

Helen Fareedah Muhammad Is "Striving For Perfection"

By Nancy Anderson
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Dreams are known to be truly inspirational, but can dreaming about having a fashion show actually inspire a person to have one?

"I've been sewing all of my life," informed Helen Fareedah Muhammad of Fareedah's Fashions. "Back in 1973 I had a dream that I had a fashion show, so without a doubt I decided to have one."

Held in a small town five miles away from her home, Hamlet, N.C., Ms. Muhammad sponsored her first show in Rockingham, N.C. and has been striving for perfection ever since.

"What I would particularly like to do is reveal to the public that with the high cost of clothing today, it would be less expensive to sew your own clothes. That way one has a more definite option of choosing fabrics that fit his or her personality."



Helen Fareedah Muhammad
...Creates dazzling ensembles

profession I also want national recognition."

A member of the Masjid Muhammad in Rock Hill, S.C., Ms. Muhammad coordinates a clique of 16 models, 15 females and one male.

"It takes time to sew an outfit properly, especially for males. Being more complicated naturally a man's outfit would take a longer amount of time." She continued, "But, of course, in the future I plan to have more male models."

Elijah Briston, brother of Ms. Muhammad assists in providing the music for these fun-filled evenings which are only held on weekends for the convenience of models who have families.

Stressing the important essentials of a good model, Ms. Muhammad idolizes models Iman and Beverly Johnson. "They are both

Friends Show Genuine Love For Eddie Vaughn

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To look at him one could not tell he was one of the richest men alive. He wore no flash diamond rings nor did he adorn himself with expensive tailor-made clothing.

But throughout the evening it remained perfectly clear that Eddie "Beau" Vaughn was a man of enormous wealth. Greater in value than any amount of silver or gold Vaughn's wealth lies in the genuine love his friends feel for him.

On Sunday, December 6, at the Excelsior Club, friends of Eddie Vaughn gathered to let Vaughn know one thing, that they loved him.

Vaughn worked as a bartender at the Excelsior Club for several years. In the past few years Vaughn became ill and his persisting health problems forced him to quit his job. Unable to function as he had in the past Vaughn, at times, became somewhat withdrawn and at other times depressed.

Noticing his subdued state of mind Edith Shearin came up with the idea of doing something special for Vaughn to let him know that he was not without people who cared for him. Ms. Shearin decided to surprise Vaughn with a roast (a special event whereby the star of attraction is spotlighted by his friends).

With the help of many friends, Ms. Shearin started the wheel rolling and within a month's time the stage had been set, contributions had been donated and the long awaited moment had arrived.

Vaughn had no idea that December 6 would be his night. It took the crafty thinking of Ms. Shearin to find a way to get Vaughn to the club where all his friends eagerly anticipated his arrival.

And as Vaughn walked into the Excelsior Club, the crowd rose singing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow." For Vaughn the night had just begun.

Indeed this was a festive occasion.

Willie Walker, the master of ceremony, put the wheels into motion by reading a fairy tale story of why Eddie "Beau" Vaughn was being roasted, and the happy ending to the story was that they loved him.

Enya Flack, harpist, who played a beautiful musical selection paved an evening to be enjoyed and not forgotten.

Then it was time for City Councilman Charlie Dannelly and County Commissioner Bob Walton to pay homage to Vaughn. They both presented Vaughn with honors. Dannelly pinned the City of Charlotte pin on Vaughn and Walton bestowed Vaughn with both the Mecklenburg County pin and a paperweight that had the seal of Mecklenburg County on it.

After Bernice Moore sang an original tune, "After The Rain, There's A Rainbow," especially written and dedicated to Vaughn, the highlight of the evening had come.

Attentionately, roasters Dr. E. L. Rann, Vic Wilson, Abbey Flanders, Jack Benson, Barbara Floyd, James C. Lilly, Jimmie McKee, LaForest Williams, recalled their most precious moments with Vaughn. Each roaster pulled one of their precious, priceless memories, spiced it up, added a pinch of humor and the crowd could hardly keep quiet from laughing.

As the formal program neared its end Edith Shearin made some final remarks and presented Vaughn with a check for \$2,458. Lillie Rose McKee gave a solo selection and the evening became a night of dining and dancing.

Eddie "Beau" Vaughn could not find the words to say what he felt; words weren't necessary. When you're loved by so many it's not the words that count, but the feelings inside.

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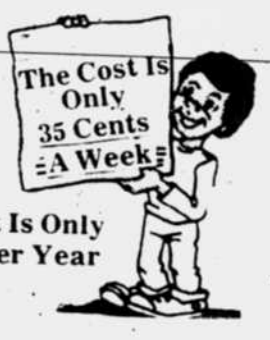
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CHUMS stresses that cancer is a disease, not a disaster, and that it is often curable, especially if detected and treated early. CHUMS strives to improve the quality of life of cancer patients-survivors by helping them to achieve a positive attitude, the determination to live, and the will to be well. Chapters will be formed throughout North Carolina.

Dr. Shull is in private practice in Consulting and Counseling Psychology. And will be doing cancer counseling for patients-survivors families and friends. For more information or if you would like to form a chapter in your area write to Dr. Shull, Meadowood Professional Center, 1198 Wyke Road, Suite A, Shelby, N.C.

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