

The sun has set on the life of a legend. The Peaker, and Stephens Families, announce the passing of Mr. Charles Isaac Peaker. He departed this life on December 2, 2016 at his home on Virgin Gorda. He was 88 years of age.

Born and raised in the State of Maryland, United States, he served in the U.S. Military. His career requirements led him to travel to different states and overseas destinations. In the year 1994, he did experience life on the African Continent. Spiritually rewarding, and soul satisfying.

Close friends, and family members, from his home State, knew and loved him as "IKE" which is short for Isaac. To those who were Afrocentrically close to him, he was lovingly known as "Nwokeoji" or "Oji". This name "Nwokeoji", is Nigerian in origin, and was given to Mr. Peaker more than 47 years ago, by a group of Nigerian college students attending university in New York City. "Nwokeoji" literally means "**BLACK MAN**".

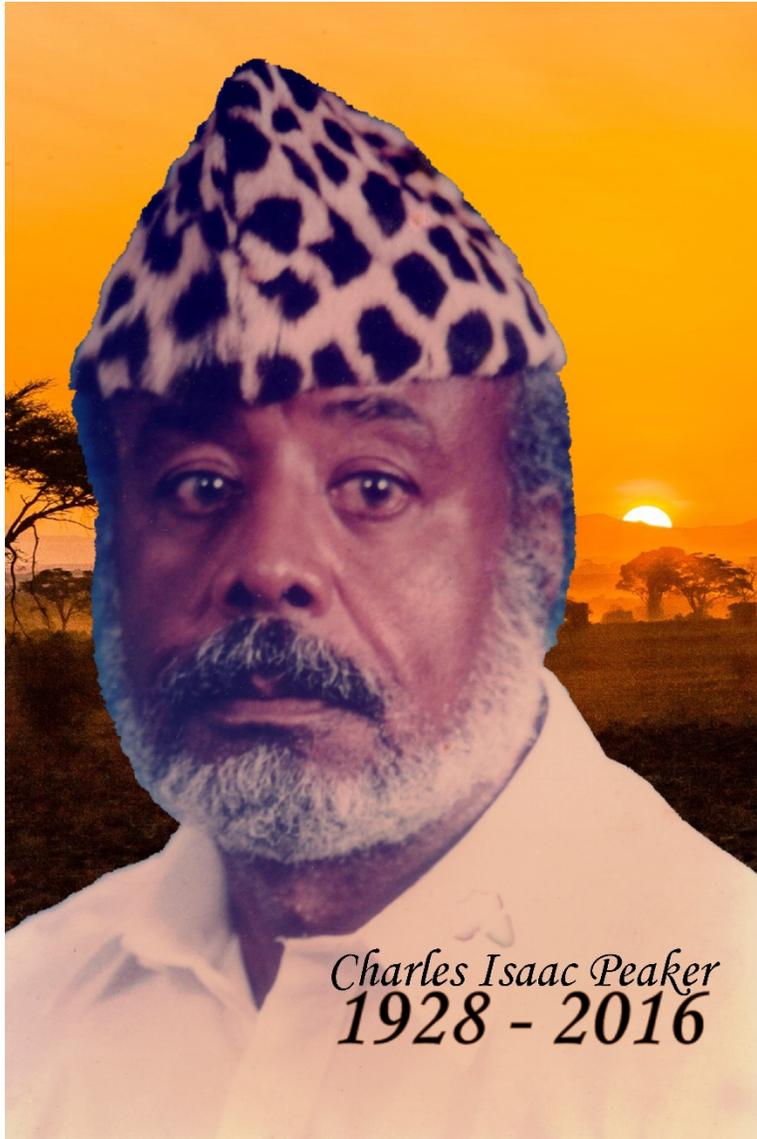
Mr. Peaker lived an active retirement on the island of Virgin Gorda where he taught music, farmed the land, and all the while, enlightening ALL on our African heritage and legacy. He was an outspoken and knowledgeable conversationalist on topics such as "the African American's ongoing quest for freedom and equality" and "our essential connection with our African mother land". Mr. Peaker was a founding member, and an elder of the local Afrikan Study Klub (ASK) which honoured him in August 2015 for his contributions to the knowledge of our African legacy.

Many can attest to Mr. Peaker's life's stories, him being chosen to touch base with historical black figures the likes of, Marcus Garvey Jr., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and many other BIG-HEARTED people, involved in the movement for freedom, equal rights, and justice.

Some parting words to remember as we memorialize Charles "Nwokeoji" Peaker:

- ❖ Do not court jesters or engage in folly.
- ❖ Do not allow yourselves to be distracted or entertained by clowns, jokesters or pranksters.
- ❖ Be aware of tricksters, deceivers and imposters.
- ❖ Cast away the "wilfully ignorant" or "lazy" mentality; instead be creative, productive, think positively and think progressively.
- ❖ Seek the truths, also higher educations.
- ❖ Empower yourselves and each other; RIGHTEOUSLY, so that you may become masters of your own destinies.
- ❖ Know and remember our histories and their relationships to the present times.
- ❖ Maintain an everlasting link with our homeland.

Peace and blessings, love and prosperity to Africa, all the peoples of Africa, and all people of African ancestry "...at home and abroad."



Charles Isaac Peaker
1928 - 2016