, the Foundation Boards, faculty, staff, students and alumni—sincerest condolences to you, Mrs. Mary Emanuel, your children, and the entire family on the passing of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, Gene Emanuel. Our hearts go out to you and the members of your family, for you have lost someone who was a cornerstone within the family and who served as professor, mentor, and confidant to so many.

As your family grieves your loss, the University community also mourns the loss of this native son, who touched the lives of countless individuals within and outside the University and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The University of the Virgin Islands is not the same place today because Professor Gene Emanuel is no longer with us. He represented the cultural consciousness of the University, and we must now work even harder to carry forth his work and preserve his outstanding legacy.

A gifted, caring, and thought-provoking teacher, Prof. Emanuel was beloved by his students for his knowledge, passion, and charismatic style. To his peers on the faculty, he was a colleague whose intellect and scholarship were widely acknowledged. It was Henry Brooks Adams who said “*A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.*” So, as difficult as his passing undoubtedly must be for you and your family, please remember the joy, encouragement and support that Prof. Emanuel gave, not only to his students and colleagues, but to his family and countless members of the community. We all must cherish the memories of the good times that we shared with him, and allow those memories to remain with us and bring us peace.

We at the University feel this loss because Prof. Emanuel was part of the UVI family for over three decades. Please know that if there is anything that UVI can do, or anything that I can personally do to make this time less painful, do not hesitate to let me know. Because this dear professor touched the heart of this University, your family will always be in our hearts and in our prayers.

And today and in days to come, when you think of Gene with sadness, remember that he brought joy to this University and to the world, and that joy still lives. Thus, the spirit and contributions of Prof. Emanuel still live among us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hall".

Dr. David Hall
President



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CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PROFESSOR GENE EMANUEL

Culture Bearer. Educator. Poet. Activist. Radio Host. Virgin Islander.

University of the Virgin Islands Associate Professor Gene Emanuel was all of the above and more to the people of these islands, several African nations and even Europe. He was a man who spoke his mind and remained ever passionate to his goal of raising Afro-Caribbean awareness and motivating our youth to a key awareness of their past while creating a path to their future.

The sudden passing of Professor Emanuel is a shock to me and to everyone in the community that knew him. Anyone who met him immediately realized his sincere and outright passion for our people and our heritage. He not only talked and taught about the greatness of our ancestors, but also lived by their lives, standards and inherent integrity every day.

He served his country at time of war during the Vietnam era. He fought successfully for the right to teach and promote Pan-African and Caribbean consciousness at the then College of the Virgin Islands, even though it might have meant the loss of his job and career. His presence eventually helped author the University's curriculum on Caribbean literature. He helped bring college courses into the prison system, never giving up on anyone's ability to better themselves. He traveled to South Africa, Ghana, Denmark and many other places that affect Caribbean lives to help insure that the world knew of its responsibilities to the people of this planet. Through his weekly radio program, 'University on the Air', he also helped to inform and educate the V.I. community as a whole.

We will miss his gregarious smile, his gentle willingness to argue a point and his desire to teach all things West Indian and African. My staff and I offer our deepest condolences to Gene's wife, children, relatives and friends. We have lost yet another great Virgin Islander and an outstanding man who is now forever part of the history he so loved...the story of our islands.

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August 2, 2011

STATEMENT BY SENATOR SHAWN-MICHAEL MALONE ON THE PASSING OF PROFESSOR GENE EMANUEL

I sadly joined a shocked and deeply saddened Virgin Islands in mourning the unexpected passing of University of the Virgin Islands Professor Gene Emanuel. His loss represents the extinguishment of a brilliant flame depicting knowledge and enlightenment for many throughout the African Diaspora, the Virgin Islands and the greater Caribbean. It is a staggering loss to UVI and the many young people he mentored throughout his teaching career and the community on a whole. His sudden demise is a somewhat startling reminder of life's fragile nature, leaving us stunned and powerless to change or question the ultimate wisdom of the Creator.

Professor Emanuel's life journey is ample opportunity to celebrate a life lived providing leadership on critical social, political and world issues of our times. A conversation with him exposed a sharp, analytical and critically thinking intellectual, well read and informed, possessing a conscious perspective on regional and community developments. He was a walking encyclopedia of Virgin Islands, Caribbean, African and World history. His commitment to educational excellence and learning created many successful students throughout his distinguished teaching career.

On matters of researching and preserving Virgin Islands Culture he was a trail blazer. He was one of the founders and first board members of the Virgin Islands Cultural Heritage Institute and participated in the very successful Virgin Islands Smithsonian Exhibit in Washington, DC in 1990. He conducted a popular radio program on UVI and community issues for more than fifteen years and had a far reaching audience. He made his opinion heard and was unafraid to speak his mind at times of community uncertainty. I shall miss his wise counsel and his willingness to share his perspective on public views.

At this difficult time for those mourning Professor Gene Emanuel, my family and staff join me in extending our sympathies to his wife, Mary, his children, other relatives and loved ones, UVI colleagues and friends. He made a positive mark on his homeland and impressed generations of young people to think beyond the conventional and challenge the prevailing ideas to seek a better and newer world in this 21st Century. He carved his useful journey and now it is the responsibility of those bereaved to accomplish the milestones he summoned his students and all of us to attain.


Shawn-Michael Malone

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PROFESSOR GENE EMANUEL

The Virgin Islands has lost a cultural icon in the sudden passing of Professor Gene Emanuel. Professor Emanuel, a University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) educator in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences on the St. Thomas Campus, was known internationally for his activism in the African Union Diaspora and his espousing of Pan Africanism.

Notwithstanding his global involvements for the rights of people of African descent, Professor Emanuel educated and mentored thousands of young Virgin Islanders about their heritage in order to prepare them for their futures, thereby sustaining the adage, “you cannot know where you are going until you understand from whence you came”. Indisputably, he understood that building a nation is accomplished only through the preservation of our culture.

Professor Emanuel did not restrict his teachings to the classroom. An accomplished orator and grassroots leader, he sought continuously to unify the community on issues impacting the Caribbean community and advocated for UVI on his weekly radio show.

Professor Emanuel was a man of the people. He was very receptive to people and was received enthusiastically by the masses.

Thus, on behalf of my family and staff, I extend my sincere condolences to his wife Mary, his children, his sisters Lynelle and Terry, and his brother Percy. Well done thou good and faithful servant; may Professor Gene Emanuel’s soul rest in eternal peace.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Senator Usie R. Richards
29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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Message from the Chairwoman of the Committee on Education, Youth & Culture

I join a saddened Virgin Islands community in mourning the passing of UVI Professor Gene Emanuel, an iconic figure who touched the lives of thousands of Virgin Islanders. In addition to knowing him for many, many years, I recently had the opportunity to work with him on the Legislature's celebration of African Liberation Day just two months ago. My staff and I are devastated by this sudden loss, and this loss is one that is felt in every corner of the Virgin Islands community. Gene Emanuel was an educator in the truest sense of the word, as he did not simply limit himself to imparting information or conducting lectures. Instead, Gene Emanuel was an active mentor to the thousands of people who passed through his classroom and even to those who encountered him and sought him out wherever he went. Where many educators taught their students facts, or even what to think, Professor Gene Emanuel constantly taught his students *how* to think, and the Virgin Islands community will forever be richer because of his efforts.

Throughout his adult life Gene Emanuel was a freedom fighter whose greatest love was for the Virgin Islands and her people, and for all people of African descent. We must honor his memory by continuing his work, and by ensuring that our young people are provided with a world-class education. We must not only teach them facts and what to think, but how to engage in the type of critical thinking and problem solving that will ultimately transform our community and our world.

I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Mary; his children Khenna, Kebra, Khary, Kami and Ama; his sisters Lynelle and Terry, his brother Percy, and the many thousands of family members, friends and former students who Professor Emanuel left behind. There are no words adequate to salve the loss of a husband, father, brother and family member, but be assured that our brother, Professor Gene Emanuel, is in the company of the ancestors, and has taken his place proudly among them.

Sincerely,

Janette Millin Young
Senator
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August 2, 2011

To the family of Brother Gene Emanuel

My heart grieves with you in the passing of one of our Noble Ones, Brother Gene Emanuel.

Brother Emanuel is known and duly recognized on many frontiers. He is popularly known as a scholar, pan-africanist, educator, activist, husband, and father. He carried within him an ancient African Spirit. His calming voice could mediate most situations. He was an Advisor to many, myself included. I believe his strongest message to us is, "Not only get educated to become smart but to arm ourselves with intellect and knowledge which can empower us as individuals, a People, and a Nation."

Personally, I must tell you that Brother Gene Emanuel is someone in whom I have had the utmost respect. As a conscious elder his emanating wisdom is valued and upheld by many who he mentored. His Legacy is one of which you can be proud, honored, and content, except for the shortness of time.

I ask that Almighty God and the Ancestral Spirit consoles, comforts, protect and guide this family through this time of mourning. As our dearly departs Brother might have said, ".... But the Sun rises in the morning...."

Condolences on behalf of my family, staff, and I. May the soul of Brother Gene Emanuel Rest in Peace as he sits with Nobles looking over us!

With Deepest Sincerity,

Terrence "Positive" Nelson

Brother Terrence "Positive" Nelson
Senator, 29th Legislature of the V.I.



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A MESSAGE FROM SENATOR PATRICK SIMEON SPRAUVE

To the Family and Friends of Professor Gene Emanuel:

My wife Janice, Staff and I extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends, loved ones and the extended University of the Virgin Islands family of Professor Gene Emanuel. Particularly our prayers are with his wife Mary; sons, Khenna Emanuel and Khary Burton; daughters, Kebra Emanuel-Autry, Ama Emanuel-Berry and Kami Emanuel.

The 29th Legislature and the community are deeply saddened by the loss of a great man, culture-bearer and educator. We take comfort in knowing that his passion for our Virgin Islands, his influence and spirit lives on through the lives of the many he has impacted. Through these tough times; faith, friends and family will help you make it through the challenging days ahead.

I hope that you are uplifted by the many wonderful memories that you shared with him, as well as by knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord; for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted by Him."

In sympathy

Senator Patrick Simeon Sprauve

29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM SENATOR ALVIN L. WILLIAMS, JR.

I extend my most profound sympathies on the passing of Professor Gene Emanuel. Professor Emanuel, a native Virgin Islander whose love for education, embracing change, thinking outside the box, and the culture of these islands and their people has inspired generations to keep the torch burning.

A mainstay at the University of the Virgin Islands, where he was most recently an Associate Professor of Humanities, Professor Emanuel was well versed in the history of the Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, and the entire spectrum of Afro-Caribbean life. He instilled a sense of cultural pride in all who were fortunate enough to be in his presence and benefit from his knowledge.

"The University of the Virgin Islands is not the same place today as it was yesterday because professor Gene Emanuel is no longer with us," UVI President David Hall said. "We are saddened by his sudden death and mourn with his family and this community, which he loved so much and served so well. He represented the cultural consciousness of the university, and we must now work even harder to carry forth his work and preserve his outstanding legacy." Professor Emanuel was truly a Virgin Island Icon. He will be missed by the community he loved so well.

My family, staff and I send our condolences to his wife, Mary, his children, and the rest of his family. May he rest in peace.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Senator Alvin L. Williams, Jr.
29th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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Dearest Mrs. Emanuel,

On behalf of the VIRGIN ISLANDS CULTURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTE (VICH I) we express our heartfelt condolences to you, and the entire family of Professor Gene Emanuel, a stalwart of this community and one of the founding members of our Virgin Islands Cultural Heritage Institute.

Professor Emanuel was one of the researchers, and presenters in the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTIONS' 1990 Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Further, Professor Gene Emanuel was instrumental in securing funding for the restaging of the 1991 Folklife Festival on St. Croix. This was particularly important, because it provided a venue for Virgin Islanders to participate in the great movement towards Virgin Islands cultural preservation and perpetuation. He was upfront with his thinking on culture within the African Diaspora, where he relentlessly advocated that culture was a way of life for the people, which included their psyche, cultural consciousness, mannerisms, belief systems, and all aspects of their being. He strongly believed that these cultural aspects are essential for the cultural identity and preservation of a people.

As a result of his efforts and collaboration, Virgin Islands culture was institutionalized with the passing of Act No. 5778 by the Nineteenth Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States. The Virgin Islands Cultural Heritage Institute therefore stands as an important contribution to his legacy for the people of the Virgin Islands.

Professor Emanuel was a great teacher and mentor to the entire extended Virgin Islands community and African Diaspora. Today, "an ancient tree has fallen. Its seeds will take roots and continue to blossom."

We salute our fallen Griot, Professor Gene Emanuel!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lois Hassell-Habtes.

Lois Hassell-Habtes, Ph.D.
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Tribute to a Warrior and Native Son of the Soil

Our existence on planet Earth is most times shaped by events and individuals that leave indelible marks on our lives and consciousness. Professor Gene Emanuel was one of those individuals whose birth and mission in life was to transform lives. For over four decades, Gene dedicated his life to the advancement of education in his native home. Through the noble profession of teaching, Gene was innovative in his methods of, not only immersing you with the subject matter at hand, but also making it relevant to our lives and existence.

A staunch Pan-Africanist, Gene tirelessly advocated that knowledge of self, which includes your history and culture, was an important element in the restoration of the African family. These re-occurring themes were his daily messages that were consistently and tirelessly conveyed to those he encountered in his academic circles and community engagements. He challenged the conventional ways we mentally processed and assimilated western values and redirected our focus to embrace an African-centered value system for the restoration of our psychological and spiritual well being.

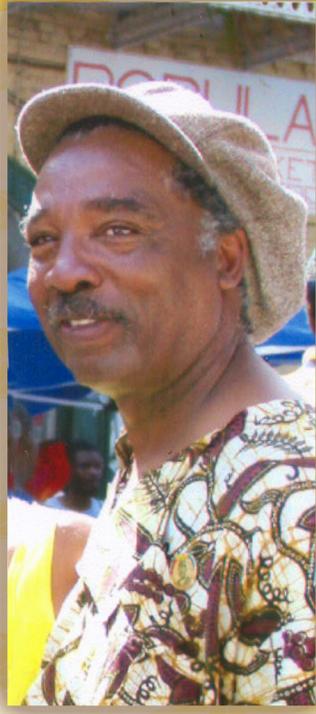
Many times misunderstood, Professor Emanuel pressed on with his deep rooted convictions, never allowing himself to be undaunted by the comments of the naysayers. We are indebted to him for the personal sacrifices he made in the advancement and upliftment of Africans at home and those abroad.

The time has come for him to join those noble ancestors who have gone before.
Job well done!

Peace and farewell.

Myron D. Jackson

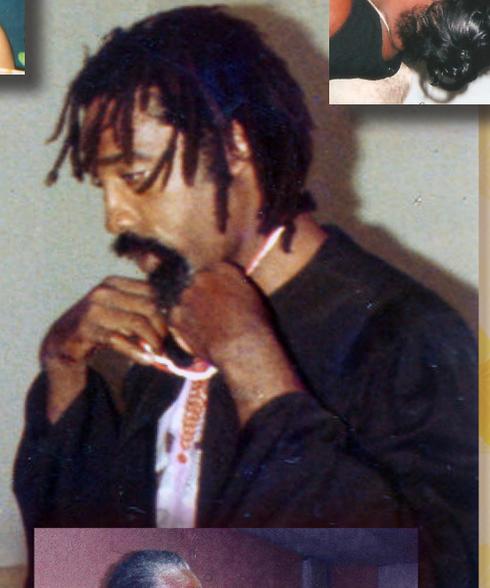
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TO THE FAMILY OF PROFESSOR GENE EMANUEL

The employees of the Division of Cultural Education extend our deepest condolences to the family of a true African patriot, freedom fighter and culture bearer, our beloved Gene Emanuel, on his ascension to the spiritual plane. Professor Emanuel was also a true Pan African leader. He dedicated his entire life to the struggle for the unity and liberation of African people here and abroad. Gene was also an intellectual giant who read widely and fully understood the condition of African people. He articulated the problems and viable solutions with clarity and profundity. If one had to choose a word to describe him, it does not exist. However, Gene embodied the principle of HARAMBEE to the fullest. He united, educated, organized and assisted youth in numerous ways to cooperate with each other for their mutual independence. Professor Emanuel is in the same category as Dr. Walter Rodney, and Kwame Touré, who gave their entire lives for the liberation of African people. He has left a tremendous legacy of commitment to this struggle. It is our duty to continue the work he did so well. Let us Harambee! This is the best tribute we could give him.

Yes we will miss Gene, but we will always have memories of his powerful and commanding voice teaching us what we need to do to improve our condition. This is not the end of his journey. He is now poised to carry on the struggle on a higher level. He is also now able to truly experience "*the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding.*" Thank you Gene for all you have done and will continue to do to educate and free us.

Sincerely,

Gerard M. Emanuel

Gerard M. Emanuel, Assistant Director



VIRGIN ISLANDS HUMANITIES COUNCIL

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The Virgin Islands Humanities Council remembers the work of scholar, educator, and culture bearer Gene Emanuel for his unwavering dedication to the humanities. By sharing his time and knowledge, he helped our mission to spread a better understanding of the past, analyze the present, and envision the future.

Year after year, Emanuel was relied upon to serve as an advisor, contributor, and evaluator on countless Council-conducted programs and community grant projects that spoke to his integrative and interdisciplinary approach to cultural studies throughout the African diaspora.

As early as 1988, he directed a Council-funded tribute to Marcus Garvey, in commemoration of the 1733 enslaved African revolt on St. John. From 1996 to 2005, the topics he helped illuminate ranged from African religions still prominent in the Caribbean, to an oral history of UVI on its 40th anniversary; to African Muslims enslaved in the Americas; to the tradition and values of Rastafari; to early 19th-century Afro-Americans in the performing arts; to perspectives on the 1917 transfer of the Virgin Islands from Denmark to the United States; to Virgin Islanders' quest for self-governance.

Teachers in a 2006 Council-funded seminar on Virgin Islands-style linguistics directed by the Board of Education described Emanuel as a valuable resource, exceptional presenter, and captivating speaker, while noting his ease of style, knowledge and humor. Several pointed out a sentiment made more profound in his passing – that he needed more time.

In 2007, the Council sought him out again to serve on the planning committee for its Cultural Heritage Tourism Conference. That same year, he served as an on-camera scholar and advisor on one of his last projects for the Council - *"Liberated Minds,"* a documentary trailer on mental slavery in the Virgin Islands sponsored by Strength to Strength.

Dressed in African attire with the backdrop of culturally relevant artifacts in his office, his charismatic voice laments how young men could achieve greatness by adapting just one discipline that largely forgotten St. Thomas native and Pan-Africanist hero Edward Wilmot Blyden excelled in.

We will miss our dearly departed colleague and hope to continue his legacy of enabling Virgin Islanders to interpret their past and shape their future.



A Tribute to Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel—August 3, 2011

My last earthly reasonment with our beloved Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel was on July 3rd, 2011 in St. Thomas during VI /African Emancipation Day commemorations hosted at Emancipation Gardens organized by the Pan African Support Group, Camp Umoja/Environmental Rangers, Sankofa Saturdays, VI Cultural Heritage Institute and others with a freedom tradition healing drum presentation by Master Drummer/Carver Baba Tyehimba Mtu on a VI tour with Per Ankh forwarding to another VI Emancipation concert hosted in St. John on the same day despite the major rains pouring as libations on St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas on July 3rd! Dr. Emanuel and I continued to speak of the International Year for People of African Descent, the Pan African Diaspora Union, the Caribbean Pan African Movement, the need for our youth to be empowered, NUWOMANRising, Kwanzaa celebrations all year with K365 and more while attempting to avoid missing the final barge to St. John. We both ignored the rain as we organized, shared respectful discourse and planned for our next community event. I asked him when we will have a caucus on his journey to the AU meetings in Azania (South Africa) as our elder representative of the United Virgin Islands Community Council of Elders and he agreed we should as he said "I de deh!" A tribute to Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel is living, organizing and doing work for our real liberation!

Our beloved Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel always shared with those who listened willingly or otherwise on the importance of the great PanAfrican works we still have to do. Many of us shared our desire for him enjoy his eldership and wisdom as we carry the torch he has journeyed and struggled with in his life of nearly 70 years. As usual, we said we will gather soon as we shared traditional embraces, *Ankh Udja Snb, Alafia, Shm M Htp, Asante Sana and Forward Ever Backward Never*— all in one breath. May we respect and honor the works, actions and trails blazed for freedom and liberation by Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel who remains in all of our memories as an exemplar Revolutionary & Pan Africanist to the bone marrow! May the good work and path of endurance, perseverance, loyalty and vigilance to serving Afraka, the Afrakan Diaspora, the Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, our youth, elders, families, positive women and men for A Nu Humanity be respected, remembered and revered for generations upon generations! May Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel's trials and tribulations as a Pan Africanist serve as a foundation for a REVOLUTIONARY shift amongst those within the Virgin Islands-US and British- the Caribbean and throughout the 21st century Afrakan World Union! May we reflect and share light as we acknowledge the sacrifices he made for others above his own interests! May we keep his positive work alive.

May we remember the words Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel quoted, referenced and taught from one of our esteemed ancestors he now joins amongst the Royal Ancestral Council of Great Afrakans, Dr. John Henrik Clarke: *"The major crisis facing African people the world over is that they have not been educated for the new reality. And the new reality is that African people must be educated to regain the main thing they lost during slavery and colonialism, the control of the state and their own destiny...The main purpose of education is to train the student to be a proper handler of power. Every form of true education trains the student in self-reliance...Education that fails to equip you to handle some form of power is irrelevant and not education at all."* May his contributions as a respected elder of the Community Council of Elders of the United Virgin Islands and beyond be recorded into the annals of history. May his contributions, vocations and livication to the PanAfrican movement, as an elder providing guidance, direction and support to progressive Pan African efforts and programs in the VI, Caribbean and African world community; to the Pan African Support Group, Strength to Strength, KWANZAA365, Sankofa Saturdays, the VI Cultural Heritage Institute, the VI Department of Education's Cultural Heritage Division, All-African/Black HBCU related affairs at the University of the Virgin Islands, the 1733 St. John African Revolt Heritage Initiatives, African Youth Development Diaspora Foundation, along with support and executive oversight for the African Civil Society Network of the Caribbean and Americas, the Caribbean Pan African Network, International Rastafarian Orders, the African Union's African Diaspora Technical Committee of Experts, NCOBRA, ACRRA, African/Black Student Organizations, Traditional African Spirituality systems, along with a host of other international organizations that support the restoration of African people, resources, lands, artifacts and return to our rightful places of dignity amongst humanity.

Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel remained consistent as a Pan African freedom fighter—a rabble rouser to some—and an elder of distinction in the forefront of education, cultural heritage & preservation research and uplifting community development with purpose, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, creativity, unity, cooperative economics and faith which are the Nguzo Saba of Kwanzaa. May we celebrate his life and commitment to education, culture, heritage, tradition, unity and liberation by implementing and instituting the visions, dreams and initiatives he worked so hard to see made manifest in his life shared with many of us! He served as a true Native Royal Son of the Virgin Islands and for the Afrakan Diaspora. His torch has passed on to many. May he be received well by those that have gone before us and be in the Counsel Chambers of the Glorious Ones after passing through the Halls of Maat (*truth, justice, order, reciprocity, balance, harmony & divine righteousness*). May our Almighty Mother Father Creator keep our Elder Brother Baba Dr. Gene Kenneth Emanuel in Ascension into the Light for Eternity! Shm Htp.

Nesut MwtAst Dr. ChenziRa Davis Kahina em Nesu Neb Ka Ra Christopher-Herishetapheru
Founding Directors of Per Ankh Khamniversity Institute & Per Ankh M Smai Tawi



A Tribute to the family of Gene Kenneth Emanuel

While we should not question the call of the Almighty God, the heartbeat of a grieving heart is like no other.

Professor Gene Emanuel's untimely passing has left a void with us that is impossible to fill. While we must come to grips and face the reality of his demise, we must also recognize this native culture bearer, had a dream that one day all his African roots will unite and become one. Professor Emanuel, a true native son, was never too busy to take the time to chat or discuss local or world events. He was a man of the people and for the people!

As a community, we celebrate our culture during the month of February and for Kwanzaa during the latter part of December into early January. For Brother Gene, Culture was everyday-- a 365-day a year event. He was very proud of who he was and demonstrated it with a warm captivating passion. He welcomed a good debate and never considered the clock when engaged in quality discussions. His popular radio talk show on Saturday mornings will surely be missed by all.

We at the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) must now carry on Professor Emanuel's dream. We must be the eyes for the vision he saw, the ears for the call he heard and the voice never to go unheard.

On behalf of the Faculty, Staff and Student Body of CLASS, we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Mary, his children Khenna, Khary, Kebra, Ama and Kami and other family members.

May God give you faith, strength and courage during this difficult time.

With Deepest Sympathy,

for 
Dr. George Lord
Dean

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The weighty news of the untimely transition of Professor Gene Emanuel has left many of us struggling for words to explain how we feel. The right words are still elusive.

As a colleague at CVI/UVI for the past 30 years, our lives have shared so much joy and so many challenges; through it all Gene's incomparable spirit shone brightly.

As an adjunct member of faculty of UVI Summer Institute for Future Global Leaders for over 10 years, Gene has made invaluable contribution to educating our future leaders.

As an active member of the African Association for over 10 years, Gene has shared abundant passion for the motherland Africa, its people, culture and aspirations. The last formal meeting Gene and I shared was on the African Liberation Day, May 25, 2011 when the community recognized his enormous contribution to the Pan-African movement. The Legislature of the Virgin Islands invited Gene to deliver the keynote speech, and me to make closing remarks. The event, which was witnessed by an overflowing crowd at the Senate Building, was broadcast via radio and tv to the Virgin Islands community and beyond. The world was privileged to share in the passion, intellect, and devotion Gene has contributed to the human race.

Again, I am at loss for words just to say, my life and that of so many people Gene touched is much richer because you came our way! RIP our brother, until

SIGMA PSI CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

"Twelve things remembered: The value of time; the success of perseverance; the pleasure of working; the dignity of simplicity; the worth of character; the power of kindness; the influence of example; the obligation of duty; the wisdom of economy; the virtue of patience; the improvement of talent; the joy of organizing." ~Marshal Field These phrases most appropriately summarize the attributes of Professor Gene Emanuel. Throughout a career of dedicated and self sacrificing service to the students of the University of the Virgin Islands, he never ceased to be concerned about the whole student. His support of a "Greek Presence" will forever touch the lives of those he encouraged to engage in public service. His memory will live in our hearts.

~The Officers, Members and Advisors of the Sigma Psi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

DIANA BAIRD N'DIAYE, PH.D. - CULTURAL HERITAGE SPECIALIST & CURATOR
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION - WASHINGTON, D.C.

This morning at the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, we were shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of a cherished colleague, researcher and Pan Africanist Scholar, Gene Emmanuel. Gene was a dedicated and engaging researcher and presenter whose work was central to the U.S. Virgin Islands and to the Folklife Program that showcased the traditional culture of the Islands.

Gene Emanuel was one of the most memorable individuals at the 1990 Smithsonian Folklife Festival. My husband Gorgui N'Diaye and I both had the pleasure of working with Gene when Senegal was featured at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in 1990 as well as in subsequent years when the Folklife Festival was restaged in St. Thomas and St. Croix.

I am not exaggerating in saying that a conversation with Gene at that Festival has had a lifelong impact on my approach to cultural work. Gene introduced me and many others to the concept of what he called "spiritual Maroonage," an idea that I've quoted countless times since. Just as the Maroons liberated themselves from slavery throughout the US, Caribbean and South America from the 17th to the 19th century and were able to achieve self government and self representation, "spiritual Maroons" as Gene taught me are those whose intellectual, cultural, and activist commitment is to the shared struggle for human rights and the liberation of mind and heart that comes through learning and teaching the history culture, and kinship of African and African descendants across the Globe. Gene was the embodiment of that Maroon spirit and will be sorely missed.

CLEMENT HODGE GOLD • "BROTHER GOLD"

Brother Gene lived a life doing what he loved most among which were empowering community wide discussion and debate on issues and concerns dear to his heart, providing afro centric reconstructive educational therapy, and feeding younger

minds in his care and tutelage with the nutrients of knowledge that encouraged an appreciation of self and historical origin. Gene consistently reinforced the values of learning and embracing social and cultural diversity and responsibility without compromising ones own culture and belief system. He loved life and the world in all its diversity.

Today the world espouses a kind of transnational cultural integration and appreciation of other cultures and beliefs which were revolutionized through the Internet. Gene Emanuel has been teaching about human universal responsibility for over 30 years.

Gene touched my own life in a very special and profound way and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to be his student, friend and brother in the cause of restoring the khemetian head corner stone.

The life lessons and legacy of Gene Emanuel is like and endless story. At the same time I would also need to be fair as a tribute to Gene is not a complete tribute without recognizing sister Mary, Khenna, Kebra and the rest of the family. Over the many years of his dedication to his community his family to made equal sacrifices so that he could be available to all of us to whom he touched our lives in way that words can hardly express.

Brother Gene take your place at the table with Garvey, Blyden, Lezmore, Budhoe and the rest as I know you will continue to command the struggle from the nether world. Rest In Peace

FELICITA & RENE DONASTORG

To the bereaved: Brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.- Philippians 4:8

SIMON B. JONES-HENDRICKSON - ECONOMICS PROFESSOR· UVI, STX

To a friend, a comrade in the academic vineyard. It is said that energy cannot be created nor destroyed, so I am completely aware that you have been transformed to a new space and a new time in that space. We wish you sweet rest as you journey to another place. Those of us who knew you and knew what you stood for will remember you as a giant that only time will adequately chronicle. Rest in Peace, my brother. May your deeds and good works continue on these shores through your immediate family and your extended family. One Love. La Luta, continua.

JENNIFER NUGENT-HILL

To The Family Of Professor Gene Emanuel

Be Strong and Don't Give Up. Remember ...there is a deeper strength and an amazing abundance of peace available to you , draw from this well. You will make it through this sad time and find joy in life again... it's going to be okay. Your Gene was an amazing person , he looked for the good things in this life and he made a point of appreciating them...especially his family, the Virgin Islands and his students.

THE STAFF OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH & PLANNING - UVI

To Faculty, Staff and Students of College of Liberal Arts and Social Science:

As part of the university community, we offer our sincerest sympathies to you on the loss of your colleague and friend. Memories of Professor Emanuel will always remain in your hearts though he is now no longer physically present. Especially with those who worked closely with him, appreciated and respected him. His contributions are many and there are never adequate amounts of right words to express at a time of loss. May you be comforted and strengthened by God's grace to sustain your department as a whole in the days ahead.

CORRINE LINDQUIST

Gene was the light in the dark. We will miss you. The Daniel family extend our deepest condolences.

HEATHER HOGARTH-SMITH

I met Gene Emanuel, in his capacity as Adviser/Coach to UVI's debating team, on the Caribbean Intercollegiate Debating Championship circuit in 2001, four years before I set foot on St. Thomas. I was struck by his scholarly and professorial disposition, easy-going nature, and the respect and admiration the debaters displayed towards him. His vast knowledge and

love of vintage reggae music, and Caribbean culture in general, were evident. Gene was a Caribbean man who made me feel at home here.

Given our history, our connection remained warm and congenial, and he always made me feel like an old friend. He was never too busy to exchange greetings, or give a word of advice during our brief encounters on or off the campus. He was kind; he never drove by without offering me a ride when I needed one.

I last saw Gene from a distance on the Saturday before he passed on, but evidently he did not see me. I did not walk over to greet him although I wanted to, not realizing that there'd be no more opportunities in the future. I have learned a lifelong lesson. Never again will I pass up the opportunity to greet a friend, however inconvenient it may be. RIP, Gene, I miss you.

JACQUAN R. PATTERSON

I've had the opportunity to work beside Professor Gene Emanuel over the last six years here at UVI, although I was never his student, I've had the honor of working with him on various projects and in various clubs and organizations on campus. He was always an individual who put his best foot forward when it came to students and he stood up for what he believed in. Professor Emanuel kept it "real" all the time and I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to sit and dialogue about various topics with him whether individually or in a group. He had a love for my desserts as well as for my johnny cakes and always pushed me to do great things. He supported my efforts and always told me to reach high and aim for the stars. To Victoria and Linda may we forever hold on to his spirit and remember the good times we shared down in Humanities Rm. 208.

CHERYL MINGO

Family of Professor Gene Emanuel My heartfelt sympathy for your loss, may the blessing of God strengthen and be with you all through this difficult time.

Professor Emanuel as he was called, I remember those little jokes we had when you visited the office. You will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace.



I Thought of You Today
I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too,
I think of you in silence I often speak your name
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part
God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart.
Author Unknown



CHERIE WHEATLEY - UVI ITS

So long my friend, colleague and confidant may you rest in eternal peace!

PATRICIA HARKINS-PIERRE - PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH - UVI

For over twenty years Professor Gene Emanuel was my colleague and next door neighbor at UVI, in the Humanities Building. Our walls were so thin that we shared music and conversations without even intending to do so. Sometimes on a weekend or late on a weeknight Gene and I would be the only people in the building and that's when we often shared stories and laughter. But most important of all, we shared a great and abiding love for UVI's students. I miss you, Gene.

VELMA POLLARD, JAMAICA

Remembering Gene for his love and his kindness and because he had time for people and a great sense of HOPE! May his soul rest in peace.

RAZALIN WILSON-MILLS

To the Emanuel family, with sympathy:

I got to know Gene when we were neighbors at UVI's Faculty Apartments and our children played together. Since then, he never saw me in passing without exchanging a hearty greeting. I often looked forward to hearing his uplifting comments about unity and pride in African heritage, whether speaking at public events or on the radio. Gene's voice in the community will be sorely missed and I offer my sincere condolences and prayers of comfort to Mary, Khenna, Kebra and the other siblings.

MONIFA POTTER

If I could write a story, It would be the greatest ever told
 Of a kind hearted, strong minded Professor, Co-Worker and Friend
 Who had a heart of gold, It would probably be a million pages
 But still unable to say, just how much you would be missed by all that adored you for being you.

Rest In Peace.

DR. ALEXANDER RANDALL - PROFESSOR OF DIGITAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION.
 CHAIR OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION, FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Eulogy for Gene Emanuel

Every funeral I attend reminds me that my own is getting closer.

It is all about what we have accomplished when that day arrives. What we can safely say about Gene Emanuel is that his accomplishments leave all of us with a lot of work to keep up.

We miss him because we loved him. We loved his wonderful warm kindness. We miss his willingness to share his knowledge with us. We miss him because he always challenged whatever we thought we knew with new ways of seeing that opened our eyes to new ways of seeing.

Gene was extraordinary. His scope and depth of knowledge was staggering. One could barely open any topic with him when he'd chime in with some pithy bit of information that came from the deep resources of his mind. How many stories began with, "You know the Ashanti have a word for that..." or, "In Ghana there is a special way that is done..."

There was so much folklore and history and social science tucked away in his mind. He had a scope of vision that encompassed the Virgin Islands history and culture, and the Caribbean history and culture and Africa's history and culture. He could see it all like a giant puzzle that he had assembled in the overarching vista of his mind.

One of the great tragedies of scholarly life is that a man like Gene will devote a lifetime to accumulating knowledge yet none of us can possibly assimilate ALL of his knowledge. Gene's students each acquired bits and pieces; some got the large pictures, others got just a story or just one concept. The lucky few spent hours at the feet of the master, taking in all that he had to share; but none of us got it ALL.

Pray with me. Dear heavenly Mother. Please hear our simple prayer. We gather to pray for our departed friend Gene Emanuel. We are here today to commend his body to the earth. He has no need of it now.

We pray that you will take his eternal soul to a place of peace and quiet. Make it a place like the Virgin Islands; green and verdant; rich with music and poetry, and full of interesting people with fascinating stories to tell. Please give him all the time of eternity to consume it all. Please make it a place where his parents will be as delighted to see him arrive there as they were to see him arrive in this world. We pray that you allow us to keep his spirit. We need it. Let us keep his spirit alive in our hearts. Keep each of us enthralled by people and culture and literature, stories and song. Keep his spirit of curiosity alive in us and let us keep that which made him special alive in us until our own parting of this world. Amen.

WANDA MILLS-BOCACHICA & FAMILY

Gene: My fondest memory of you will always be the broad smile that my son, Alain (Odjoubele), greeted you with the last time that he saw you, which was coincidentally was at Nab Eddie Bobo's farewell ceremony. It was almost as if he was thanking you for reminding him of Africa, his ancestral homeland, through your presence. His gesture was so spontaneous, innocent and pure that we were both awed by his expression, which you deserved.

On behalf of my son, Alain (Odjoubele), my mother Fiolina, my sister Diana, and myself Wanda, I thank you for your passion, your articulate voice, your adventures, your sense of humor, the steely look in your eyes...No, you will never leave UVI!!! Travel on, my brother. Africa awaits you!

SHARI CHRYSS ALFRED

In my short time spent at UVI so far, it was a privilege to have you as a professor. Anything I wanted to know I could come to you. And you were more than just a professor to us students, you were a friend. I took three of your classes, and I will never forget our classroom discussions. No one ever wanted to leave. It was remarkable to have a professor that could relate to us in almost every way possible. Just two days before you passed you were smiling, laughing, and joking around about butter bread cheese. Didn't know that would be the last smile from you. You touched the lives of many and we will all remember you forever. May you continue to rest in peace. You will forever be missed. Love Shari

ANNA-LEE HOSIER

Throughout his years, he often emphasized to his students that there are no set boundaries to the creative imagination and that realization comes through one's visual and artistic expressions that protrude from the textures and tones that make up your soul. This vision coincides with one of the many conversations with him..."the vehicle chosen to produce those effects that create your landscape of art lies with the brush, the pen, the hands, the body, the language..." Professor Emanuel, you were certainly one of my most beloved professors. My condolences and prayers go out to your family in this time of bereavement. May you transcend in perfect peace...

DENISA JORDAN AND FAMILY

Greetings Brother,

You're gone, and I am still in shock. We had one of our usual talks when we would see each other just the week before you left us. And sadly, like so many of us thought I had more time with you. But Father God knew better and brought you home. I thank you one last time for all the advise you gave me both personally and educationally. If not for you, more than likely I probably would not have pursued a Master's in Education. Again, I thank you and know that I will see you again.

Farewell Prof, as I so fondly called you, rest in peace. Blessings

CECIL POTTER

I have known and respected you for all these years. Sorry I am unable to attend your funeral due to medical reasons I am off island. To the family; I wish you all the best and God Speed.

MONA BEDMINSTER - UVI CLASS OF 2000

Professor Gene Emanuel was a true son of the soil. His passion for Caribbean history and culture was unsurpassed. He was a dedicated teacher who was dearly loved and will truly be missed.

REST IN PEACE.

STEPHEN J. ISSAC

As a former student, colleague, and comrade of Professor Gene Emanuel, I enjoyed his knowledge, ideas, and expertise on African culture and Pan-Africanism. He had a profound impact on all the masses in the African Diaspora. His consistency on African education and culture will be remembered. His Pan-African legacy has spread in this community, the Caribbean, the United States, and the African Continent. His contributions were tremendous with the Committee for Self-Determination, the Pan-African Support Group, and other grassroots organizations. Even though his works are finished on earth, he is seating and speaking at the Pan-African and Culture Bearer Forum with Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden, Hubert H. Harrison, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Ahmed Sekou Ture, Kwame Ture, His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Sellassie I, Arona Petersen, Wilhelmina Lewis, and Delta Dorsch. Professor Gene Emanuel's memory will be forever lasting. Asante Sana

CHUCK PISHKO, MPA - HISTORIAN

I was shocked by Gene's passing. I still had so much to learn from him. During the past twelve years, I joined Gene and Dr. Gilbert Sprauve on the hike up Fortsberg on St. John in commemoration of the 1733 African Slave Revolt. Gene's boundless cultural knowledge and his enthusiastic delivery always amazed me and the other adults and students who came along. Especially the students who approached the hike and Gene's commentary with solemn awe and who were rewarded with a telling of their history that they'd never forget. Ashe, Gene

ARAH, SHARON & FAMILY

As you wade through the moments of sadness and feelings of loss, may you forever be reminded of the many lives that your beloved husband, father and brother has touched. Gene's contributions to this community has crossed all spectrums and for this his memory will live on. May God provide comfort to all of you and may he rest in peace!

ROY WATLINGTON

Tribute to Mwalimu Gene Patriot, dreamer, Sincere friend and Mwalimu, Teaching from his heart

NANA ADWOA MARY LEWIS

Gene Da Yie,

I write this to pay tribute to a friend. Gene Emanuel was a friend to the African family union of St. Croix and St. Thomas as well as to African KRAAL fashions, a small business which caters to those who wish for West African attire and culture. The public probably best knows of his role as the master of Ceremonies at the Annual fashion show sponsored by African KRAAL fashions, an event which has been video taped and played on the Government Access television channel in the Virgin Islands. For Gene, this was a labor of love. Something he looked forward to at Agriculture Fair time annually because of Gene's love for Africa and all things African. Personally, I always admired his affinity to West Africa and so I feel that I have not only lost a friend-as other African family union members have, but I have lost a brother. He has joined the ancestors and I feel that they have welcomed him with open arms. One who has respect for the people and cultures of Africa. We love him, we will miss him and rest assured that he is at peace. Gene, the Akan would say, "Da yie," meaning sleep well or rest in peace.

K. LEBA OLA-NIYI

May our Creator and ancestors bless Gene Emanuel and comfort his extended family. On behalf of the Ola-Niyi family and Pan-African Support Group (PASG), we will miss the physical presence of Gene. But we will always remember his life and legacy that inspire us. We highly respect Gene as our brother, comrade, and elder. Gene was one of us. Gene was a humble African. He was a revolutionary. Without a question, he was committed to our struggle for liberation, self-determination, human rights, social justice, and African dignity. Gene was a Caribbean man and Virgin Islander. Without a doubt, Gene was a servant of our Creator.

Brother Gene practiced what he had taught. As a nationalist, Gene articulated and advocated complete freedom, self-determination, and self-reliance for the people of the Virgin Islands. Regardless of different nationalities, languages, and colors, Gene promoted unity among Africans in Mama Africa and the African Diaspora. Gene was an active member of the following community organizations: the African Appraisal Workshop, Committee for Self-Determination, and Rastafari Improvement Association. Gene had planted many seeds of freedom and justice.

Brother Gene was proud of his African cultural heritage. He practiced African values every day. He wore his African garbs on U.V.I Campus and in our community. Gene had made his contributions to the annual observances of Kwanzaa, the 1733 African Slave Revolution, African Heritage Week/African Liberation Day, African Emancipation Day, and African/Black History Month, just to mention a few. He published an African-centric newsletter called the "Kasha". Gene may not have written books, but he was an outstanding griot and orator who shared his historical/cultural knowledge, philosophy, and wisdom to our people in the Caribbean islands, Africa, and the United States.

Brother Gene was a Pan-Africanist. He was a member of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party and Pan-African Support Group. He always displayed a button of Seku Ture or flags of Ethiopia and Ghana. He upheld the revolutionary ideas, values, and visions of Edward Blyden, Hubert Harrison, Marcus Garvey, Haile Selassie I, Kwame Nkrumah, Seku Ture, and Kwame Ture. Gene followed the foot prints of great African patriots. Gene represented the wider Virgin Islands in the Caribbean Pan-African Network. Hence, Gene knew that our liberation struggle in the Virgin Islands is linked with the world-wide struggle for Pan-Africanism and Caribbean integration. Like our ancestors who left a cultural legacy of heritage and resistance, Gene had tirelessly worked to achieve our century-old vision: the Union of African State.

There is so much that we can write and say about Brother Gene. How good and pleasant it was to work with Gene for nearly 30 years. Gene. You were a living legend among us.

A 21 GUN SALUTE TO BROTHER-COMRADE GENE EMANUEL

"IN THE VILLAGE THE MILITANT MUST BE THE EMBODIMENT OF THE REVOLUTION."

Ahmed Sekou Toure

The Spring Semester 2011 began and Gene was missing. A few people asked: "where is your brethren, Professor Emanuel?" At first, I brushed it off. Gene had a delay or a late start. Then the students started calling, and I called his extension leaving the message: "Gene, we were looking for you." At the first University function, Brother Gene was there energized, jovial, and ready to go. But what caused the absence in the first place?

The answer would be repeated a thousand times—Gene was away at an activity that advanced the interests of African people. In the beginning of the Spring Semester, Brother Gene was a part of a delegation of Pan-Africanists who attended an African Union/AU meeting in Azania/South Africa. Due to the immense prestige that Gene acquired throughout the African Consciousness, Rastafari, Black Nationalist, and Pan-Africanist groupings he was selected in 2004 to represent the Virgin Islands in the Caribbean Pan-African Network. We, the Pan-Africanists, saw Gene as a brother and comrade in the struggle to destroy colonialism and its offspring, racism, perpetual dependency, and chronic inferiority complex.

In the classroom, Gene never tired from infusing African heritage in every lecture. In his field, English, Gene sought to broaden the students' knowledge base and to heighten their appreciation on how a metropolitan language, English, can be transformed in the hands of the oppressed and be a tool for mass communication for humanity. Gene was gifted with oratorical skills and the capacity to switch effortlessly between the English of the metropole and Crucian. He knew how to reach the youth by understanding recent slang and teaching them how these ideas can be translated back into English. It was Gene's dream to develop a Pan African Humanities curriculum that allowed students to master the prose of Earl Lovelace, Chinua Achebe, and Aime Cesaire, among others. It was his hope that the University could go to the Correctional Facility and educate the incarcerated. It was his hope that mentoring of young male students would turn them to the pen and not the gun. It was also his hope that the University would be the intellectual fountain of rebirth and development of humanity, especially for the students who attended this institution.

Yet, Gene was not a typical instructor. His favorite class was the community. If Gene was late or absent from his University class, he was present at his Community class. Where did he not teach? Which mango tree did he not sit under reasoning with the brothers, who also thirsted for knowledge and enlightenment? There was literally no church, mosque, gathering, or meeting area Gene would not attend if he was asked to speak on Culture, African Heritage, Virgin Islands' History, African resistance to slavery, and African Consciousness. Gene was not afraid of reasoning with the "Hood" and his love for all members of our society regardless of where they lived and where they came from. Gene's undying enthusiasm with regard to Africanism was legendary. Gene was grounded with the brothers and sisters of the heartland.

Even more, an open secret that the mass media never mentions is that all hard liners of the Pan-Africanist Movement do have a soft spot for family, women and children. Without ever meeting Gene's mother, sisters, wife, children and other relatives, it was always amazing to see his change of demeanor whenever the topic emerged. The lion would then soften. He would also smile, or express pride in them. Moreover, when little children were present, the same Brother Gene, who could and did straighten out -of place- adults would turn into a warm and loving grandfather. "To love our people you must love our children" (Kwame Toure).

Admittedly, Brother Gene has left an indelible imprint on this Earth and in our Territory. His contributions are too numerous to be written down. But the greatest is his example as a tireless worker for development of all our People in the African Diaspora. He embodied what Edward Wilmot Blyden advocated as the African Personality- the unique combination of Africa that is modern, and ever progressive. His pioneering work has served to strengthen the work of other great Pan Africanists within the Virgin Islands context and beyond. As his body, returns to the Almighty God, he joins the pantheon of heroes, Edward Wilmot Blyden, Hubert Harrison, Marcus Garvey, Kwame Nkrumah, Ahmed Sekou Toure, Kwame Toure, and others. Brother-Comrade Gene Emanuel lives!

DR. RON HARRIGAN

I knew Gene since 1968 when we met at Howard University. I was a student and he was a faculty member. We were neighbors living next to each other in the UVI Faculty East Apartments where our children grew up together. And of course, we were colleagues in the Annual Summer Institute for Future Global Leaders program. There are many other areas where we collaborated to enhance the student life development at the University.

RUDY KRIGGER JR

Brother Gene--you were the big brother I never had, my family was your family, and at my daughter Japera's naming ceremony you were the elder who first spoke her name to her. My life, that of my family's, and those of countless people throughout the African Diaspora, will forever be richer because of your presence, and because of your work and your example. Our brother George Jackson once wrote that while the job of the oppressor is to teach the masses 'what to think', the job of the revolutionary is to teach the masses 'HOW to think'. There can be no question that you taught many thousands how to think. We will carry it on! A Luta Continua!

THE RASTAFARI IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

To the Honorable Dr. Professor Gene Emanuel

To our elder, mentor, comrade, leader, mediator, reasoner, inspirational guru ... the accolades are infinite. We know not where to begin or even how to say farewell. You moved us in a tremendous capacity. You were there for us at all times. For the twilight moments when you shared your insight with us; we are heartfully grateful. We are truly more refined individuals due to your tutelage. I consider myself divinely bless to have been included in the circle of which you influenced. Ashe.

On behalf of the Rastafari Improvement Association, Inc., we are likewise honored and grateful for your involvement in the initiation of said organization. Because of your commitment to organizing and networking conscious individuals and groups, you brought invaluable contributions in our efforts to bring Rastafari into one unity to maximize our social, cultural, economic, political & spiritual implant on the Pan-African movement home and abroad.

To the entire international collective of whom this blessed ancestral spirit touched; let's honor Our Beloved by lifting the torch of spirituality that he embraced and passed to us even higher that it may shine brighter. His legacy is an inspiration to all!

KYZA A. CALLWOOD

It is with deep regret that I extend heartfelt sympathies on behalf of the University of the Virgin Islands Debate Society, my family, myself, as well as the love ones on the passing of Professor Gene Emanuel.

Professor Emanuel was a loving father and mentor whose dedication went above and beyond the call of duty. He was an astute professor with a passion for student success as well as a culture bearer for greatness within the depths of the United States Virgin Islands. He has left an indelible mark on his family, friends, and those who had the good fortune of knowing him as a kind, stalwart of excellence and sharing individual. It is difficult to find words that can truly bring comfort amid the pain of losing a loved one.

During the many years as the founder and advisor of the UVI Debate Society, Professor Emanuel has made stellar contributions to the intellect and scholarship of the society's strong hold membership. His impeccable personality has motivated many individuals within the reach of his powerful disposition. The society has made a pact to continue his legacy, sharing it with all students in the V. I. community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family for God's sustaining grace at this sad time. It is my hope that the Almighty God will lend his comforting arms to those left behind to mourn Professor Gene Emanuel.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

On behalf of the staff of the Cooperative Extension Service, I express deep sorrow at the passing away of Professor Gene Emanuel. He was a true brother to all of us; always cheerful, always positive and always committed to culture. We will miss him as our MC for the annual Agriculture Fair on the grounds at the Reichhold Center. We will miss his friendship and his collegiality.

We send our deepest sympathy to his entire family.

With compassion,


Kwame Garcia, Sr. – State Director

LAVERNE RAGSTER

To the Family of Gene Emanuel,

I offer with a saddened heart my sincere condolences and wishes for you to find the inner peace and strength to face the pain of this difficult time. Professor Emanuel, Gene, was a colleague and friend who brought creativity, debate and politics to many issues and situations that we addressed over the past 30 years. He took stands on issues that many others ignored and fought in his own way for what he thought was right. His students, friends and those that loved him saw his great spirit and love of life in all that he touched through his teaching, advocacy and scholarship. He will be missed by many, and will always be a part of the legacy of the University through his students and projects. I am happy that our paths crossed so many times over the years.

May he rest in peace.

CAROL O. HENNEMAN

Gene Emanuel was in a class by himself. This dedicated Pan-African/Caribbean soldier toiled in the fields of his ancestry in a way that was unsurpassed. Gene loved himself, his people, his country, his world in a perfect combination of keen, illuminating intelligence and unyielding devotion. He was my comrade in the struggle, my mentor, and my dear friend and ally. I will never forget his brilliance; it will forever chart the course of my future growth and development. Onward African soldier; home to rest.



SELE & MOREMI ADEYEMI

Gene, is an undisputed fact that the struggle was your life. As you so often remarked, we will and must continue to do what we have been doing. Unflinching activist, master teacher and determined freedom fighter to the end. Wasn't it you who had reserved a room for a group of us to meet on Monday, August 8, 2011? Of course it was. Yes! Unapologetic freedom fighter to the end. Job well done. We, who are left behind have no choice but to accept the torch. The struggle must continue. There's not one scintilla of doubt in my mind that, that is without saying, a gross understatement. Unquestioningly, you have done your part; rest in peace as you enter the sacred community of ancestors. Take care. We love you.

KHARY EMANUEL

"I feel sorrow for the loss that has come upon me; but I know my father was a great man and he would want his historical work for the African Diaspora to continue."

ANNA WALLACE-FRANCIS, ALCEDO JUSTIN FRANCIS & CAMP UMOJA



To The Family and Community of Dr. Gene Emanuel

We are so grateful for such a wonderful mentor. We will be ever enlightened by his teachings and efforts. Our community is much further because of his efforts and success. The only fitting tribute we can give to him is to achieve the dreams which he sort for us as a great people. As an Ancestor may he continue to guide and enlighten us. Asante Sana !!!!!

The spirit of African Pride will live long in the name of Dr. Gene Emanuel. Each and every one that say Dr. Emanuel will always think of the good journey of Umoja and Kujichagulia that was always projected in his speeches and teachings about what life offered.

Umoja... Journey On

YOUR CRUCIAN THOMPSON FAMILY

Beloved Cousin Gene:

With much honor and love among your family, we have been blessed so many times by your light, laughter, and love. Your true and simplistic nature will always be remembered always. Our many collective fond memories of you will be spoken there ... at the 2012 Family Reunion. We will pour the libation for you and the ancestors.

Missing you already

ALL AFRICAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY



During my brief time living in the Virgin Islands, I had the opportunity of meeting many outstanding people, and Gene Emanuel was high on that list. Watching a video of him on St. John in November 2010 brought back memories of my trip to the observance of the 1733 Freedom Fighter Revolt. I was so impressed with his knowledge of the history of the Caribbean and particularly the Virgin Islands. He made the history alive for us.

Various programs by the Pan African Support Group in the V.I. gave me a chance to see Gene Emanuel's passion, love, and commitment to African people; his down-to-earth interaction with people; and his humorous side. I wasn't in direct contact with him after I left the islands, but I was always aware that he continued his work educating the people for liberation.

I know he will be missed by all his family, friends, students, co-workers—all who know him. However, I'm sure Brother Gene would agree with Kwame Ture, "The only tribute you can give us is to use yourself to serve humanity wherever necessary."

Sarudzayi Sevanhu, - Chicago, IL

SANKOFA FAMILY (UNITED AFRICAN VIRGIN ISLANDS)



Many of our Ancestors have journeyed onto the ancestral plain heart broken. The reason we say this is because their work has been targeted at a hard-headed, stiff necked people. A people who the majority seem not to care for or embrace the precious information that they dedicated their life to bring forth. Brother Gene Emanuel, Nab Eddie Bobo and Dr. Lezmore Emanuel are among those many elders. We, the Sankofa Family, have made a pledge that we will not let your legacy and contributions go in vain. We love you and ask that you watch over the movement from the ancestral plain.

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PADU, the Pan African Diaspora Union, is a 21st century Pan African organization of organizations whose central mission is to lay out and implement strategies to organize the African Diaspora. It is becoming an international body that is capable of mass mobilization, legislative advocacy and respect, diplomatic credibility, multiple level economic engagement, and substantial input into leadership training, among several other characteristics necessary for this stage of the movement forward. A principal part of PADU is its Elders Council—a group of well-experienced, ethical and erudite Pan Africanists qualified to render advice and guidance to PADU as an organization working to build the African Diaspora Sixth Region into a viable entity and a major player in international engagements. Professor Gene Emanuel was to be the fourth member of the PADU Elders Council, and had recently been invited to join. Professor Emanuel fit wonderfully into that veteran mix of clear-headed, analytical and responsible Pan Africans willing to provide their wealth of common sense and practical counsel to help lead PADU forward.

Legendary Baba Dudley Thompson from Jamaica is already on this Elders Council. So is Mukasa Willie Ricks, the famed community activist who coined the term “Black Power” in the 1960’s, and Oscar Brathwaite of Barbados and Toronto, Canada, an expert in Pan African education.

Professor Gene Emanuel will be sorely missed. He had established an enviable legacy of work and inspiration for two whole generations of young folk in the Virgin Islands, Caribbean, the U.S. mainland and throughout the African Diaspora seeking to do the right things but who needed compassionate words and a strong hand to steer them properly. He served as an excellent navigator for the opening of this next level of 21st century Pan Africanism that we are now entering—the Decade of the African Diaspora. We celebrate his life and pay honor to his profound and long-lasting service to his communities. May he rest in peace and eternal veneration. He will be well remembered.

Forward Ever, Backward Never,
David L. Horne, Ph.D for the PADU Secretariat
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UVI DEBATE SOCIETY 2001-02, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 2001-02

A tribute to a stalwart:

He stood tall with unending knowledge, unwavering values, unmovable stance, unfaltering courage, and with tenacious support for those he nurtured. We saw those qualities as members the 2001 and 2002 Debate society of the University of the Virgin Islands when Professor Emmanuel served as our advisor and taught us how to manipulate information, to delve into and sift knowledge, to face opponents with brilliance and to present positions with passion and confidence regardless our personal beliefs. His tenacity was manifested most when we thought that one debate a month on WTJX was more than we could handle. He would schedule a recording and we would have to deliver, even if it meant leaving UVI at odd hours on nights before recordings. Our Professor knew what potential looked and smelled like, and he was never intimidated by our cries of work overload...but we always obeyed, and saw the rewards at Caribbean Intercollegiate debates. His eloquence and craft were indelible emblems that he desired to pass it on to all his students. His editor’s pen always evoked the scholarly attributes of fledgling writers. He was a true teacher, a professor. For those of us who were privileged and blessed to have had Professor Emanuel as advisor, co-advisor, instructor, and or editor, we express sincerest gratitude. We say Thanks A Million and May His Soul Rest In Peace. To his family we say “Chenbe wed, pas molee” –“Hold Strong, Do not soften up”.

“Pedwis” President

"MOTHER" (BEATRICE EMANUEL)

by Mary Emanuel

Your roots are planted deep
 Your seed unknown, unknowable
 For we who came often
 The soil rich and dark
 Arawaks, Caribs, Maroon
 Ibo, Watusi, Ethiopian,
 The A to O.

O Mother, the flowers the
 Creator grew in your
 Garden, from your tree
 Of life

The colors, the hues, orange and yellow,
 blue and white,
 Red and purple, black roses,
 All on their green pedestal of your mahogany
 The rainbow, the covenant,
 The promise kept, the
 Faith straight and sure.
 The shapes, the size,
 fingerprints, snowflakes,
 unique each of us to ourselves but still a
 reflection of you mother.

Oh shall we speak of the
 Perfumes, jasmine, mint,
 Cinnamon spice, vanilla and
 coffee bean harmonizing
 Yet sometimes overpowering
 We grew

Nourished by the gentle
 Rain of your smile
 We grew, we grow,
 We live, we die
 But the root, like a river continues her
 Meandering. Journey on

And new life sprouts
 Rise up, rise up
 He rose, we rose,
 They also shall rise
 To the heat of your
 Sun, the fire of your cone,
 the winds of their destinies,
 their footprints on distant shores.

They rise

Anchored and wind blown
 Your gentle rain falling
 On our manumitted souls
 Your roots are
 Deep.

And Daddy father,
 The branches bow to
 Your careful pruning,
 Your subtle kindness
 Your firm and gentle
 Guidance of the direction of our growth

So subtle, that only
 Now I know I am not the master life game player.

That you only needed me
 To believe so for a little while
 So I could grow

We ride the wind currents
 Anchored to our roots
 Flying to freedom
 Our flight pattern
 Known yet unknown
 Our seeds to plants
 Our flower, to grow
 Stable from the root
 We go, we go
 Asante sana

DR. VINCENT O. COOPER, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AND LINGUISTICS

Many years ago when I first met Professor Gene Emanuel, he mentioned that he regarded himself as a disciple of Henry David Thoreau. Over the years our families have lived as good neighbors on the UVI campus, served as colleagues in English and Humanities. We have attended conferences together all across the Caribbean, and of course, partied together. We have discussed various issues, cultural, historical, and political, and sometimes, as is normal, we agreed to disagree. We shared books, music. We also networked with mutual colleagues internationally. Professor Emanuel's love for these islands and the development of positive self esteem among our Caribbean young people will become synonymous with education at the University of the Virgin Islands.

INDEPENDENCE

Independence is a rainbow
 That spans one chain of cultures
 From the Bahamas to Guiana;
 Our roots connect,
 Defy mirage of language impasse;
 Independence is vision that links diaspora,
 That lives the law of do or die,
 Its ten commandments echo
 in the tympanum of the steel drum,
 dictate the tempo of our exodus
 Out of the Egypt of our insularity

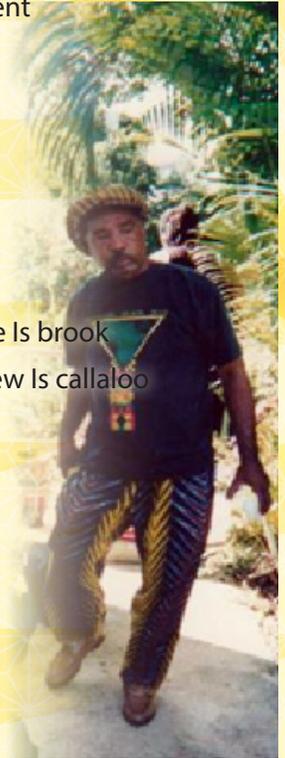
Independence is a creative enterprise
 As natural as Kittitian Roll Back
 Garrot Bounce, Lambada, Merengue, Kaiso, Reggae,
 Ounce for ounce.
 It's Punta Rock, It's Bossa Nova
 It's quadrille; It's Bamboula
 It's jazz; It's classic

Independence is a Japanese student
 Who sucks salt
 and nods politely
 To ransack the libraries of
 Western technology,
 Driven by patriotic purpose.

Our heritage is sand is sea is ripple Is brook
 Is conchshell is fish is tamarind stew Is callaloo
 And guavaberry.

Our history: dramatic
 Hatian Revolutions
 With beckoning Citadel
 Capping our horizons,
 Symbol of our climb
 To Athens and Alexandria

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DARAMONIFAH COOPER, KWANZAA365 & SANKOFA SATURDAYS



Haiku for Gene 'Lebembe' Emanuel: Walking Library - Of our Stories Known by Few - Shared til your Last Breath

...Next-door neighbor/mentor/elder/colleague...ancestor: 'Uncle' Gene you were there from my humble beginnings as you are throughout and in the end... From my first Kwanzaas in your home, to learning of your travels and experiences around and within the African Diaspora to now passing onto (while still learning from) our student advisees of UVI's Student Government Association's "Black" Heritage Committee which you've co-advised with me for many semesters, my experiences are too numerous to mention, yet are too empowering to ever forget. Your influence has greatly shaped who and what I am along with helped me to understand and make sacrifices to begin the creation of institutions that will help our people to research, appreciate, remember, write about and proudly share who they are and their purposes. I understand the need for documentation and preservation of our rich heritage ever so deeply because of you and now, your transition. I helped to award you and have been called on to do many other booklets, and plaques for you, but never did I expect to do this one.

On behalf of my own family (D'Ajahni Mikaili, Majestik Freedom and Bilal Djehuti) and the organizations your influence directly helped us to create, this booklet, your website, the photo slideshows, and the formation of the Sankofa University (a digital collection of eclectic African-Caribbean educational resources etc.) is my/our greatest tribute to you. Your work and the purpose(s) for which we continue sacrificing, shall always be remembered. I've heard that our greatest weakness is consistently loaning ourselves... our time, energy and sweat to the community more than to our own families. We can correct this through reuniting the village to it's proper place in all of our lives. With your continued guidance, I live and breathe to help make this a reality. By any means necessary... Aluta Continua!

Me da wo ase Baba Lebembe! Nanti Yie (Safe Journey) ...Nyame Nnwu Na Mawu (God can not die; neither can you)

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Psalms 137: 1-4

*By the rivers of Babylon,
there we sat down,
yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.*

*We hanged our harps
upon the willows in the midst thereof.
For there they that carried us away captive
required of us a song;
and they that wasted us required of us a mirth,
saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
How shall we sing the Lord's song
in a strange land?*



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