

*Celebrating the Life  
of  
Julian L. D. Shabazz*



*Sunrise*  
*March 24, 1968*

*Sunset*  
*June 14, 2020*

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020  
11:00 AM  
PALMER MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
FONTAINE ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC 29223

Julian Leonard Dakari Shabazz was an entrepreneur, award-winning author, freelance writer, motivational speaker, college professor, and public servant. As a teenager, Julian was known for his gift of gab. As a rap artist, he was known as Daddy D. In 1986, he and his group, The Awesome Crew, released their first single "Bad" on Awesome Records. Julian and his brother, David, created the independent label. The group continued to record and perform until the untimely death of Derrick "Smooth D." Robinson in 1993.

In 1992, Julian had already started branching out into other areas. While attending graduate school, he wrote the short book, "The United States Vs. Hip Hop." The book won best new writer honors from publisher United Brothers & United Sisters Communications in Virginia. The book also launched his speaking career in 1993 at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. After a successful tour speaking on hip-hop, he later became a motivational speaker. Branded "The Master Motivator," Julian started speaking at colleges and universities encouraging students to reach their full potential.

Born in Clinton, SC, he graduated from Clinton High School in 1986. After high school, he flourished at Benedict College. At Benedict, he was a member of the B.C. Players, Student Government Association (SGA) president and named to the National Dean's List. As SGA president, he was a founding member of the Improvement Movement with 1st Vice President Craig Williams. Under his leadership, the SGA instituted sweeping reforms including restructuring student Homecoming expenses and creating the recreation department's annual Tiger Fest. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation in 1990. Julian continued his education at Indiana University where he earned a Master's Degree in Parks and Recreation Administration. At the time of his passing, he was pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Sports Management from the United States Sports Academy.

In 2002, Julian returned to Benedict to teach in the program he graduated from: Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER). He and his colleagues taught holistic and service learning to their students. The HPER department used camping and other field trips to broaden the students' worldview and emphasized that the program was about "Re-Creation" of the mind, body and spirit. He was extremely popular with students – even being awarded "Favorite Instructor" by the student body. One of his lasting accomplishments was researching and creating the major in Sports Management.

He returned to the public sector after 10 years of teaching at Benedict and started working as a Recreation Program Manager for the Richland County Recreation Commission. Julian also worked for several years as the Bookmobile/Outreach Services Coordinator at the Laurens County Public Library. After researching the history of the bookmobile, he successfully developed a proposal to fund a new bookmobile in 2017.

Julian continued to serve as chairman and CEO of Awesome Records. The company self-published his books and music since 1986. As someone committed to literacy, he continued to write freelance articles and was constantly featured on radio and television programs about Black wrestlers and recently the comedian, Dolemite. All while continuing his daily passion of delivering books and smiles to citizens throughout Laurens County.

Julian's legacy includes two EP music albums, one unfinished and several published articles in newspapers and trade publications, nine books including *The United States Vs. Hip Hop*, *Black Stars of Professional Wrestling*, *Roar of the Tigers*, *How to be a Player* and *Dolemite: The Story of Rudy Ray Moore* and hundreds of former students he devoted his life's work toward. He was a lover of books and committed to preserving African American history and culture. He was an active Board Member of the Kemetic Institute of Health and Human Development in Columbia.

*~ Order of Service ~*

Mr. Von Baldwin, Presiding

Libations

Baba Derrick Jackson

Musical Selection

Poem

Dr. Wilhelmina Addison-

Harrell

Speakers

Mrs. Davida McDonald Manning

Dr. Tami Ashford-Carroll

Dr. David Shabazz

Dr. Harry Singleton

Dr. William F. Gunn, Jr.

Musical Selection

Reflections (Please limit to three minutes. Presenters, please state your name and how you know Mr. Shabazz.)

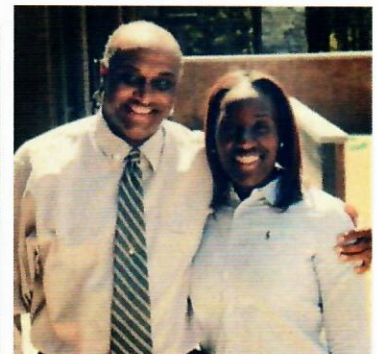
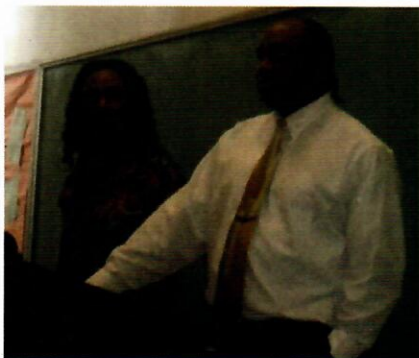
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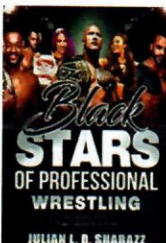
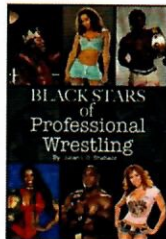
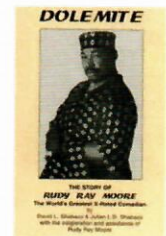
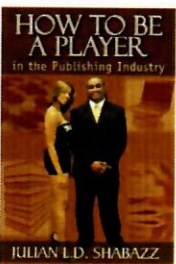
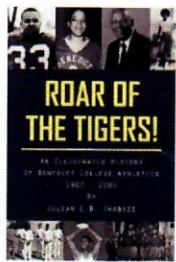
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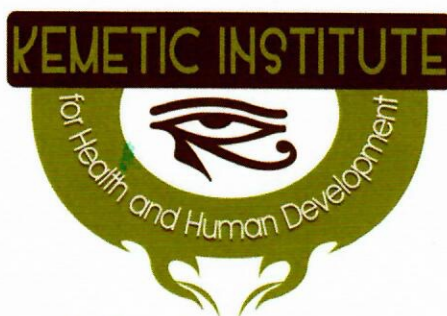
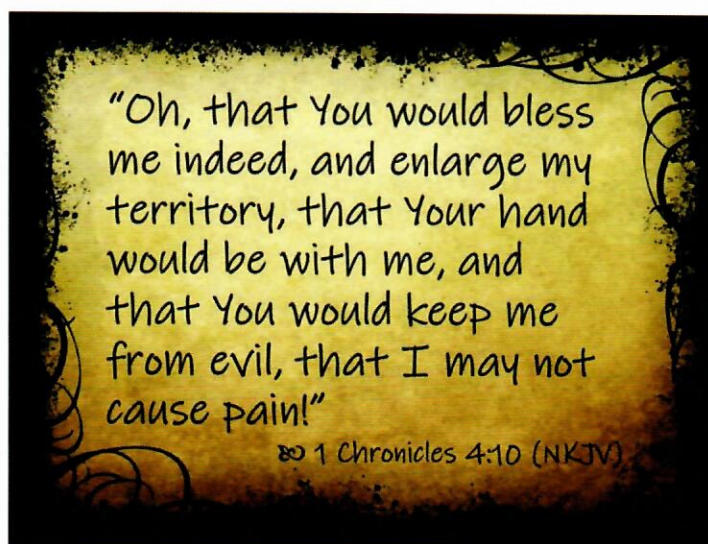


## **Message to Family**

*The Kemetic Institute for Health and Human Development (KIHHD) certainly cherish all of the moments that we were able to share with Julian. He was an integral part of all that we did and played a crucial role in helping to ensure that all of our endeavors were successful. We all have individual flashbacks as well as collective memories and we cherish them all.*

*We offer support to his family and anticipate that, with time, our memories will outweigh our sadness and that we will be able to continue his efforts to make this world a better place. This is a difficult realization but we can all probably agree that he would not want us to tarry with this occasion long and to move on to be a positive influence.*

*With love,  
The KIHHD Family*



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