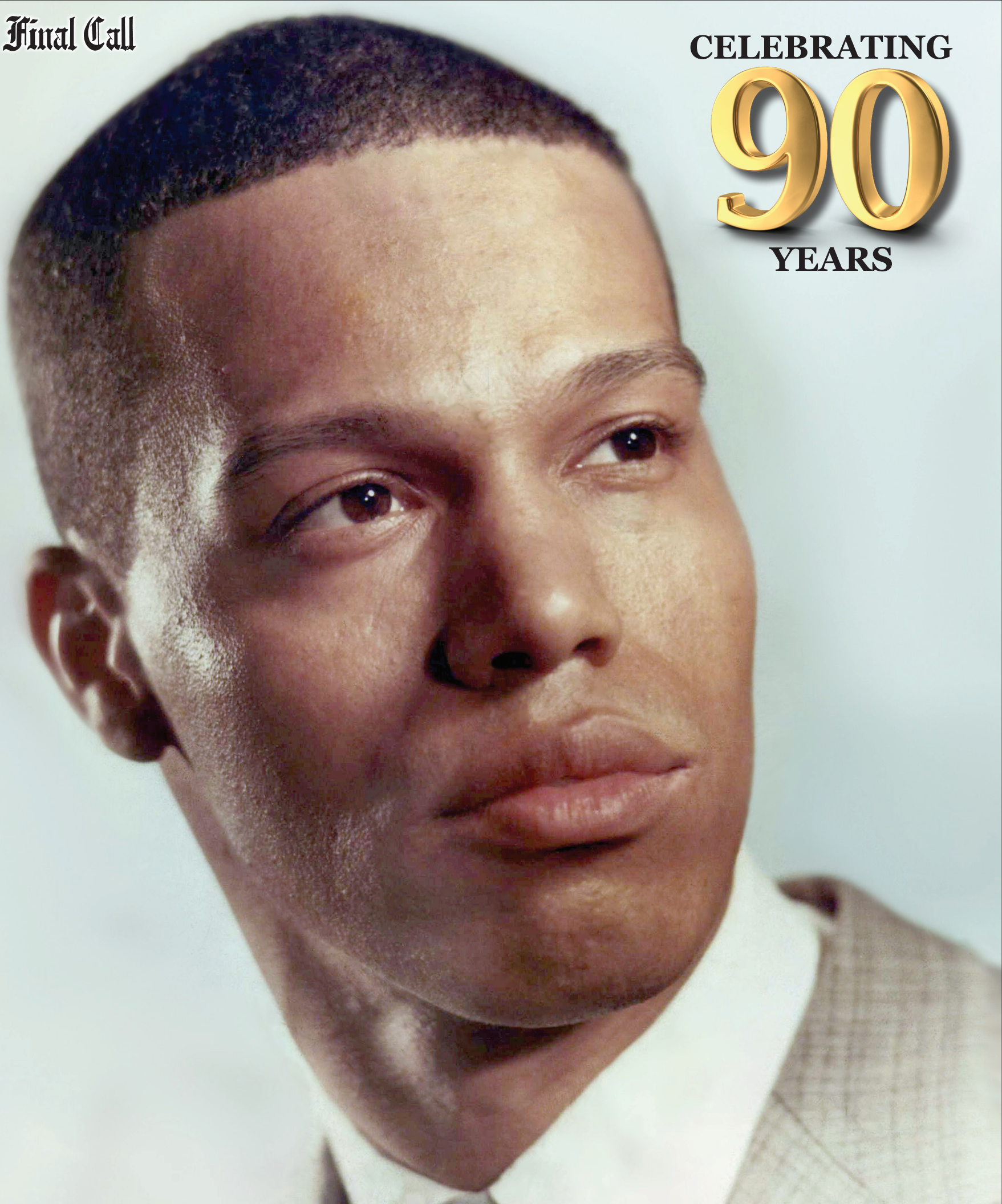


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The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad



Master Fard Muhammad



The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

# A MAN OF INTEGRITY, DETERMINATION, WITH THE HEART OF A SERVANT

*"The scripture tells you 'how you should handle The Servants of God'—particularly myself.*

*If you don't like me, well, I'm not 'loved' by everybody. But what is the most important thing:*

*I am loved by The Two that back me, and that is The Great Mahdi and The Messiah*

*Who have Power over all things. So, if you don't like me, that's on you.*

*But I am going to continue to tell The Truth."*

—The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, *The Time and What Must Be Done, Part 14, April 13, 2013*

Popularly known as "The Charmer," Louis Eugene Walcott had achieved fame in Boston as a vocalist, calypso singer, dancer, and violinist. However, February 1955 marked a turning point in the life of the talented performer. While headlining a show in Chicago titled "Calypso Follies," the young virtuoso received rave reviews. During this engagement, friends from Boston invited him to attend the Nation of Islam's Saviour's Day Convention at the newly purchased Muhammad Temple No. 2 at 5335 S. Greenwood Avenue in Chicago. Minister Malcolm X was informed that the popular musician would attend the convention. While listening to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad from his balcony seat, Louis thought to himself, "This man can't speak," referring to Mr.

Muhammad's grammar. As these thoughts crossed his mind, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad looked up at the balcony and said, "Don't pay no attention to how I say it. Pay attention to what I say, then take it and put it into that fine language that you know." Louis Walcott did not know that he had been given to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad by Allah as a Saviours' Day gift to help in His great mission of giving life to millions of Black people in the United States and millions of oppressed people throughout the world.

Although music had been his first love, within three months after joining the Nation of Islam in 1955, Minister Malcolm X informed members of the New York Mosque and the new convert, Louis X, that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad wanted all Muslims to get out of show business or get out of the temple. Most musicians left Temple No. 7, but Louis X, later renamed Louis Farrakhan, chose to dedicate his life to the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. After moving to Boston at the request of Malcolm X, Louis X proved himself a capable, disciplined, and well-mannered soldier and eventually rose to the rank of minister. He worked faithfully from 1956 as the Minister of Muhammad Temple No. 11 in Boston, Massachusetts, building it to become one of the strongest temples in the Nation.

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In May 1965, three months after the death of Malcolm X, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad appointed Minister Farrakhan to Temple No. 7 in New York City. When he arrived in New York, the atmosphere was very hostile because of allegations of Muslim involvement in the assassination. Minister Farrakhan worked night and day in the Harlem community and around New York restoring respect for the Nation. The departure of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in 1975 and the assumption of leadership by Wallace D. Muhammad (later known as Imam W.D. Mohammed) brought drastic changes to the Nation. After approximately three years of wrestling with the changes to the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Minister Farrakhan, after a reappraisal of the condition of Black people and the program of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, decided to return to the Teachings and program with a proven ability to uplift and reform his people. His tremendous success is evidenced by mosques and study groups in cities in America, Great Britain, the Caribbean and Ghana, all devoted to the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Minister Farrakhan has renewed respect for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, his Teachings, and program, in rebuilding the Nation.

Literally millions of listeners have attend-

ed his lectures and he has been welcomed in church after church, sharing pulpits with Christian ministers from a variety of denominations showing the power of the unity of those who believe in the One God. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, Minister Farrakhan still maintains a grueling work schedule. In 1979, he developed *The Final Call*, an internationally circulated newspaper that follows in the legacy of the Muhammad Speaks newspaper. In 1985, Minister Farrakhan introduced the P.O.W.E.R. (People Organized and Working for Economic Rebirth) concept and in 1986, introduced a line of personal care products and a program for Black economic development. In 1988, the resurgent Nation of Islam repurchased its former flagship mosque in Chicago and dedicated it as Mosque Maryam, the National Center for the Retraining and Re-education of the Black Man and Woman of America and the World. The National Center includes Muhammad University of Islam. In 1991, Minister Farrakhan reintroduced the Three-Year Economic Program to establish an economic base for the development of Blacks through business ventures. In 1992, Minister Farrakhan drew 60,000 people to the Georgia Dome in Atlanta for the Nation's annual Saviours' Day Convention.

In 1993, Minister Farrakhan observed his

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60th birthday by performing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with the New World Orchestra, including members of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. In October of 1994, Minister Farrakhan led 2,000 Blacks from America to Accra, Ghana, for the Nation's first International Saviours' Day. The popular leader and the Nation of Islam had repurchased farmland in Georgia and enjoyed a banner year in 1995 with the opening of the \$5

million Salaam Restaurant in Chicago and the successful Million Man March on Washington. Minister Farrakhan continued his quest for unity and progress by going on a World Friendship Tour of Africa, the Middle East and the Caribbean in early 1996. He was received by heads of state in 19 countries. As part of the major thrust for true political empowerment for the Black community, Minister Farrakhan reregistered to vote in June 1996 and formed a coalition of religious, civic and political organizations to represent the voice of the disenfranchised on the political landscape. In 1996, Minister Farrakhan was named among Time magazine's list of the 25 Most Influential People in America.

The National Newspaper Publishers' Association, a group of Black publishers, honored the Minister as "Newsmaker of the Year." In 1997, the Nation of Islam sponsored its first International Islamic Conference in July, receiving prominent Islamic leaders and scholars from across the globe. The spiritual significance of this conference was shown as prominent sheiks from Cyprus, Egypt, Yemen, Jordan and Nigeria on behalf of the 500 leaders and scholars in attendance at the conference placed a white turban on Minister Farrakhan's head symbolizing the respect and honor held for Minister Farrakhan among those in the Muslim world. Vanity Fair highlighted Minister Farrakhan as one of "The 65 Leaders Who Rule and Shape the World." At the end of 1997 into the beginning of 1998, Minister Farrakhan completed another world tour that took him to over 50 nations including, South Africa, the Sudan, Korea, Egypt, Libya, Russia, Malaysia, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, and Syria.

In 1999, Minister Farrakhan underwent radiation treatment for prostate cancer and spent most of 1999 on a sabbatical recovering. However, on December 22, joined by his family, ranking members of the Nation of Islam and religious leaders from the Muslim, Christian and Hebrew faiths at a press conference at Mosque Maryam, he spoke about being brought by Allah (God) to death's door. "I have called this press conference today not necessarily to talk about my health or my near-death experience, but because the hope of the people of goodwill and righteousness is that the New Century and Millennium will bring an end to war and bloodshed and establish the reign of peace."

In May of 2000, the Minister sat with "60 Minutes" Senior Correspondent Mike Wallace and the eldest daughter of Malcolm X, Sister Attallah Shabazz, in an interview shown worldwide in which Minister Farrakhan dealt honestly and forthrightly with the circumstances surrounding the assassination of her father. Though interviewed for over four hours, the 12 minutes of the interview that aired were edited in a very misleading way, completely misinterpreting Minister Farrakhan's words. Coupled with a massive letter-writing campaign to the staff and producers of "60 Minutes," Minister Farrakhan released the text of an interview conducted by The Final Call titled "Farrakhan Responds to Media Mischief" that set the record straight.

On the fifth anniversary of the Million Man March, October 16, 2000, hundreds of thousands of couples of all races and colors joined Minister Farrakhan on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., for a mass wedding ceremony and a show of unity with the goal of strengthening the family. The Million Family March was a success.

On September 16, 2001, Minister Farrakhan spoke out regarding the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center's Twin Towers. On December 1, 2001, Minister Farrakhan wrote his first letter of guidance and counsel to President George W. Bush warning him of the mistakes of judgment being made in his ill-conceived "War on Terror." On June 17, 2002, Minister Farrakhan announced that he would embark on a peace mission to the Middle East with a delegation of Muslim, Christian and Hebrew religious leaders in an effort to bring a new attitude and effort towards peace to this troubled part of the globe. On October 30, 2002, Minister Farrakhan wrote his second letter warning President George W. Bush of the Divine consequences of his course of action. On May 3, 2004, Minister Farrakhan in a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., exposed the plans of President

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Minister Farrakhan, second from right, and friends who were members of the men and boys choir, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Boston, circa 1941.



EUGENE WALCOTT  
Eugene Walcott, 19, sophomore at Winston-Salem Teachers College, was selected to play his violin on the Horace Heidt show, "The American Way," on Thursday, February 26, 1953. Walcott had previously won a first place prize of \$50 on Saturday, February 21, 1953.  
HORACE HEIDT  
Horace Heidt called Walcott back-stage after the show and offered him the chance to appear on the nationwide network. Heidt referred to Walcott as "a great artist." Here's to success, Gene!!

Screenshot from yearbook of Winston Salem State University featuring the Minister playing violin.



The Minister at Uline Arena in 1959 in Washington, D.C. Photos courtesy of NOI Archives



The Hon. Elijah Muhammad and Mother Clara Muhammad watch as Min. Farrakhan speaks.



Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan (born Louis Walcott) speaks during the Saviour's Day celebrations at the Chicago Coliseum, Chicago, Illinois, February 27, 1965. Photo: Robert Abbott Sengstacke/Getty Images



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George W. Bush and the nefarious schemes of his neo-conservative advisors who plunged American soldiers into worldwide conflict. This international press conference was translated into Arabic, French and Spanish.

In 2005, Minister Farrakhan called those interested in establishing a programmatic thrust for Black people in America and oppressed people across the globe for the Millions More Movement. It was the 10th anniversary of the Million Man March. The Millions More Movement involved the formation of nine Ministries that would deal with the pressing needs of Black and poor people. Also in 2005, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan was voted as BET.com's "Person of The Year" beating out then-Senator Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey and BET's founder Robert Johnson, as the person users believed made "the most powerful impact on the Black community over the past year."

In March of 2006, Minister Farrakhan led a delegation to Cuba to view the emergency preparedness system of the Cuban people, in the wake of the massive failure to prevent the loss of human life after Hurricane Katrina. In January 2007, the Minister underwent a major 14-hour operation. In just a few weeks, and as a testament to the healing power of God, Minister Farrakhan stood on stage at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan, on February 25, 2007, during Saviours' Day.

On October 19, 2008, Min. Farrakhan rededicated Mosque Maryam following extensive repairs as part of "A New Beginning" for the Nation of Islam and an expanded universal mission. In July 2009, Min. Farrakhan spent several days traveling throughout the Caribbean island of Bermuda. He addressed the spiritual, economic, social and political ills plaguing not only Bermuda's residents but society as a whole. On March 20, 2010, Min. Farrakhan was a panelist during the "We Count!: The Black Agenda is the American Agenda" symposium held at Chicago State University. On June 26, 2010, Min. Farrakhan delivered the historic message answering a question asked by religious scholars and truth seekers for decades: "Who Are The Real Children of Israel?" In a message that was viewed live via webcast across the globe, Min. Farrakhan also announced the release of "The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews," Volume



Saviours' Day 2014

Two and "Jews Selling Blacks."

Minister Farrakhan returned to Harlem on August 13, 2011, to deliver the keynote address at the Millions March in Harlem, where a crowd stretched for blocks down Malcolm X Boulevard. The gathering in the historic Mecca for Black culture and political thought was organized by the December 12th Movement to demand an end to the U.S.-NATO military assault on Libya, to denounce imperialist moves to recolonize Africa. "We must speak truth to power or die! We must not be afraid to tell the truth even if it means we lose our lives because there is nothing more precious in this universe than truth," said Min. Farrakhan.

On Oct. 20, 2011, it was widely reported by national and international media that longtime Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gadhafi had been killed. Minister Farrakhan waited several days to speak publicly about the events transpiring in Libya and returned to the familiar setting of radio station WVON-AM in Chicago. Minister Farrakhan entered the studio October 25 with a focused and extremely serious look on his face as Mr. Cliff Kelley asked him how he was feeling. "I feel like I have lost a very, very important member of my own family. I can't take the assassination of Muammar Gadhafi lightly, as I could not take the assassination of my brother, or my mother, or my wife or my children lightly. That's the kind of relationship that we had and that we have," Min. Farrakhan responded. "I've come to say to the world that the Nation of Islam mourns the loss of a great brother, leader, the Lion of the Desert, the Lion of Africa, and those who rejoice at his death, your laughter will turn to tears and your joy will turn to sorrow and great pain because of what the Western world and those collaborators will lose as a result of his betrayal and his ultimate assassination."

The Minister continued his focus on developing the minds of the next generation of Black leaders and thinkers as he delivered messages to students on college campuses across the entire

United States in 2012. He visited several Historically Black Colleges and Universities encouraging the students to "break free" from the educational system that has been set up by their oppressors to maintain control. His message was a precursor to the September 26, 2012 #AskFarrakhan Social Media Townhall Q&A which was webcast live from The Final Call Administration Building in Chicago, Illinois.

Minister Farrakhan was only in the state of Alabama for 24 hours, but in that short amount of time, history was made. He joined political leaders, community activists and members of the community under the banner of the "Never Forget, Never Again Pilgrimage" to save Section Five of the Voting Rights Act. It was a sweltering hot day June 14, 2013, with high levels of humidity and temperatures reaching into the mid-90s, but that did not matter. The spirit and legacy of the Freedom Riders of the civil rights era and modern demands to protect the Black right to vote were front and center during four back-to-back rallies. He also walked arm in arm with civil rights and political leaders in a walk across the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Smiling as he looked over the crowd of thousands gathered at the National Arena, Minister Farrakhan said, "Jamaica, you are a pearl in the Caribbean. So much has come to the world from this island in the sun." But the island in the sun and her smaller sister nations are not completely free and must unite in the face of efforts from America and Europe to control Jamaica, her land, her people and to keep the land and the region under their thumb, said Min. Farrakhan, speaking October 19, 2014, in the capital city, to mark the 19th anniversary of the Million Man March and to raise the importance of the values of atonement, reconciliation and responsibility.

On April 18, 2015, the Minister, with a beaming smile, stood before a packed audience of women, teens and girls, and delivered an insightful message with the gentle

protectiveness and loving firmness of a father, big brother and protector. He spoke on the value and importance of the woman as a co-creator with God who must be respected and protected in the face of injustices and abuses they face globally. He also explained the meaning and purpose of the all-women's class established in the Nation of Islam called the Muslim Girls' Training and General Civilization Class (M.G.T. and G.C.C.) and the value of the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in rebuilding, educating and elevating in particular, the Black woman during the "Save Our Girls: A Nation Can Rise No Higher Than Its Woman" program which was broadcast via internet webcast in Nation of Islam mosques and study groups in the U.S., Caribbean, Europe and other countries.

Responding to the call of Minister Farrakhan, a virtual sea of determined faces, of different ages, races and ideologies gathered at the U.S. Capitol with their numbers swelling down the National Mall on October 10, 2015, for the Justice Or Else! gathering marking the 20th anniversary of the historic Million Man March.

The Minister continued delivering messages of warning and guidance to America and the world. From 2020 through 2023 he delivered a series of earth-shattering messages. His message "Unraveling of a Great Nation," was delivered on Saviours' Day 2020 in Detroit. Shortly after that message, the U.S. and the world shut down as the COVID-19 virus paralyzed countries around the Earth. In July 2020 Minister Farrakhan delivered another message, "The Criterion," which was broadcast around the world in which he warned Black, Brown and Indigenous people against taking the COVID-19 "vaccine." In 2022 the Minister delivered his Saviours' Day message, "The Swan Song." Later that year in September, Minister Farrakhan addressed the M.G.T. and G.C.C. Vanguard during a special retreat and in November he addressed the F.O.I. The men and women of the Nation of Islam from around the country responded enthusiastically to the call from their leader, teacher and guide.

Not slowing down, in 2023 Minister Farrakhan delivered his Saviours' Day message, "The War of Armageddon Has Begun" in front of an audience of thousands at Wintrust Arena in Chicago just a few months ahead of his 90th birth anniversary.

A leader with unquestioned integrity, Minister Farrakhan, is a protecting friend for those in need of a defender. Whether speaking out against the United States government's military aggression abroad or working to end youth violence and police brutality in the inner-city, Minister Farrakhan continues to be a courageous and fearless voice speaking for the voiceless and empowering the powerless.—*The Final Call*





# MOTHER SUMAYYAH FARRAKHAN, A BELOVED WOMAN

*'Blessed is the womb that bore  
you ...'—Luke 11:27*

Mother Sumayyah Farrakhan, the mother of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan was born Sarah Me Manning on January 16, 1900 on the small island of St. Kitts in the British West Indies. She was a hard-working, strong and faithful mother to her sons Louis and Alvan.



*"She was making me a man  
who would not be afraid of the consequences of telling the truth.  
God cannot use you if you fear men as you ought to fear Allah.  
—The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan on his mother*







# MOTHER KHADIJAH FARRAKHAN, DEVOTED HELP-MEET TO GOD'S SERVANT

*'Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.'*—Proverbs 31:10

"Let me tell you something brothers, if you're going to lead you really need a good woman by your side, and I can tell you that I would not be who I am or what I am if God didn't bless me with who she is and what she has done to compliment me and to help make me. Even before Mother Khadijah became a student in the class of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, she and I were like soulmates."

*—The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan on his childhood sweetheart and wife of nearly 70 years*





# FAITH, FAMILY, FORTITUDE AND FRIENDSHIPS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE



Throughout his life, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has served as a beacon of light to Black and oppressed people in the U.S. and abroad. Across a span of decades, he has faithfully been on his post as the National Representative of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. And, he continues to serve with uncompromising faith. The Minister has consistently persevered and has established relationships and friendships across political, religious, racial and ethnic lines. He has delivered divine messages and warnings to practically every Black group and organization in the United States. He has spoken at churches, masjids, synagogues, college campuses, huge arenas, and outdoor venues and in small, private moments in neighborhoods among the people. He is truly, Allah's Divine Servant and Guide among us. —*The Final Call*



