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A SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CAROLYN ASHE STOKES

BY BEREKELY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

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• Carolyn Louisa Ashe Stokes
• 94 years old
• Date of birth: November 18th, 1925
• Place of birth: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States
• Date of passing: September 7th, 2020
• Place of passing: Vallejo, California, United States
CAROLYN ASHE STOKES

Author, educator, and activist, Carolyn Ashe Stokes whose father, Capt. Charles Malcolm Ashe trained some of America's esteemed Tuskegee Airmen, tells her story of overcoming adversity (she suffered a stroke) and helping others to do the same. She's written three books, multiple poems, and encourages all of us to achieve what we want in life, and to "do it now." And if the name Ashe rings a bell it's because her cousin was America's tennis Master, Arthur Ashe.

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• During her 94 years, she was a devoted mother and grandmother who dedicated her life to improving the livelihood of women in society.

• Daughter of Charles Malcolm Ashe (Tuskegee's primary flight instructor, honored in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum;

• Graduated from West Philadelphia High School

• undergraduate degree in Sociology at Howard University

• Master of Arts in Consciousness and Transformative Studies from JFK University in Orinda, CA.

• Former Research and Public Relations Officer for the Eisenhower Congressional Committee and became President Eisenhower's Speech Writer during his administration.

• Former Senior Senator at the California Senior Legislature;

• Past President of AAUW,

• Past President of the Business and Professional Women;

• Past President of Richmond Plaza Neighborhood Council;

• Past President of Council of Civic Unity. In addition, she mentored women on Family Education and Management - empowering women to achieve their goals in education, work and family.

• In 1999, she was inducted in the International Educators' Hall of Fame (Sacramento, CA).

• Carolyn continued her passionate love of writing as she contributed to poetry blogs, published articles in local newspapers, and authored books.
Ebony’s Best
Dressed
1968
Carolyn as Speaker
Carolyn loved to put puzzles together.
Receiving my graduate degree from JFK University in Consciousness and the Arts and undergraduate education in Language and Sociology from Howard University, my contributions to society include: improving the status of women in the American Society, consulting on family education and management.
The Art of Forgiveness

Written by Carolyn Stokes

https://www.poeticous.com/carolyn-ashe-stokes/the-art-of-forgiveness

- We can forgive the little things
  - like loss of keys, or files, or tools.
- We forgive the loss of names or directions
  - which makes us look like bumbling fools.
    - We forgive the habit lapse
- which sets us back when trying to change.
  - We forgive the childish prank
  - and gently, another style arrange.
  - But it takes deep insightful work
    - to forgive the enemy, we define.
  - Because we choose to see the wrong
  - and blind ourselves to what is fine.
    - Art reflects nature’s process
    - accepting change as usual form.
  - Learn to build from basic wholeness
    - so FORGIVENESS shapes the human form.
The art of love

reverses hate

and treads the path

of soul’s own fate.

To become a part

of the cosmic one

we all forgive

when hate is done.

Transcending what

we are mad about

gives us time

to mellow out.

We learn to laugh

and to understand

we only grow

when we share a hand.

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• The Search to Belong...A Story of Hope probes the reader to introspect upon their own willingness to accept the differences of others.
• This allegory presents a story of hope to those searching for an identity and a place to belong.
• Multy was a soft, pretty, and cuddly kitten who liked to wander from Familiar surroundings searching for new adventures.
• But not all Adventures prove to be pleasant. One day while looking for new friends
• With whom she could play, Multy found white cats, black cats, brown cats
• And grey cats but no playmates. It seems no one wanted a different Looking cat playing with them.
• What’s wrong with Multy, that no one wants to play with her?
• Will Multy Ever find friends that will accept her and all her differences, just as she is?
Berkeley Business and Professional Women will forever cherish the memories it had with its longtime member, Carolyn Ashe Stokes.

She was truly a mentor and legendary of peace with a vision way ahead of her times.
To the many generations of diverse people who created my personal heritage, we are celebrating the Way of the Rainbow. I thank all those who offered encouragement and support yet forgive those who do not understand.

Wise
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Our global future requires this broader understanding. Relax and sink into your creative imagination. The challenge of introspective vision is to allow anxiety to grip our souls and paralyze our actions until we discover our natural way to wisdom through our own truth. When this insight comes, the new light shows us a healthy process we only glimpse with humility.

Take up with me and imagine. Allow your inner child to play.