

# Celebration of Life



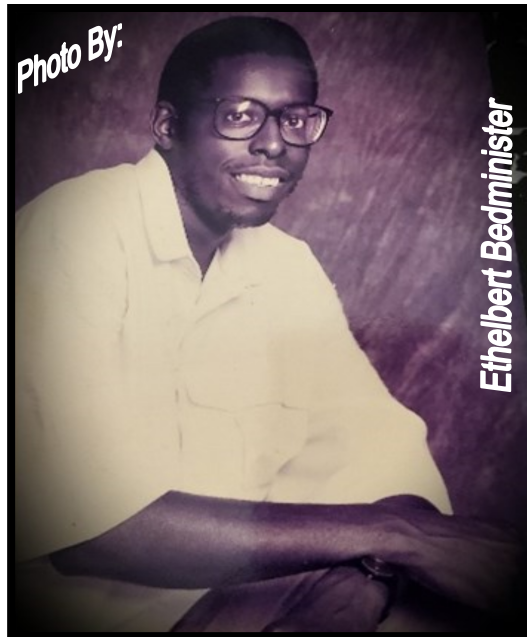
## Wayne "Facts Man" Adams

July 12, 1963

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September 26, 2020

Wayne "Facts Man" Adams



Funeral Service



Pre-Service Tributes  
(Closed Casket)  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m

10:00 a.m.  
Wesley Methodist Church  
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Service:

Officiating Minister

Rev. Helen Mallalieu-Maurose

Organist

Howard Jones

Interment

Eastern Cemetery (Smith Bay)

Funeral Arrangements

Turnbull's Funeral Home  
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

# Wayne "Facts Man" Adams



Fourteen years ago I wrote this poem and it was published in the International Library of Poetry, their "Timeless Voices" edition. I wrote it in tribute to my parents, Mario E. Adams and Doreen C. Adams to spotlight their unconditional love for their children, specifically Wayne in his struggles with mental illness, being diagnosed with manic depression/bipolar disorder.

## There for Him

Driven by his own inner demon,  
He marches to his own beat from within.

Daily, he leaves home early  
Only to return late in the evening  
After roaming the streets, again,  
To his own beat from within.

At home they wait in love,  
Never prodding; they ask God  
To bring their son safely home...  
Into their loving arms and sanctuary.

There they are, standing tall.  
Never wavering, when their son's inner  
Demon has his attention more than they.

Because of their unconditional love,  
They are there for him. His parents,  
Being there for him, their son.

**~by Dale Adams**



# Loved Ones Preceded In Death

Mother

Mrs. Doreen Christalia Thomas Adams



## Grandparents

J. Archibald Adams  
Ann E. Adams  
Samuel Thomas  
Augusta M. Thomas



## Aunts

Manulita Adams  
Mary Adams Smith  
Iris Adams Thomas  
Ishmay Adams Edwards  
Louise Thomas Donovan  
Mildred Thomas Donovan  
Lucinda Thomas Williams  
Mabel Thomas Jacobs  
Claris Thomas Francis



## Uncles

Henry Adams  
Liston Thomas  
Vandell Thomas  
Vernon Thomas



# Survivors

## Father

Mario E. Adams

## Sister

Vickilyn "Candy" Adams Brown

## Brother

Dale Adams

## Brother In-Law

Edwin O. Brown

## Niece

Dr. Kayla S. Brown

## Nephew

D'Wayne R. James

## Great Niece

Dejah James

## Great Nephew

Darian James

## Aunts

Ivy Adams Creque  
Earline Thomas Smith  
Mayrose Thomas Adams  
Janet Thomas Doeh

## Uncles

Orthlie Adams  
Ludrick Thomas  
Stanford Thomas

## Family Of The Late

Mary Smith  
Iris Thomas  
Ishmay Edwards

## Family Of The Late (cont'd)

Louise Donovan  
Mildred Donovan  
Lucinda Williams  
Mabel Jacobs  
Henry Adams  
Liston Thomas  
Vandell Thomas  
Vernon Thomas

## Special Cousin

Daryl Edwards

## Special Friends

Alicia Richards  
Carolyn Santora  
Dr. Marilyn Krigger  
Lionel Parsons  
Reginald "Ras Regg" Martin  
Shirley Sadler  
Verne Callwood  
Paul Alexander  
Leayle "Ras Mani" Pickering, Jr.  
Jacquel Dawson

## Pall Bearers

Afreekan Southwell  
Dale Adams  
Daryl Edwards  
Edwin Brown  
Lionel Parsons  
Reginald "Ras Regg" Martin

## Honorary Pall Bearers

Kenneth Thomas  
Ludrick Thomas  
Mario Adams  
Orthlie Adams  
Stanford Thomas  
Stephen "Smokey" Frett





# Pre-Service Tribute Speakers

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*(In Order of Speaking)*

1. Carolyn Santora
2. Afreekah Southwell
3. Shirley Sadler
4. Daryl Edwards
5. Lionel Parsons
6. Simeon Thompson
7. Leayle Emanuel "Ras Mani" Pickering, Jr.
8. Ulric Ferrari



# Order of Service

Scripture Sentences.....Rev. Helen M. Maurose

Hymn.....Blesséd Assurance.....Congregation

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

**Refrain:**

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest-  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love:

Prayer

Remembrance... ..Reginald "Ras Regg" Martin

Selection..... Mario Adams

Tribute.....Cherrisse Woods, Esq.

Old Testament Reading:.....Psalm 130.....Dale Adams

Epistle:.....Romans 8:31-39..... Vickilyn Adams Brown

Gospel (All standing).....John 14:1-6, 27

**SERMON.....REV. HELEN MALLALIEU-MAUROSE**



Hymn.....How Great Thou Art.....Congregation

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed!

**Refrain:**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art.***

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration.  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Apostles' Creed (All standing).....Congregation

I Believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy, catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.





Prayers of Thanksgiving

Commendation

Lord's Prayer

(Sung).....Congregation

Benediction

Recessionary Hymn.....When We All Get To Heaven.....Congregation  
**(All standing)**

**(Body is removed from chapel during the singing of this hymn)**

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;  
Sing his mercy and his grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
He'll prepare for us a place.

**Refrain:**  
***When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory.***

While we walk the pilgrim pathway  
Clouds will overspread the sky,  
But when travelin' days are over,  
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful,  
Trusting, serving every day;  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay.

Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon his beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open;  
We shall tread the streets of gold.

**Service commences at the Gravesite**

THE COMMITAL  
PRAYERS  
BENEDICTION

**GRAVESITE HYMNS:**

Nearer My God To Thee ♥ What A Friend We Have In Jesus  
The Old Rugged Cross ♥ Shall We Gather At The River  
When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder ♥ I'll Fly Away



# Obituary

*I Did It My Way.....*



Fifty seven years ago, Wayne Adams, the youngest of three children was born to Mario Elwollis Adams and Doreen Christalia Thomas Adams on Friday, July 12, 1963.

**I did it my way...** “I wanted to be a historian from the time I was eight years old. My mother bought me a book listing all the presidents of the United States while attending Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School. I learned the presidents by heart and was able to say their names in order of the time they served.”

Wayne's educational journey contributed to his love for History and politics. He attended the Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School from 1968-1975; the Wayne Aspinall (nee Adelita Cancryn) Junior High School from 1975-1977 and the Charlotte Amalie High School from 1977-1981, graduating in the top 10 of his class in 1981, all three schools in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He studied Sociology with a concentration in History for two years at the College of the Virgin Islands (now University of the Virgin Islands) before going on to further his studies at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida.

**I did it my way...** “I got fed up with College and I was getting ill, so I decided to quit. At that time I had a 3.04 grade point average and said to myself, ‘let me bail out of here.’”

In his early teen years at the age of 15, Wayne was diagnosed with the mental illness of manic depression, also known as bipolar disorder. Though he struggled with his mental illness for many years, he did not allow his illness to deter him from accomplishing many notable goals. He always credited the unconditional love and support of his parents, Mario and Doreen Adams and his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for him making it through his struggles.

**I did it my way...** “because of my attention to facts, dates and details, I was given the name “Facts Man” by Reginald “Ras Regg” Martin in October of 1988. The name caught on and it became my moniker.”

Yes, Wayne “Facts Man” Adams struggled with his illness of manic depression but in spite of it he pressed on and accomplished lots:

- In 1984 at age 21, he became the youngest person in the U.S. Virgin Islands history to run for a senatorial position in the V.I. Legislature, though unsuccessfully. “Facts Man” also ran in the years 1990; 1996 and 2002, he again ran unsuccessfully.
- He became politically savvy and knowledgeable while working under the tutelage of then Senators Iver Stridiron, Adelbert Bryan and Virdin Brown.
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- Led in 1992, 1995, 1997 and 2001 respectively the successful, international fights to prevent Britain, France and Japan from transshipping deadly, nuclear waste through the Caribbean.
- "Facts Man" was honored on Sunday, August 17, 2003 by the St. Thomas based organization, The African Diaspora Youth Development Foundation, Inc. with the Carlos Cooks Achievement Award for an outstanding black business person within the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- He was honored on Saturday, October 13, 2007 by the political party, namely, the Independent Citizens Movement (I.C.M.) Party of the Virgin Islands for dedication, loyalty and determination to enlighten the community. Also by the mental health advocacy group NAMI-VI for helping the community to better understand the effects of mental illness.
- His love for travel took him to the African countries of Liberia, Zambia and Zimbabwe; Caribbean Islands of Grenada and Jamaica. Often times on his global travels "Facts Man" sought out and met with many of the countries respective leaders.

And so it was, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams truly did it his way. Rest in eternal peace, our dear son and brother.



*Tributes:*

In Honor of

*Wayne "Facts Man" Adams*



My beloved son Wayne, always seeking historical facts and knowledge. We've spent hours on end talking, at times going into early morning hours, him wanting to know what was life like for me, his father, in my childhood growing up in Chalwell, Tortola; who were his ancestors and how were they related. I can truly understand him being called "Facts Man."

Then there were those challenging times that my now deceased wife, his mother, Doreen C. Thomas Adams and I, stood by him unconditionally with love, to insure he made it through his struggles with manic depression and would always have a place to come home to, filled with love and no judgment. I am missing Wayne so much, but he's in a better place, in the arms of God. Until my beloved son, rest in eternal peace.

**~Your Father  
Mario E. Adams**

Everyone knew my brother as a cultural historian, lover of politics who would take pride on making election predictions and tell to all who would take the time to listen He frequented the airways to share his knowledge about notable Virgin Islanders; all those things he did not because he wanted notoriety or to be paid a salary, but because he loved the people of the Virgin Islands and was willing to share his knowledge.

My brother as I knew him, was one that believed in faith and loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, loved his family and was always so proud of his nephew and niece and all their accomplishments, kind hearted, and well mannered. Despite his struggles and challenges with mental illness, he accomplished so much and truly lived life his way.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again. This is not goodbye, but rest easy with the ancestors until we meet again.

**~Your Sister  
Vickilyn Candy Adams-Brown**

Whenever my brother would telephone me, he always greeted me by saying, "good evening Dale, this is your younger brother Wayne...", our conversation would then proceed from there. I am going to miss him, his greeting and hearing his voice.

Although he was younger, there're much that I admired and learned from the "Facts Man," to exhibit patience; being humble; slow to anger and more importantly, to rise above your challenges.

Rest in God's care my beloved brother, forever in my heart.

**~Brother  
Dale Adams**





My nephew Wayne was a beautiful human being, very respectful and caring. He was called home to be with his Savior; I will miss his smiling face and pleasant personality. Rest in Eternal peace.

**~Uncle Stanford Thomas**

Mario, Dale and Candy,

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family during this time of sadness. Let us all hold onto Jesus and ride out this storm. May his soul rest in eternal peace

**~Aunt Mayrose, Uncle Orthlie, Debora and Diane**

Today, I celebrate the life of one of my favorite cousins, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams. I will miss hearing you greet me as Dr. Creque, with that beautiful smile. You were always so proud of me. It encouraged me to keep going. You have always been my biggest fan and you will continue to be in Spirit. I must finish the degree in your honor.

I credit you for my interest in learning as you were my first introduction to academia. I reflect on our early years as children and those early morning boat trips to the BVI. You would share so many things with me about the interesting revelations you learned and read about. It made the boat ride more of a treat. I didn't realize how valuable those mini information sessions were until now.

I thank God that we were able to see each other this past summer. That day will always be special and remain etched in my heart, as it was our last. I love you too Wayne! You were always special to us and will be special in heaven as well. May Your Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

**Love Always,  
~Stacy Creque**

Wayne, your life's journey didn't end in vain. You've touched so many lives. May you rest in peace.

**~Your cousin, Debbie Adams**

Wayne "Facts Man," when we heard of your passing it sadden us, but we have hope in God that we will see you again. You have fought the good fight, you have kept the faith, and you have finished your earthly journey and now resting in the arms of your savior. When you were in the in the area where I work you never miss a beat to come by and spend a few moments with me, I will miss our rich talks and your

brilliant history of our family. A man full of history gone to soon. In closing we sign off saying

goodbye Cuz and continue your eternal peaceful rest with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**~Your Cousins,  
Abigail "Abby" Hutchins, Ethel Burke, Eve "Pinky" Smith-Frett & Cousin-in-law Minus Frett**

On behalf of honey and I, I am honored to say a few words on behalf of my late cousin. Wayne and I were childhood friends and I have fond memories of our youth running around Tortola, together. We would play cowboys and Indians and act out our favorite characters in shows like Modsquad, Mannix and Cannon.

Wayne was a special child and didn't really get in much trouble. He would always say that we couldn't do that and on occasions would get us in trouble.

As adults, I would run into Wayne most times when I came home to visit at Tutu mall. We would talk and he would share with me some fascinating historical facts about the Islands. He had a brilliant mind.

Wayne was a wonderful person, cousin and friend. He will be dearly missed. RIP Wayne!

**~Much love,  
Wayne and Tondra Penn**

Wayne was a very special cousin. It was enlightening to sit and listen to his narrations on historical facts and figures, as well as his strong political convictions relative to the USVI and BVI. He would name his choices for positions of leadership in these territories without reservation. In addition to all this, Wayne was very warm and loving and always greeted you with a wide welcoming smile. When he visited Tortola, he made the effort to see as many family members as possible, sharing his views on current events, and inviting them to purchase his recordings. We will sorely miss seeing and interacting with him. We pray God's comfort for Uncle Mario, Dale, Candy and the entire family.

May Wayne Rest In Peace until the glorious resurrection.

**~The Children of his late Aunt May**

Mr. Wayne Adams was a bright star in the Adams family and was well known in the British Virgin Islands. Unlike his siblings, he was born on St. Thomas but like them, did not forget their roots.

Wayne always acknowledged his family. He travelled to Tortola often and visited the birth place of his parents and grandparents. On a personal note, each new appointment that I got during my tenure in government services, Wayne would always come to visit my office to congratulate me and to let the staff know that we were relatives. He was one of my strongest support.

He had a keen interest the political life of the Territory and would often predict the outcome of each election (family members included). He wanted what he thought was best for the country.

He was knowledgeable on a wide range of topics and shared it with everyone especially through the various medium such as radio talk shows. Not everyone could appreciate his style of information sharing but he was never deterred. He always felt that he had something to share. When he first offered himself as a candidate for election in the United States Virgin Islands, he was able to receive a substantial number of votes which showed that at the time, he was able to convince a number of persons that he had a position on many ideas that would have been beneficial to the growth and development of the islands.

Our condolences go out to Uncle Mario and the entire home circle and we entrust you all to our Father God. May He comfort and uphold you during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.

**~Larry & Rosalie**

Your death has left us deeply saddened. We knew you had to go someday, but we didn't expect it so soon. You will always be in our memories. The Virgin Islands community will miss you, Wayne "Fact Man" Adams. Rest in peace our beloved nephew and cousin. Through it all, may the Adams family find strength, courage and hope through the grace and peace of Christ, which passes all understanding. God bless you all.

**~Aunt Earline  
Melton Smith & Family**



"Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel." (Proverbs 20:15).

Our Jewel, Wayne, will live in our hearts forever. His legacy indeed is a rare one. For all graced by his presence are uniquely touched. We will miss him and we are here for you all.

**~Love,  
Uncle Ludrick and your cousins: Arieta, Corey,  
Shawn, Ava and Crawford**

Wayne "Facts Man" Adams, my cousin. Our families visited each other on St. Thomas when I was growing up. We would also be together at family gatherings in Tortola, on "The Hill." After I relocated to the States whenever I came home and if Wayne knew, he would call and "hail me up."

Like any individual, Wayne had his challenges. That did not stop him from loving V.I. people and culture. You could ask him about any prominent Virgin Islander, and he would give you the "facts" about their lives and accomplishments. Wayne did not let life's challenges stop him from seeking information, obtaining information, and sharing the facts. Whether it was through print, one of his CDs or on the radio, he shared what he knew with people. I was speaking with his sister, Vicki about week or two after his passing. One of the things that stood out for me and a lesson that I will carry going forward is that a way was made for Wayne. Despite his challenges, he remained true to himself and a way was made for him to be an integral part of the community and to share his love of "facts." We should all remember that if we are "true to ourselves," and if we are honorable in our actions, a "way" will be made for us also. I will miss him. Wayne, Cuz, Rest in Peace.

**~L. Denise Edwards**

Mario, Dale and Vickilyn,

My heart and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your son and brother. Help us Lord to keep the faith; when things are going wrong we need not fear for God is on our side. It is so difficult to lose someone so dear and near to you. Words offer little comfort, but knowing that with the passing of time your pain will subside and the loving memories shared throughout the many years will sustain you. God has called home another one of his faithful angels. I will miss my cousin very much, especially his friendly smile and historical knowledge. I am looking forward one day to reunite with him around God's throne. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

**~Your cousin,  
Jacqueline Smith-Webster and Family**



For my Uncle Wayne, a poem in his memory:

**Not How Did He Die, But How Did He Live?**

Not how did he die, but how did he live?  
Not what did he gain, but what did he give?

These are the units to measure the worth  
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not, what was his church, nor what was his  
creed?  
But had he befriended those really in need?

Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer,  
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,  
But how many were sorry when he passed  
away.

**~Your nephew  
D'Wayne R. James**

Wayne "Facts Man" will be greatly missed by all. Whenever I came to St. Thomas, one family member you'll see is him with a warm greeting and inquiring about your family. He loved family (aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.) which was also a trait of his mother. A great historical voice is silent. Matt 5:4 "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." May his soul rest in peace.

**Love  
~Carol Turnbull & Family**

I extend my deepest sympathy to the immediate family of Wayne "Facts Man" Adams. In addition to being first cousins, Wayne and I collaborated on most of his CD's. This collaboration spanned over 30 years. I will forever remember Wayne's focus, determination, and love of history, especially that of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Despite his challenges, he made great sacrifices to share his wealth of knowledge with us. We will miss him, but we thank God that his memory lives on through his work. May he Rest in Peace!

**~Daryl Edwards, Cousin**

As a child one of my best memories were around Christmas time. One major event for me was going caroling. I use to try to wait up but would always fall asleep. But your voice use to wake me up and I was ready to go. I use to laugh because if One person I

know would sing it would be you or Uncle Mario. That use to make Christmas for me I didn't care

about the gifts. I tell my kids about caroling to this day, and that song A is for Adam. I don't know if it was your favorite but the way you sung it, I thought it was. You were always in the community spreading your knowledge. You were definitely a gift from God to our family and the Virgin Islands. You are truly a V.I legend "Facts Man". R.I.E.P

**~Jamaal and Family**

Condolences to Mr. Mario, Candy, and Dale

We will like to extend our heartfelt condolences on the death of our beloved cousin Wayne "Facts Man" Adams.

We are saddened by the sudden lost and we are sorry for the sorrow that your family is going through in this short span of time.

We ask the Lord for mercies, strength, blessings, as you once again experience this stress, pain, and sorrow with the lost of another love one.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**  
***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.***

Every time I (Vera) met Wayne it was always "Cuz you alright", he always saw me before I saw him and he will be greatly missed.

The last conversation we had during the cake sale for the League of BVislanders, was memorable. Wayne was like "Cuz I have a CD for you, it's the best thing since Bob Marley featuring yours truly and it's good. I smile and supported my cuz. This was our last conversation, but memorable because every time I think of it I just have to smile.

**~Sincere sympathy  
Verna, Verda, Vera, Vernon, Jr., and Virden  
Thomas**



I feel you Facts Man...  
You lived a life of love, commitment and brotherhood.

**Lyrics from Bob Marley**

**One Love**

"One Love, one heart.  
Let's get together and feel all right.  
Hear the children crying. (One love.)  
Hear the children crying. (One heart.) Sayin',  
"Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right."  
Sayin', "Let's get together and feel all right."  
Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.  
Let them all pass all their dirty remarks. (One love.)  
There is one question I'd really love to ask. (One heart.)  
Is there a place for the hopeless sinner  
Who has hurt all man-kind just to save his own?  
Believe me. One love, one heart.  
Let's get together and feel all right.  
As it was in the beginning, (One love.)  
So shall it be in the end. (One heart.) Alright,  
"Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right."  
Sayin', "Let's get together and feel all right."

Rest in Peace Wayne.... "The Struggle Continues!..."

**~Mario Leonard, God Brother**

Pan Africanist, global thinker and servant to the people of the Virgin Islands. My first encounter with him was as a disc jockey on Lucky 13 (WSTA) in the early 1980's. He visited the station with cassettes in hand, telling me that they were the speeches of the late Gov. Cyril E. King that he had recorded himself. Such precious items he entrusted to me! I dropped selected cuts onto cartridges to play on the air and returned his tapes to him. It was my first understanding of the greatness of a man that you cannot find in books. Governor King exhorted the crowd, that self reliance and community responsibility were the keys to progress. For years, I would mix these in between and in the middle of conscious music. Wayne took all the good that God gave to him - his razor sharp mind, his passion for the diaspora, his long range vision - and shared them in countless booklets, writings and recordings. I have purchased many over the years. Ras Regg gave him the nickname "Facts Man" so many years ago, and in an age where truth must be mined, Wayne's contribution to the cultural database is sacred and all love.

Thank you Mr. Adams. The ancestors welcome you. You have done your works so very well.

**~Anita Davis**

It was always a professional experience to work with Wayne 'Factsman' Adams throughout all the years we performed his "militant reggae" at the Bouy - Ah - Bouy calypso tent. His dedication to his performance was a model that all entertainers should admire. I as well as all the musicians will miss him always. RIEP Wayne

**~Robert 'Sperm' Leonard**

Dear Mario, Vickilyn, Dale and Family

The passing of my dear friend Wayne came as a shock to my family and me. Wayne and I were friends for more than twenty years. As our friendship grew over the years, it would have been unusual that more than a day or two would pass that he did not call to see how my day went. He would normally begin our conversation by saying, "Alicia I know it's late but guess who I saw today...?" and would tell me which family member of mine he saw in town, or at the supermarket, and then the politics would soon begin.

Whether it was political predictions, his future in politics, or what was the latest political rumor and in many instances about his upcoming travel plans. I will always cherish the memories of our conversations and the way he meticulously described whatever we were discussing. His contribution of the historical facts of the community and our people will live forever through his writings and recordings. My dear friend, Wayne, will be missed but never forgotten. Our friendship is eternal. Rest in peace with our God in heaven. In sympathy

**~Alicia Richards and Family  
Kenneth, Keith, and Kim**

Wayne was like a brother to us. As a youngster, he was at our house often. He enjoyed heated conversations with our brother Dean about basketball. He was also very competitive. When the guys would build race carts, Wayne would always claim that his was the fastest. As he grew older, whenever we saw him, he would always ask about our family. As he became involved with the politics of the Virgin Islands, we were very proud that he was our cousin. We love and will miss him very much.

**~Julian, Annette, Dean, Carol, Darlene and Neal**





Wayne you were a nice and respectful young man, just as nice as your parents Mario and Doreen who just passed. I will miss you as I will my longtime friend Doreen. You made a great impact on all of us and for that we sincerely love you. May you rest in everlasting peace!

**~Essalita Fleming**

It is with a heavy heart I write to offer condolences on the passing of "Facts" as I affectionately called him. I was not only his campaign manager but his friend. From his publishing company, to his music and his campaigns my wife and I were his supporters. For the last months of the corona pandemic until his hospitalization we were weekly on the campaign trail. He'll always say after he gave me the list of the winners in the senate race, you'll be my computer specialist and Lindy Parsons's will be the post auditor. We'll miss his straight forward demeanor and his no nonsense approach to life. May he sleep until his personal savior Jesus Christ returns. Much blessings.

**~Lionel and Lindy Parsons**

I knew Wayne "Facts Man" Adams as a voice of culture, education, and Black Consciousness. Even if I did not see him, he would always call out to me and greet me with, "Good morning Attorney Sekou" or "Good afternoon Attorney Sekou." Although I would tell him to please call me Nandi, he insisted because he said he is always proud of young Virgin Islanders' achievements. I was able to observe Facts Man in an early stage as Changa de Radical, a performer of both kaiso and reggae. His lyrics reflected his pure heart and civic mindedness. His stage presence and his every day attire were unique---military fatigues. Why? He was a soldier of enlightenment and leader of traditional culture. Thus, with the entire people of the Greater Virgin Islands, I join in celebrating the life of our beloved Facts Man. Condolences to his family and may you find comfort in knowing that Wayne had a positive impact on all of us. May He Rest In Peace,

**~Nandi Sekou**

Wayne my fellow ICMer, cancrician, my friend, I prayed to the most high everyday that you fared well on your journey. I loved your openness and intelligence and it was an honor to sit and converse with you and I will truly miss our conversations coherent or not. Wayne you stood out of all God's people by your character and your big heart, those of us who got to know you were very lucky for having crossed paths with you. Thanks to you I learned to be more brave, because even though you suffered with mental illness, you strive to not allow your illness to stop you from smiling and moving on with your life. While your journey here on earth has come to an end, I will remember you always. Rest easy Sir until we meet again, I'll continue to conserve water!

**~Naomi Joseph**

On behalf of the Classen, Wheatley, and Carson families , we expressed our deepest sympathies to the family of Wayne "Facts Man" Adams. A devoted member of the ICM party, Wayne will always be remembered for his contribution in keeping our island history alive as he, in his own right, was a true historian. Our families will also remember his kind words as he paid tribute to our mother, words that we will never forget. Rest In Peace, Wayne, for you are in a better place and earned your wings.

**~Classen, Wheatley, and Carson Families**





My sincerest condolences goes to the family and friends of Wayne 'Facts Man' Adams. May he rest in eternal peace.

**~Gustave Lawrence  
St. Croix, V.I.**

Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4. Sending Deepest Sympathy and Love to the family of Wayne Adams. Mr. Mario, Dale and Candy - know that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God put his loving arms around you and Comfort you during this time of mourning and always. Rest in Peace Wayne

**~Angela Arlene Smith-McDowell  
"CAHS Class of 1981"**



"In the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, this is Wayne 'Factsman' Adams" was the salutation that opened every media appearance of our beloved classmate from the 'One In A Million' Charlotte Amalie High School Class of 1981. We knew him as kinfolk, a brother, a friend, and son of the soil. His salutation evoked his profound Christian faith and we knew he meant every word of his reverent introduction whenever he called a talk show. Even more, we knew "Factsman" from his earliest stages at Jane E Tuitt Elementary School. Some of us walked with him from preschool straight through to High School. We knew him from the sandbox to the soapbox.

In his earlier years, he was Wayne to us and was like other youngsters in St Thomas- lively, friendly, at times gracefully shy, and always impressively intelligent. At an early age, Wayne showed a penchant for remembering names, dates, and facts. His ability to excel in school placed Wayne on a high academic track. However, he loved basketball and was always eager to play. His pleasant demeanor, though, betrayed his competitive spirit and his desire for excellence in every area. As Wayne grew, we saw a consistent personality that greeted everyone with sincere friendship, respect, and good-natured humor. In time, Wayne became known for his diligent academic studies and his overall amiable persona. As we graduated from high school in 1981, Wayne stood out as a proponent of honoring our great leaders, promoting conscious lyrics in reggae and calypso, and reminding all Virgin Islanders of our glorious traditions in society and in politics. So committed was he that Wayne was given the moniker "Factsman" by one of our legendary DJ's, Reginald "Ras Regg" Martin.

As we matured, the CAHS Class of '81 grew closer and we loved "Factsman" dearly. His woes were ours to share, and his successes were ours to honor. Every time "Factsman" blessed our community with his contributions- i.e. song, booklet, radio program, and positive message, we, his classmates, soared and celebrated. Our theme song at our graduation, "One in the Million" continued to inspire "Factsman" and all of us. We always saw him as an embodiment of this theme and we honor this today. Wayne "Factsman" Adams has transitioned to a place where there is no pain and no suffering. He is with the Almighty and we pray that God blesses the Adams family, for He does not give us more than we can bear. We will honor "Factsman" by continuing his legacy of promoting the best aspects of our glorious past and great traditions. Rest in eternal peace, Wayne Adams; you will live in our hearts forever.

**~By the Charlotte Amalie High School Class of 1981**



# 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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**October 23, 2020**

## In Memory of the late Wayne Adams

Today I join our community in remembering and paying homage to Wayne Adams, who was known to most of us as our beloved "Facts Man". "Facts Man" was a son of the soil, a hard worker and a gentle giant whose memory and legacy will live on.

He loved these Virgin Islands and held the knowledge he learned about our history near and dear to his heart. He was always willing to share information whether in person to anyone or by calling in to the many radio talk shows that he was a frequent caller to.

"Fact Man" loved politics and was always anxious to spread the news of his most recent elections predictions with anyone who would take the time to listen. His love and commitment to our community was seen through his kind disposition and the way he carried himself as an ambassador as he traveled through the islands.

As we say our final farewells to Wayne "Facts Man" Adams today, I pray that God will continue to guide his circle of loved ones and grant all His love, peace and strength as they go through this difficult time.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28*

With Sympathy,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Gittens".

Kenneth L. Gittens  
Senator



The Honorable  
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## Tribute to Wayne “Facts Man” Adams

On behalf of my family and staff, I wish to express our heartfelt and deepest sympathy to the family of Wayne “Facts Man” Adams.

Wayne would not pass me anywhere. He would always talk to me about my father and how he helped his family. Then Wayne a.k.a. “My Predictionist,” would always let me know where I would place in an election. It was not just for me, but for anyone involved in politics, history, and culture.

I have my collection of Wayne “Facts Man” Adams CD’s stacked at home. A few weeks ago, I last saw Wayne at the Market Square and as usual, the conversation was great. His acumen for V.I. History, Politics, and V.I. culture was second to none!

Wayne will be truly missed, but the memories will last forever.... Rest in Political Peace my Brother; “You got my Vote!”

***“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30***

With Warmest Regards,

Stedmann Hodge, Jr.  
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*The Honorable Myron D. Jackson*  
*Vice President,*  
*33<sup>rd</sup> Legislature*

## **Tribute to Wayne “Facts Man” Adams**

I join the Virgin Islands community in expressing my deepest sympathy to the Adams family on the passing of Mr. Wayne “Facts Man” Adams at the age of 57. Against great challenges, he was one of the most creative and resourceful persons I have met. A staunch community and political advocate, he provided insights on regional and world affairs.

I could always count on him for his latest publications and CDs on various subject matters relating to the African diaspora. He was always willing to share his travel experiences and insights as he navigated the Territory and the region in search of truth and understanding.

Adams was a walking encyclopedia, hence his nickname, bestowed by the Legislature’s own Reginald Martin. He had a gift for remembering dates, times, names, and circumstances of the past. The community embraced his knowledge. He was a frequent guest on WSTA 1340 AM radio, who shared with his listeners snippets of facts about various personalities who shaped Virgin Islands history.

When off the radio, he offered his recollections on the streets to those who would listen, or by selling his self-published booklets and albums through the Historic Institute. The flipside to his genius was a man who also struggled with bipolar disorder, who spoke openly about his condition and in doing so became an advocate for spreading awareness of the limited support services for mental illness in the Virgin Islands. He credited his faith and loving parents for helping him make it as far as he did in life. His mother, Doreen Adams, preceded him.

A product of the public school system, Adams graduated in the top ten of the Charlotte Amalie Class of 1981, according to an old newspaper feature. He pursued sociology and history at the College of the Virgin Islands, and further studies at Jacksonville University in Florida.

His interest in politics led him to run for office on several occasions. Even when not on the ballot, he would hand deliver his handwritten predictions, complete with forecasted vote tallies and anticipated Senate officers, during the election season. He was a strong proponent of the Virgin Islands strengthening its ties with the Caribbean region by joining CARICOM. He liked calypso music and danced and sang to it with abandon. In his chants laid over a rhythm, he philosophized about serious world issues, remembered historic leaders, and spoke to topics in between.

Remarkably, despite setbacks and personal quirks, he committed to give so much of himself to benefit the Virgin Islands. We will miss his voice and creativity. On behalf of myself, family, and staff, I offer condolences. Job well done, good and faithful servant!

May his Soul Rest in Peace!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Myron D. Jackson".

Senator Myron D. Jackson, Vice President, 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislature

# THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS MOVEMENT TRIBUTE TO ICM SENATORIAL CANDIDATE #10 WAYNE "FACTS MAN" ADAMS



THE PARTY THAT CARES FOR THE PEOPLE

The Independent Citizens Movement (The ICM Party!) overwhelmingly regrets to announce the passing of the ICM Senatorial Candidate: Wayne "Facts Man" Adams. For many elections, our candidate made every attempt to participate fully in the electoral process, gaining the required endorsement of the ICM Party each and every time. He remained to his death, one of the strongest members of the Independent Citizens Movement, never wavering on the party line and principles, never jumping in or out of the Party for personal gain. He literally died in his final attempt to reverse the political changes by the Unity Party that have successfully and systematically suppressed the Virgin Islands for the past 50 years. As a historian, "Facts Man" believed in the ideals and aspirations of the 1967 Donkey Democrats (ICM) in bringing about the true freedom and democracy that would embrace and cater to the vital needs of each and every resident in the Virgin Islands of the United States and not chosen Virgin Islanders, setting up socio-economic dynasties, including few and excluding most. He lived his entire life within the ideals of an ICM. If there ever was an "ICMer", it was "Facts Man" Adams.

The Honorable Victor O. Frazer, the ICM Delegate to Congress, memorializes "Facts Man" coming into the ICM Party with an insatiable appetite for learning. "He learned (much) so that he can teach others (much)." Everyone can attest to this. The radio waves were frequented by his voice providing daily facts of Virgin Islands life and Virgin Islands people, raising the self-esteem of an entire territory, providing example after example of how each of us individually can also contribute to the progress of our society. He singlehandedly resurrected countless Virgin Islanders in our minds that positively impacted the Virgin Islands that we enjoy today. His first and foremost allegiance and reverence was to ICM Governor, Cyril Emmanuel King. Like King, "Facts Man" wanted to expand the reach and solidarity of the Virgin Islands with the Caribbean. "Facts Man" repeatedly advocated for the Virgin Islands to become a member of the CARICOM community.

For "Facts Man", the battle for progress of the Virgin Islands was a daily fight and his ammunition were his facts. Speaking on the radio, selling conscious raising CDs, running other candidate campaigns, or he, himself, as a candidate was his duty. Clad in military attire, he has left a legacy for us all to follow, ICMers or not. It is now, our duty, to pick up the torch and continue the light he shed on us all. The ICM Party remains privileged and deeply, deeply honored to have had among our membership, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams who never gave up on the work we all have to do in the territory, in spite of the 50 year cementing of our political adversaries. He kept the ICM Party alive and active even when our membership became tired. It is his turn to be honored and memorialized in his beloved Virgin Islands as he has done for countless others.

Please join the Independent Citizens Movement as we applaud, in a standing ovation, our ICM Senatorial Candidate for the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands, *Wayne "Facts Man" Adams, #10* on the ballot.

*Jacqueline Dawson*

Jacqueline Dawson, Territorial Chair  
Independent Citizens Movement (ICM)



The League of Women Voters  
United States Virgin Islands

## A Tribute to Wayne “Facts Man” Adams

The League of Women Voters of the USVI joins our community in saluting the well-lived life of Wayne “Facts Man” Adams. He was indeed an individual whose love of homeland and the region was unquestionable. His writings, his musical compositions and his lectures on radio about notable Virgin Islanders are well known and were appreciated by many. On a personal note, my mother, the late Dr. Ruth Moolenaar was pleased that he invariably attributed much of his information on VI heroes to her book, *Profiles of Outstanding Virgin Islanders*, and she often said that Wayne was one of the few who consistently acknowledged his source of the information. Of particular significance and admiration is that Wayne did not let any disability interfere with his unwavering dedication to uplifting his community and the region at large.

While acknowledging his many contributions, LWV- VI believes that his greatest contribution to the region was his unyielding fight to stop the trans-shipment of nuclear wastes through the Caribbean. Many may remember that Wayne was one of the very first to bring this to our collective attention and he fought vigorously and with eventual success. Bravo!

The League regrets that he became too ill to participate in our Meet the Candidates Forum on WTJX- TV. This year, Wayne became eligible to participate in the program as a candidate for the position of Senator, and LWV-VI had informed him of the date and time for his interview. Unfortunately, his illness prevailed. That we now do not have a digital record of what could have been a memorable event is regrettable indeed. We extend sincere sympathy to all and are thankful for his many contributions.

*Dr. Gwen-Marie Moolenaar*

Dr. Gwen-Marie Moolenaar  
President, LWV-VI



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**WE GROW FOOD, INC.** would like to express its condolences for the untimely passing of Wayne "Facts Man" Adams .

"Facts Man" was a cultural historian who educated the public on the hidden facts of Virgin Islands unsung heroes and sheroes. Even though he held no government official title nor paid a six figure salary, he delivered invaluable facts that were hidden in time .

"Facts Man" was beyond the norm. He recorded and memorialized his Virgin Islands commentaries, leaving a legacy for this generation and many more generations to come. "Facts Man" now joins our African ancestors whom he praised and admired over all these years.

"Facts Man" would included us, **WE GROW FOOD, INC.**, in his greetings and never failed to shout us out on WSTA Ras Mani Reggae Show before he begins the **"Facts of the Day."**

**WE GROW FOOD, INC.** salutes the honorable Wayne " Facts Man" Adams, a true friend of the farmers and bestow upon him "COMMISSIONER OF VIRGIN ISLANDS HISTORY AND CULTURE."

"Facts Man" Rest in Peace. A Job Well ... Well Done!

**WE GROW FOOD, INC.**



## A Message To The Family & Friends Of Wayne “Facts Man” Adams

It is with deep sympathy that I too join the members of our community, in mourning the loss of a true and dear community icon, Wayne “Facts Man” Adams. A man of many wonders, who willingly and unselfishly served his beloved community as a knowledgeable historian, community educator, musician, and a true friend. He was indeed a kindhearted, well-mannered, and faithful servant of “we the People”, to which, his legacy of peace, love and caring will forever live in our hearts. In so doing I extend my heartfelt condolences to his beloved family and friends.

Facts Man, a gentle giant, who has dedicated his entire life in service to his beloved community, as a community activist, a voice of the people, a senatorial aspirant, businessman, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, adviser, and a true friend, who never had any malice or hatred towards anyone, even when “you” did him wrong. But most of all he will remain a hero among heroes to all who knew and loved him for who and what he was ... .. “A Friend ... ..like no other.” As such, I give thanks that he was indeed my friend. I will always treasure the memories of the endless times we would stay on the phone laughing, talking, and enlightening each other. You see, as a self-made educator, he was always teaching. Truthfully, he looked forward to the fights we would have and so did I, for you just could not stay angry with him. Laughingly, he would always claim the victory whether he won or lost, and his favorite phase would be “you can’t beat a child of God” to which he would get some well chosen words and we would both die laughing.

I, too, now join the many in our community in expressing my sincere thanks and gratitude to his family, especially his parents, in giving the world “Facts Man” and also for unselfishly sharing their Beloved son with all of us throughout the years, as a strong community minded individual. As such, please take comfort in knowing that his “National Pride” and love for the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands will forever live in the hearts of many for years to come. Know, that in living his life “Facts Man” did indeed live his life as he wanted, and “he” was true to the words “Service Before Self” and serving “his” people, he did with immense pride and joy.

I sincerely pray that as we come together to mourn the loss of a true and sincere community icon that “You” his family, especially his father, will take comfort in knowing that many are called but Wayne “Facts Man” Adams was indeed chosen. As he, now returns home to His Heavenly Father on a job well done, know that the Kingdom of Heaven will indeed embrace him for his love and commitment to God and man, of whom he truly loved and served. May he forever shine in the sky above for eternity as the beacon of light that he is and will always be, as he now takes his rightful place among the stars and shine forever upon us, as he continue to guide and direct our path from the heavenly sky above.

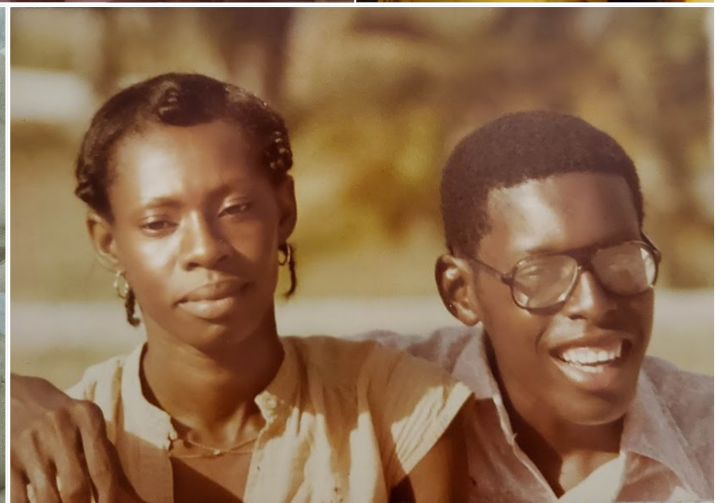
May He Forever Rest In Peace In The Loving Arms Of The Almighty!

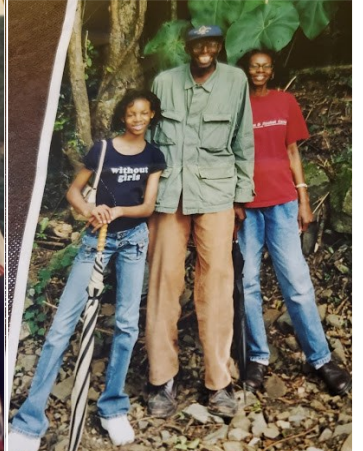
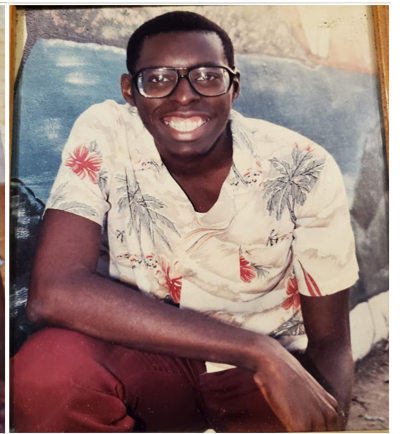
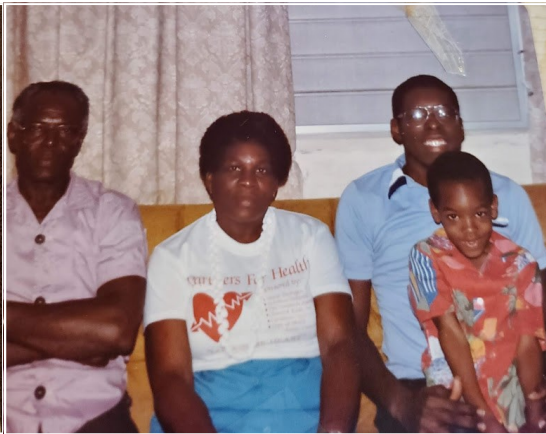
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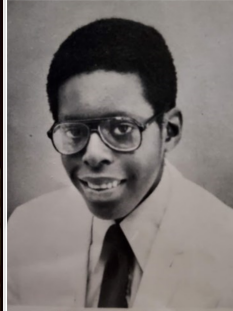
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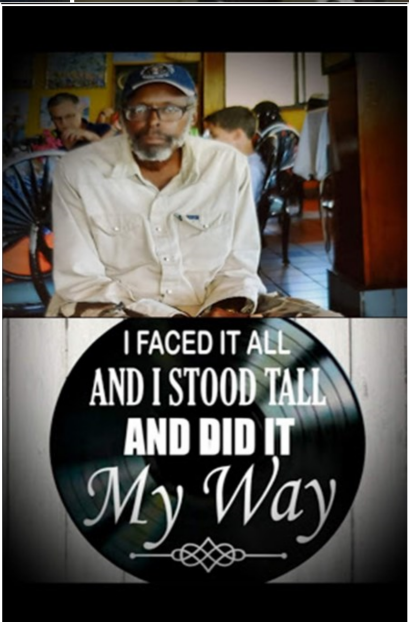
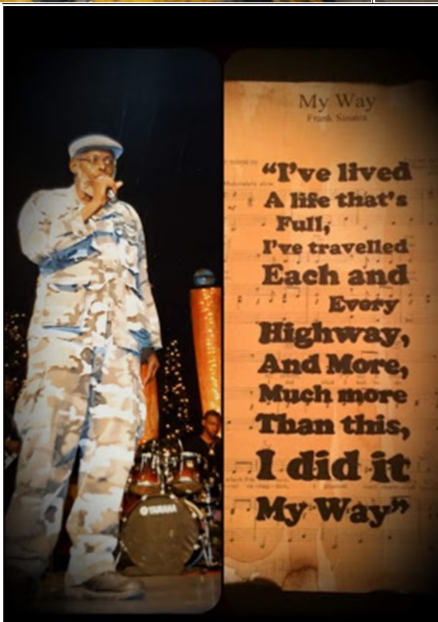


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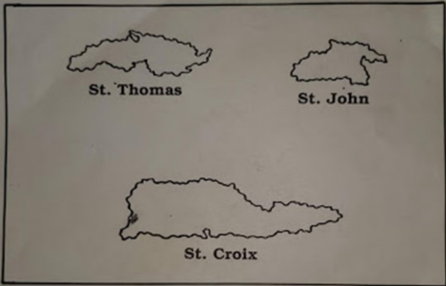
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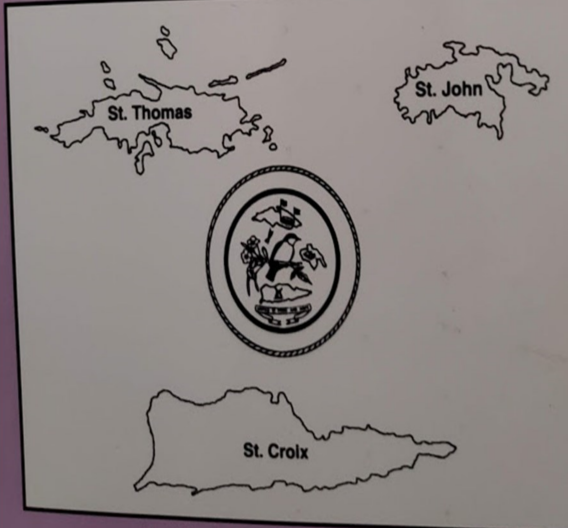


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Governor Cyril Emmanuel King hails to well-wishers.

**The Philosophies And Opinions  
Of Cyril Emmanuel King**

*by*  
**Wayne "Facts Man" Adams**

# Hymns

## BY THE GRAVESITE

### NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.

**Refrain:**  
*Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!*

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee.

**(Refrain)**

There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n;  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;  
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee.

**(Refrain)**

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.

**(Refrain)**

Or, if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I'll fly,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee. **(Refrain)**

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,

There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;  
Age after age to be nearer, my God, to Thee.

**(Refrain)**

### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

### THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and

shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

**Refrain:**  
*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. **(Refrain)**

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. **(Refrain)**

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. **(Refrain)**

# Hymns

## BY THE GRAVESITE

### SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain:**

***Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.***

On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.

**(Refrain)**

E're we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.

**(Refrain)**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.

**(Refrain)**

### WHEN THE ROLL, IS CALLED UP YONDER

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and  
time shall be no more, And the morning breaks,  
eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on  
the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.

**Refrain:**

***When the roll, is called up yonder,  
When the roll, is called up yonder,  
When the roll, is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder  
I'll be there.***

On that bright and cloudless morning when the  
dead in Christ shall rise,

And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their  
home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.  
**(Refrain)**

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till  
setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;  
Then when all of life is over, and our work on  
earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.  
**(Refrain)**

### I'LL FLY AWAY

Some glad morning when this life  
is over, I'll fly away.  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away.

**Refrain:**

***I'll fly away, O Glory,  
I'll fly away. (In the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye, I'll fly  
away.***

When the shadows of this life are gone, I'll fly  
away.  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly  
away.

**(Refrain)**

Just a few more weary days and then,  
I'll fly away.  
To a land where joy shall never end,  
I'll fly away.  
**(Refrain)**

*History, Culture and Facts given by the "Facts Man"*

And now, the end is near And so I  
face the final curtain My friend, I'll say it  
clear I'll state my case, of which I'm certain I've  
lived a life that's full I travelled each and every  
highway And more, much more than this, I did it my way  
Regrets, I've had a few But then again, too few to mention I did  
what I had to do and saw it through without exemption I planned  
each charted course, each careful step along the byway And more,  
much more than this, I did it my way Yes, there were times, I'm sure  
you knew When I bit off more than I could chew But through it all,  
when there was doubt I ate it up and spit it out I faced it all and  
I stood tall and did it my way I've loved, I've laughed and cried  
I've had my fill, my share of losing And now, as tears subside,  
I find it all so amusing To think I did all that And may I  
say, not in a shy way Oh, no, oh, no, not me, I did it my  
way For what is a man, what has he got? If not  
himself, then he has naught To say the things  
he truly feels and not the words of  
one who kneels The record  
shows I took the blows  
and did it my way  
Yes, it was  
my way



*My way*

*Rest In Eternal Peace, our beloved son and brother*





*I did it My Way...*



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*Wayne "Facts Man" Adams*

*Thank You!*

*As we say our earthly good-byes to our beloved son and brother, Wayne "Facts Man" Adams, his family express a magnitude of thanks and appreciation to everyone that helped in lessening our grief over his earthly departure. Your calls, cards, monetary contributions, visits and words of condolences were very much appreciated. We pray God's continued blessings in your lives and your families.*

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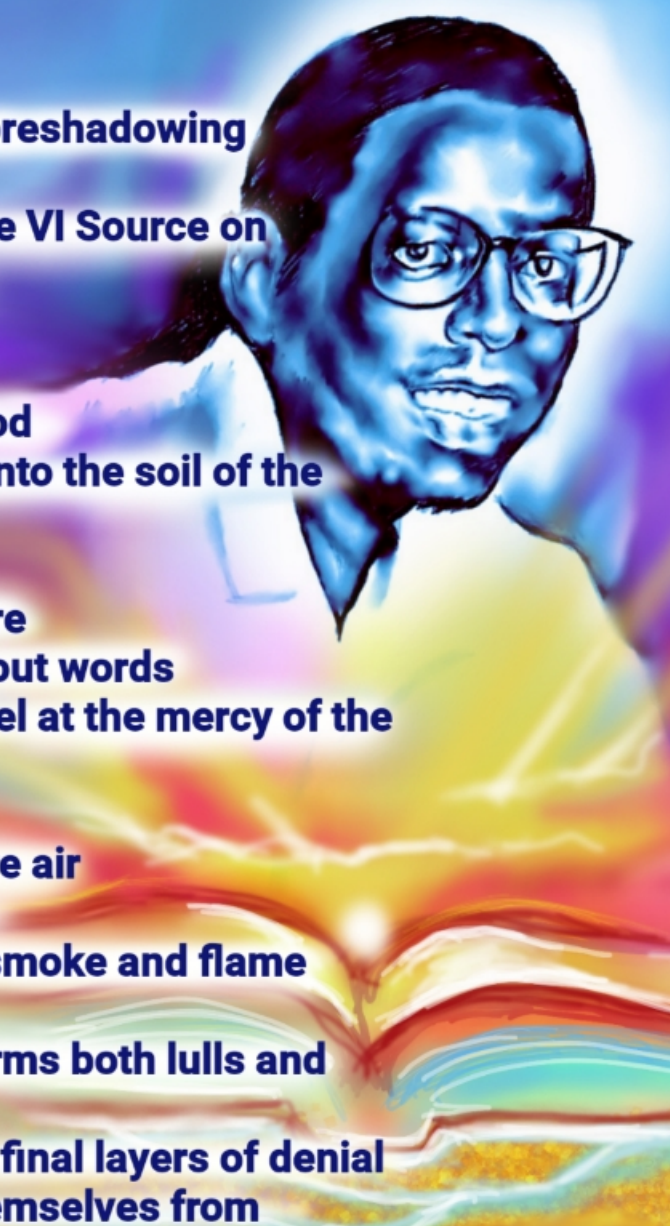
**When a forest falls  
Trees bleed, blue blood  
Ancestral rains pour into the soil of the  
unborn**

**Memories of the future  
Buried in babies without words  
and nations shall kneel at the mercy of the  
oppressed**

**When there IS no more air  
Breath will be valued  
Visibility clouded by smoke and flame**

**The worry of windstorms both lulls and  
awakens  
Those holding up the final layers of denial  
frantically bracing themselves from  
cognitive dissonance**

**Will it take the final waves of the Earth's  
quaking  
to wake us  
from the slumber  
of Falling Forests  
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