



Douglas Charles
Swann

Sunrise: September 13, 1951 Sunset: September 17, 2024

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home
The Chapel of Peace East
5456 E. Livingston Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43232

Visitation: 1:00pm
Service: 2:00pm

Elder Ori-Piankhi Zumbi

Douglas C. Swann was known to the Tawi Family Village (TFV) as Elder Ori-Piankhi Zumbi. Elder Ori Piankhi-Zumbi was the Presiding Elder of the Jelimuso initiate group of Tawi Family Village which crossed-over on April 19, 2009. Jelimuso is a West African title for master teachers. These are teachers who meet criteria for excellence:

- They have been tested in struggle and battle
- They show extraordinary and unusual fearlessness
- They produce exceptionally high-quality work
- They show diligence and determination to our people in everything that is done
- They vow to protect, with their lives, their people, land and culture
- They always speak the truth

Born in Maybuery, West Virginia; however, reared in a supportive, multi-generational home in the Hanford Village community of Columbus, Ohio, Ori-Piankhi Zumbi consistently exhibited all the qualities of a Jelimuso! Ori-Piankhi's words of wisdom to his family was to constantly research, study and learn your family and group history. He was proficient in maintaining records, research, and documenting historical facts. Socialization was a sacred mission, not a job for Ori-Piankhi Zumbi. He inspired people to be their best selves via mediating conflicts and facilitating important life ceremonies.

The Tawi Family Village (TFV) has two Presiding Elders, a female and male. Elder Ori-Piankhi Zumbi became the male Presiding Elder in 2013. He presided over Village and Elder meetings and was one of the official representatives of the Tawi Family Village. The Tawi Family Village has a teaching and spiritual component called Per Ankh (House of Life). Elder Ori-Piankhi was one of the founding members organizing Per Ankh. He gave life teachings lessons during the Per Ankh services. In addition, he worked on the Security, Finance and Malcolm X Committees. He participated in a Tawi Family Village men's support group. Elder Ori-Piankhi was a devoted active member of The Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC). He attended many of the conferences and served as an officer in the ASCAC Midwest Region. He was one of the leaders in the Friday night Columbus ASCAC Study group meeting and the African History Class. The following are words from a Vision statement given by our respected, loved, and venerated Elder Ori-Piankhi Zumbi (Douglas C. Swann):

"... I would like for each TFV member to be the best that they can be. We must start to think globally and act locally. I believe that we are an integral part of the universal forces of nature and that all things, including each and every one of us, have a special (divine) purpose for our existence. It is incumbent upon each and every one of us to do all that we can... we owe a debt to the Universe, a debt to our ancestors, a debt to ourselves, a debt to our children and a debt to all of those who will come after us.... We MUST return to universal order and harmony because... The existence of this planet depends upon our returning humanity to some sanity."

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A Celebration of the Life of

Beyond the Horizon

Beyond the horizon, where you now reside,
We send our love on the evening tide.
With every wave that meets the shore,
We feel your presence, forevermore.

Your laughter echoes in the breeze,
Your wisdom in the rustling trees.
Though distance keeps us far apart,
You live within each beating heart.

In the dawn's first light, we see
The legacy you've left, so free.
Beyond the horizon, wait for us,
In the place where souls adjust.



Life Reflections

Douglas Charles Swann was born on September 13, 1951 and passed away on September 17, 2024.

Born in West Virginia, his family relocated to Columbus, Ohio, before he was 3. He graduated from South High School. Afterward, he obtained an associate degree from Columbus State. He continued his education and matriculated with a bachelor's and master's degree from Capital University. Following graduation from Capital University, Doug gained employment at AT&T that took him to several places around the country to work and live.

Later when he retired from AT&T, he bought into a Janitorial franchise and ultimately worked for Homeland Security through the TSA. He was on a committee with the Afrocentric School and was an integral part of the TAWI Family Village. He left an indelible mark on the community and family.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Pamela Swann. He is also survived by his siblings, Mark Hunter, Robert Hunter, Leonia Scott, Edmondia Ellis, John Scott, and Louis Scott; children, Bryan Triplett (Pamala), Carla Maxwell (James), Douglas Swann II (Kim), Paula Coffman, and Yolanda Stewart (Geoffery); nephews, Curtis Scott Sr, James Robinson, Gabriel Lightner (Earlene), and Alex Hunter (Lou); nieces, Leanna Lightner, Courtney Barton (Miles), and Samantha Hunter. He loved his grandchildren, Deja Williams, Ni'eja Seymor, Kynteja Moss, Titus Brand, Bryan Triplett II, Bry'an Triplett, Skai Hoston, Ted Wingo, Kyle Wingo, Kaiya Wingo, Temaya Wingo, Douglas Swann III, Brittany Dorm (Anthony), Courtney Stewart, Geoffery Stewart Jr, Isaiah Stewart, and Sydney Stewart. Doug is loved and missed by many great-grandchildren, great-nieces and nephews, and other family and friends.

Order of Service

Saturday, September 28, 2024 @ 2:00pm

ORGAN PRELUDE
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW
Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING
Earlene Lightner
Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6-8

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Robert Hunter

MUSICAL SELECTION
Shay Ponquinette

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REMARKS (2 Minutes Please)
Family and Friends

OBITUARY
Leanna Lightner

MUSICAL SELECTION
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

THE EULOGY
Geoffery Stewart

BENEDICTION
Geoffery Stewart

RECESSIONAL
Clergy, Family and Friends