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Tasha Lebow

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On the passing of Bette Tate-Beaver, NAME Executive Director, who joined the ancestors on Sunday, August 29th.

With sorrow deeper than ancestral rivers the NAME family recognizes and mourns the passing of our beloved Leader, Sister, Mentor, Friend, Colleague, Other-Mother and Sunshine, Bette Tate-Beaver.

Bette fought recurring battles for survival, from personal attacks, societal traumas, violent white supremacies, to everyday sexism, racism, elitism, dismissals of her brilliance, on and on Bette marched, carrying history forward with each step. Joining NAME in 2003, Bette was appointed Executive Director in 2009, where she continued her legacy of collaborative insistence on modeling the love, grace and dignity of social justice work. Her orientation to leadership was based upon a lifelong recognition that the world needs love-work to heal. Her intense spirit was matched by her brilliance, her wit, her sharp vision, her hilarity and her eternal reminders for us to keep on keeping on.

Bette saw multicultural education as a partial solution to societal oppressions created and sustained through unequal, often harmful school systems. By blending her voice with that of her partner Lewis Diuguid, NAME articulated social justice positions with eloquence and veracity. She spent time in schools, with students and teachers, community members and district leaders,





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collective consciousness around equity issues and the growth in NAME as an organization are indicative of the power of their collaborative work.

Bette knew the need to nurture children and young leaders as they develop confidence and knowledge in preparation for their inevitable move into leadership as inherited from historic elders. Bette did whatever was needed. In the spirit of Sankofa, she always worked in service of the mission, building on the foundation of past liberation and revolutionary heroes.

She walked with humility in helping, advocating, pushing educators to teach towards such a future. Derrick Bell, founder of critical race theory, and one of Bette's mentors and dearest friends, argued that "Humility gives us space to see that we do not have all the answers, even in our so-called areas of expertise; it lets us listen and respond to what is actually happening, being said, being felt." Bette led with such humility, seeing her purpose as getting others to see—and believe in—their own light.

As Executive Director of the National Association for Multicultural Education, Bette integrated humility with insistence on raw truth. As the movement for Black Lives Matter gained national attention, Bette was on the ground, organizing and uplifting in Ferguson in protests that exploded in the aftermath of the murder of yet another unarmed Black man. Bette was always quick to act—in Oakland, in the Pacific Northwest, in Kansas City, in China, in Cuba—wherever human rights, educational equity and social justice were under attack.

There were no limits to the ways she enacted and embodied the work of NAME. All of NAME became part of her family and all of her family is active in NAME. She brought everyone she touched into the NAME family. Her biological family—her mother, LaFrancine Tate, her aunt Bette Treadwell, her four daughters Angelique Beaver, Aminah Cunningham, Arin-Michal Core, and Mitchele Anderson, and many of her grandchildren—have attended, worked and presented at NAME events. The NAME family stands together with all of Bette's family to honor and cherish her enormous impact!

Bette is an irreplaceable legacy. She continually created brave spaces that allowed everyone to shine. She simply lived the vision of NAME. Her love and passion for building a more just world will live on in the hearts, minds and actions of the many she touched in NAME and way, way beyond. We carry her with us in our hearts always as we continue to work towards her vision for the future.

Plans to honor and celebrate Bette's life will be announced soon. The family has asked that donations in honor of Bette's lifelong commitment be gifted to the National Association for Multicultural Education. Donations can be gifted at [www.nameorg.org/](http://www.nameorg.org/) or mailed to:

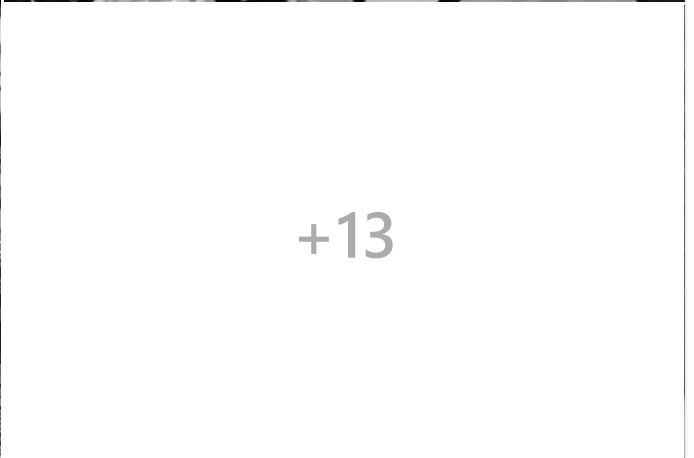
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**Alyssa Hadley Dunn**

Oh my god, **Tasha**, this is devastating! How heartbreaking. 😞

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**Vanessa Liles**

She was a wonderful woman and a terrific leader! God bless her family and her legacy as it lives on in us. ❤️

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**Mara Sapon-Shevin**

Bette was one of a kind. My heart is broken but also full of love for her and all she is. I look forward to celebrating her life in the future. Bette Beaver presente !

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**Tiff Archie**

This devastates me. 😞 Bette was there for me in so many ways when Tchet passed





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**Batya Frank-Messenger**

Extraordinary soul! May her memory be for a blessing.

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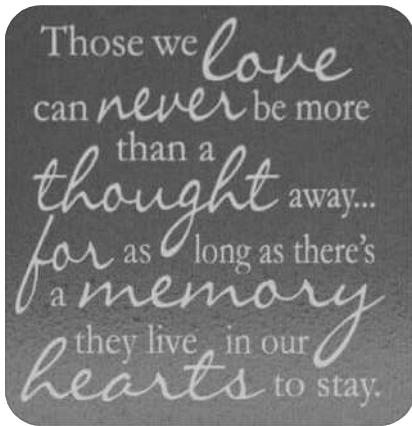
**Jerry Mitchell**

Oh no!! Bette was a good friend and her legacy lives on in those she touched. I pray for peace for the family 🤍🙏 I'm so sorry. Bette was a warrior 🤍🤍

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**Melanie J. Scott**



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**James Felton III**

A true pioneer and champion. May she Rest In Power. Strength and love to our NAME family.

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**Theresa Montañó**

My heart hurts! A huge loss for NAME 🤍🤍! Hugs to Lewis & her family.

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**Janine Clarke**

Devastating news. My heart goes out to her family, Lewis, and all who knew and cherished Bette.

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**Gretchen Mcallister**

So sorry for her loss. Prayers for her journey and gratitude for her bright light whose warmth I will as honored to feel.

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**Pritchey Smith**

I am so sorry for the family's loss. I will miss her deeply as a friend and as a colleague in the continuing struggle for social justice. We multicultural educators owe her much. Rest in peace my dear friend.

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**Kathleen Jefferson**

I'm so sorry for your loss. She's become a legend to me after hearing of her incredible strength in the face of so much adversity. My deepest condolences to her family and NAME.

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**Brian Child Dev Wright**

I'm without adequate words learning of the passing of my friend and colleague Bette Tate-Beaver. I learned so much from my dear friend and colleague and will miss her terribly. Sending prayers of light, love, and comfort to **Lewis Diuguid** and her entire... **See More**

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**Lewis Diuguid**

She was the love of my life, and I will miss Bette terribly.

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**Eddie Moore Jr**

I'm sending love and prayers to all of family including NAME. I grew up as a young professional in NAME and have been loved, inspired and challenged by many of the elders. Bette Tate-Beaver is at the top of that list. She was a true friend, colleague, ... **See More**



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**Melanie J. Scott**





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**Norma Inloes**

I'm sorry for your loss Tasha.

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**Cherry Gooden**

Rest in Heaven, Bette. You will be missed but I am sure you will be keeping a watchful eye on NAME and praying intercessory prayers for us and the work we are called to do.



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**Robin Rosenfeld Brenneman**

Bette was my dear friend. Although we knew each other for about 18 years or so it seems as if we had known each other our whole lives. It is impossible for me to think about NAME without thinking about Bette. Her passion for the organization for her f... [See More](#)

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**Greg Hack**

All my condolences, Lewis.

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**Gina Boltz**

Anyone who met Bette loved Bette -- she was THAT kind of special. Our world is a lonelier place without her.

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**Gail Wolkoff**

Oh my, this is so sad-

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**Barbara Bitters**

Wonderful tribute!

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**Ann M Brill**

Lewis, I am so sorry to hear this. What an amazing woman. The world is less bright now. Take care, my friend.

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**Joyce Avila**

I am so sad she was a WHO for me  
Made my Cuba dream come true a great mentor  
I will miss you.

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**Vivian Carlo**

Although I am sad beyond belief at Bette's passing, I will forever remember her for she touched me deeply with her kindness, unconditional regard and fierce tenacity! We have lost a great warrior, but her legacy of fighting for what is right, what is j...

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**Theresa Montaña**

Lewis, sending you love and deepest sympathies. I know she is still at your side

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**Lewis Diuguid**

Bette touched the lives of many, and it shows.

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