

reflections

An interview with Sister Annie Muhammad

Editor's note: The following article was recorded and edited for Muhammad Speaks by Sis. Minister Sharolyn X. The subject is Sis. Annie Muhammad, the eldest sister of Master Elijah Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allah forever be upon Him.)

Sis. Annie Muhammad is 89-years-of age. She was born and spent much of her early life in Georgia. She is the mother of seven children: five sons and two daughters.

"When I was still a young woman, we moved from Georgia to Detroit, then from Detroit to Chicago. I accepted the Teachings of Master Elijah Muhammad in Chicago. We went to Chicago before we got our "X"'s. Later the Messenger gave me the name Muhammad. I got to Chicago just after the Saviour left. I never did

Nation has taught I have kept in my mind until this day.

"It makes me feel happy and good to know that I have come this far. I feel good to know that I accepted Islam and lived up to it. I love Islam.

"I heard Him (Elijah Muhammad) say to be good Muslims: be a righteous Muslim. We should live like Muslims in unity and peace is what He told me.

"Sis. Clara Muhammad (the Messenger's wife) gave me the first long dress I wore. I wore it to the Class (MGT and GCC) and I washed that dress and wore it again and again. He always taught us to be clean.



SIS. ANNIE MUHAMMAD, Aunt of the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, smiles as she reminisces about the "old days" and the pioneering spirit of early Muslims in North America. (Photo by Wali Akbar Muhammad)

"I saw (the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad) for the first time when He was a very small boy about 9-years-old. He was quiet and loving just like he is now. He never was bad. He has always been a good boy. The Messenger was like that and He is just like His Father.

"He was raised up from His Father. He is teaching after His Father. He is right in what He is teaching. He is teaching the people the right way. He is a wonderful, wonderful Minister. He is loving and righteous, a wonderful Teacher and I love Him.

"Once in a while I go out to the Temple, now. Messenger Muhammad told me to go just once in a while after I got up in age. I can't go now like I did when I was younger.

"I am not able to do very much anymore. I spend some time in crocheting. I enjoy sewing, crocheting, piecing quilts, making aprons and dresses.

"My advice to the younger Sisters and Brothers is to be good Sisters and Brothers. Love one another and follow the Teachings, treat one another right. Don't be other than yourself. Follow the Supreme Minister and the Teachings. Islam is the righteous religion.



SIS. ANNIE MUHAMMAD, Aunt of the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, gestures expressively as she makes a point to Sis. Minister Sharolyn of Temple No. 2. (Photo by Wali Akbar Muhammad)

see Him.

"The Messenger said that Master Fard Muhammad had come to give Him the teachings to teach the people. After I accepted, I loved Islam and I stayed right with my Brother all the while. I loved His Teaching, great teachings.

"I left behind all of that I had in my mind before I came into the Nation. I did not stay in Christianity anymore. I just kept the Teaching of Islam, and what the

"The Messenger was always different from the other boys. He grew up as a good boy and He visited me quite a bit while I was married. He was just a wonderful man all His days.

"I was the first (of the children) He was a-week-old. My mother said, "Annie, hold the baby while I make the bed up." He was a beautiful baby. He had beautiful black eyes. I just loved Him.