



Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim

July 25, 1973 - July 21, 2015

Dr. Hakeem M. Abdul-Karim was born to Omar and Merrea Abdul-Karim on July 25, 1973 in Hampton, Virginia, and departed this life on July 21, 2015.

Dr. Hakeem M. Abdul-Karim, a prominent Dentist, is best remembered as a scholar, philanthropist, visionary, humanitarian, teacher, mentor, and most importantly a caring son, brother, father, husband, uncle, nephew and friend. For all who knew Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim well, they affectionately knew him as “Doc”.

If you ever encountered Hakeem, you would immediately be taken by his infectious smile, his calm demeanor, and of course his desire to uplift his fellow man. Hakeem epitomized the essence of true Manhood and had an innate talent for connecting with young people, particularly those who had a desire to be a professional. He was an inspiration to everyone he touched.

In 1995, Dr. Abdul-Karim was united in marriage to Ms. Jacqueline Jones Abdul-Karim of Enfield, NC. From that union they were blessed with two awesome children, Hakeem and Sekani both of Winterville, NC.

Growing up in Rocky Mount, NC, Dr. Abdul-Karim attended Edgecombe County public schools until he transferred to Halifax County school system for high school. Dr. Abdul-Karim received his BS degree in biology from East

Carolina University in 1995 and went on to accomplish his doctorate in dental surgery (DDS) from UNC- Chapel Hill in 1999. Shortly afterwards, Dr. Abdul-Karim went to Bronx, New York where he acquired heavy surgical training and became certified in hospital dentistry while working at Bronx Lebanon Hospital.

During his transition from student to doctor, Dr. Abdul-Karim worked in several health care facilities throughout North Carolina and several correctional and mental institutions across the state. He was gifted and knowledgeable with specialized training and experience in treating the medically compromised, as well as severely mentally challenged patients. Dr. Abdul-Karim practiced general dentistry encompassing the entire spectrum of specialties in his practice; restorative (fillings), Limited endodontics (root canal) prosthodontics (False teeth), cosmetic dentistry (whitening/veneers) and limited orthodontics (tooth movement). He was the owner of Contemporary Dental in Winterville NC.

While Dr. Abdul-Karim was the consummate professional and devoted his life to his family and his profession, he was also committed to an active civic life. He was a charter member of Omicron Gamma Sigma graduate chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. He was the past President of the Old North State Dental Society, he provided volunteer services on the Colgate Bus offering free dental services for children, he volunteered with Pitt County Head Start, and was an active member of the NC Dental Society. His life was devoted to service, oftentimes above self!

Dr. Abdul-Karim, like many men of prominence had many passions. He was committed to fitness, health and wellness. He was athletic and enjoyed playing basketball, participating in marathons and extreme sport activities. Dr. Abdul-Karim was an avid reader, had a great eye for fine art, enjoyed photography, was an artist in his own right and held a visceral love for history.

Of all of Dr. Abdul-Karim's accolades and accomplishments, he may be best characterized as a man of God; for he was a God fearing man who loved the Lord. Dr. Abdul-Karim was a Deacon at St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church in Oak City, NC where he taught Sunday School and was very active with youth in the community and the ministry.

Dr. Abdul-Karim is survived by his wife, Jacqueline J. Abdul-Karim; son, Hakeem Ibn M. Abdul-Karim; daughter, Sekani Ameen Abdul-Karim; his father and mother, Omar and Merrea Abdul-Karim; three loving brothers, Omar, Rahman (Serafina) and Jameel; mother-in-law, Annie Jones; five sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He will be truly missed by all....

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

25525 HWY NC 561
Enfield, NC 27823

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Service

JUL 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ
3760 Philippi Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Teresa lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Teresa - January 15, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Jennifer - July 31, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *Shameeka Newton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Shameeka Newton - July 31, 2015 at 01:30 AM

SN

Karim, I will never forget the positive impact that you had on my son. I am very appreciative. I will genuinely miss you. I felt honored to have known you. You were indeed a man of character. You were just a good person, very supportive, reliable, generous, positive, highly intelligent, and you made a positive and lasting impact on so many people including me.

I thought of Ecclesiastes 7: 1 which is a good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth.

Your name and character definitely leaves a legacy

I am praying for the family.

Shameeka Newton

Shameeka Newton - July 31, 2015 at 01:44 AM

LB

“ *Lisa Barnes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Lisa Barnes - July 30, 2015 at 03:58 AM

DP

“ *Dr. Doris Person lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Dr. Doris Person - July 29, 2015 at 08:38 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Congleton Funeral Home Staff - July 29, 2015 at 03:10 PM

BG

“ To God be the glory for all he has done. Praying for the family that time heals all wounds. RIP Doc

Brenda Grant



Brenda Grant - July 29, 2015 at 12:34 PM

TS

“ Trina Suggs lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Trina Suggs - July 29, 2015 at 07:29 AM

JD

“ Jean Darden lite a candle for Dr. Karim



Jean Darden - July 28, 2015 at 11:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim.



July 28, 2015 at 11:38 PM



“ To the Sánchez Family you were more than the family dentist....you were a family friend. You will truly be missed. Rest in Peace "Doc"



Laticia Sanchez - July 28, 2015 at 10:55 PM



“ Hilda Morris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Hilda Morris - July 28, 2015 at 08:29 PM

HM

“There are times along life's journey that can test the spirit deeply . . .
Though this is certainly one of those times, may you never stop believing that your faith, your inner strength, and the power of God's love will carry you through.”

In Deepest Sympathy,

*Conetoe High School Alumni Association,
Lewis E. Higgs, Chairman
David Gray, Co-Chairman*

Hilda Morris - July 28, 2015 at 08:26 PM

NM

“The McGee Family Loves you Forever



Nekkiia McGee - July 28, 2015 at 04:01 PM

SJ

“When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. I extend my most sincere condolences to the family.



*Shelia P. Johnson-Lowe
Rocky Mount, NC*

Shelia P. Johnson-Lowe - July 28, 2015 at 03:41 PM

JH

“ *Janice Hines lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Janice Hines - July 28, 2015 at 03:01 PM

MH

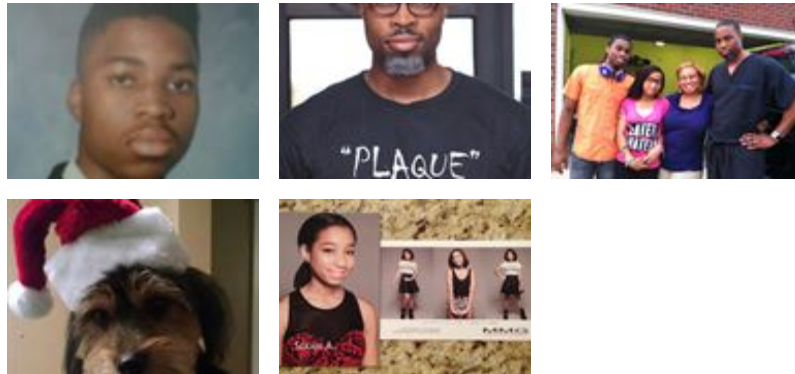
“ *Muriel Jones Hines lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Muriel Jones Hines - July 28, 2015 at 12:52 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - July 28, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim.*



July 28, 2015 at 11:08 AM



“ *Carroll Dental Lab lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Carroll Dental Lab - July 28, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ *Janeen Daniels-Hinton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Janeen Daniels-Hinton - July 28, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ *Betsy Hardison lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Betsy Hardison - July 28, 2015 at 09:09 AM

BH

My condolences are to the family of Dr. Abdul may God forever bless and comfort you during your bereavement.

Betsy Hardison - July 28, 2015 at 09:12 AM

BH

“ Such a tragedy for the loss of Dr. Abdul and its so sad to say that i got to search for another dentist; however, I know there will never be one as great and friendly as you! May the Lord watch over your family while you are absent from them and may your soul rest peacefully! Betsy Hardison

Betsy Hardison - July 28, 2015 at 08:43 AM

JK

“ I love you my brother.

jameel karim - July 27, 2015 at 11:26 PM

JK

“ Jameel Karim lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



jameel karim - July 27, 2015 at 11:23 PM

MN

“ Michelle And Joshua Newkirk lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Michelle and Joshua Newkirk - July 27, 2015 at 02:36 PM

JA

“ James"Boot"Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



James"Boot"Yarrell - July 27, 2015 at 01:21 PM

KL

“ I have you in my prayers.



Kelvin Little - July 27, 2015 at 10:10 AM

TH

“ The Rodgers/ Hamilton Family and Loving Care Home Health purchased the Mosaic of Memories Square Easel Wreath for the family of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim.



The Rodgers/ Hamilton Family and Loving Care Home Health - July 27, 2015 at 09:47 AM

PP

“ Phelicia Price lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Phelicia Price - July 27, 2015 at 07:26 AM

KG

“ *Keith Goddard lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Keith Goddard - July 26, 2015 at 10:04 PM

PB

“ *Pauline Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Pauline Bellamy - July 26, 2015 at 08:29 PM



“ *Jacqueline May God give you and your comfort and peace. So sorry for your loss. Dr.Abdul will be truly missed by my entire family and he was a great and loving dentist.
With Deepest Sympathy
Glenda and Anthony White and Family*

Glenda White - July 26, 2015 at 11:52 AM

TW

“ *Tasha Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim*



Tasha Wiggins - July 26, 2015 at 09:46 AM

CB

“ *Thinking of you during this time. Praying God will give you peace in the midst of your sorrow.*



Christine Battle - July 25, 2015 at 10:58 PM

BM

“ *My prayers goes out to the entire family. Praying and asking GOD to give the strength during this difficult time.*



Barbara Matthewson - July 25, 2015 at 09:27 PM

KB

“ Hakeem you surpassed the meaning of your name in your short time. You were wise. You were caring, loving, humble. You knew what it meant to be a true friend. I am sad for your family especially your kids. We just spoke not to long ago about going on spring break with your daughter and your Aunt. Your anticipation, excitement could be heard in your voice. We spoke about your son and you beamed with pride. I pray they find peace.



You have watched me laugh and you have seen me cry. You have lifted me up and been a true friend to me. I was so excited when I was able to return the favor just a few weeks back.

I wonder if you received my message last week about Janet Jackson concert and your response. Now you are in heaven at the biggest concert of all and I know you are stepping. I will see you again one day, until then...

Kerry Moore Brown - July 25, 2015 at 04:08 PM

PW

“ Rest in Peace my friend, a good hearted brother you will truly be missed.

Paul Wheeler - July 25, 2015 at 03:25 PM



“ Belinda Givens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Belinda Givens - July 25, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim.



July 25, 2015 at 01:57 PM



“ Sending my Condolences.



Alontra Williams Pitt - July 25, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ I have no words to explain the void I feel... I miss you my brother, and I will always cherish your name.... For as much as I love you I know God loves you best, and he doesn't make any mistakes, please take your wings angel, and I promise I will see you again one day,...

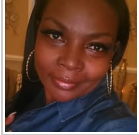
Rahman Karim - July 25, 2015 at 12:42 PM



“ Rahman Karim lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Rahman Karim - July 25, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ Praying for the family



Trisha Williams - July 25, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ Joseph Savage lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Joseph Savage - July 25, 2015 at 05:40 AM



“ Jameel Karim lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



jameel karim - July 25, 2015 at 02:04 AM



love you always doc

jameel karim - July 25, 2015 at 02:06 AM



Take care homie and we're praying for you and your family if you need anything just call.

Anthony Lewis - July 25, 2015 at 03:10 PM

JP

“ He was truly one of the sweetest person I have crossed path with. The best dentist anyone could ask for. He will be missed. Keeping the Karim family in my prayers during this difficult time.

Jacquelyn Pittman
Alexus McKesson

jacquelyn pittman - July 24, 2015 at 08:39 PM

SB

“ To the family, you're in prayers. May God give you peace. RIP my friend.



Sharron Rudd Barnes - July 24, 2015 at 08:19 PM

PB

“ Pastor Rodney Brown And Jeanette Brown lit a candle in memory of Dr. Hakeem Abdul-Karim



Pastor Rodney Brown and Jeanette Brown - July 24, 2015 at 07:31 PM

 Joyce
Ruffin

“ Praying that God will comfort your hearts, during your time of sorrow. He was the best dentist I've ever had. Will miss him. Joyce Ruffin.

Joyce Ruffin - July 24, 2015 at 06:32 PM

KE

“ I have known Dr Abdul for many years, he was the most personable dentist I've known. He wasn't only our family dentist but our family friend. Its hard to accept he's gone. I am praying for his family, staff and friends that God gives them peace and strength during this time. Dr Abdul will be greatly missed. RIP

Kim Evans - July 24, 2015 at 04:58 PM