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Obituary of Aeshah Clotley

Aeshah Clotley, age 76, of Oakland, California, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2025.

She was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on April 15, 1949, to Robert and Gussie. From an early age, Aeshah was known for her compassion, resilience, and commitment to love, education, and healing.

Aeshah was valedictorian of her high school class and earned a full scholarship to attend the University of California, Berkeley. Her academic excellence and determination laid the foundation for a lifetime dedicated to service and transformation.

She was married to her beloved husband and life partner, Kokomon Clotley. Together, they founded The Center for ArtEsteem (also known as Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc.) in 1989. Their shared vision was to address social challenges through creativity, education, and connection. Through ArtEsteem's programs, workshops, murals, and community-based arts initiatives, they fostered personal, collective, and environmental awareness, wellness, and leadership.

Aeshah's work reflected her deep belief in the inherent goodness and potential of every person. She is the co-author of *Color Theory: Race is a Powerful Illusion and Eternal Quest for Happiness*. She co-created healing programs such as Mindful Drumming Circles, Racial Healing Circles, The Good Neighbor Project, and Unleashing the Human Spirit Retreat, all designed to nurture love, empathy, and peace in the world. Aeshah was also inducted in Alameda County's Women's Hall of Fame and was a former member of the Board of Directors for University of Creation Spirituality, Global Renaissance Alliance and The Peace Alliance.



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Aeshah was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was the loving mother of Amana and her husband, Jack. She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Imam. She was a proud grandmother to Munirah and Sabah, and Sabah's husband, Carter.

Aeshah was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Gussie; her siblings, Robbie, Bobby Ray, Peter, and Dorothy. She is lovingly survived by her husband, Kokomon, and her siblings Lillia, Ollie, Rova, Fannie, Nellie, Gloria, and Julia, along with a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will forever cherish her memory.

Aeshah will be remembered for her wisdom, grace, and her unwavering belief in the power of love and creativity to heal the world. Her legacy continues through every life she touched and through the ongoing work of The Center for ArtEsteem.


In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Aeshah's legacy and work to The Center for ArtEsteem at <https://www.artesteem.org>.



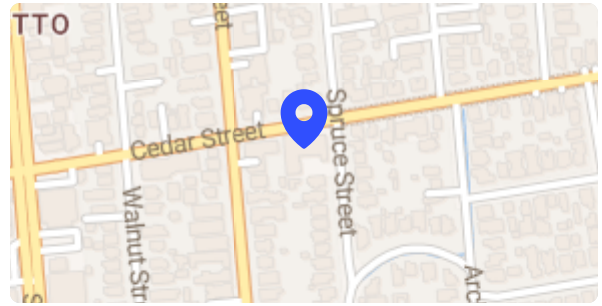
Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 15, 2025

 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PT

 **All Souls Parish**
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley CA 94709

 RSVP: <https://rebrand.ly/aeeshah>





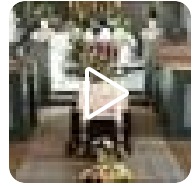
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