

*Celebration
of Life*

*Paul
Mamby
"Saoul"*

*Sunrise: June 4, 1947
Sunset: December 20, 2019*

*Service
Saturday, December 28, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.*

***WILLIAMS INSTITUTION CME CHURCH**
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Officiating by Minister Abdul Hafeez Muhammad*

Obituary

Paul “Saoul” Mamby was born on June 4, 1947 in Manhattan, New York to the late Rupert and Victoria (Nova) Mamby; and raised by the late Gerard Ellington. He departed this life on December 20, 2019. Saoul was the third child of five siblings one of which preceded him in death, Michael Mamby. Raised in the Bronx he attended P.S.120. Saoul developed an interest in boxing early on and as a teenager at the age of 16 fought in the Golden Gloves in 1965 and in 1966. He compiled an amateur record of 25-5 before turning pro. In 1967, at the age of 18 he was drafted into the United States Vietnam War and received honorable discharges in 1969.

Once returning home from the war Saoul turned his passion into a profession and began his career in the sport of boxing. “Sweet Saoul” Mamby fought the best all over the world from Antonio Cervantes to Roberto Duran. He captured the WBC Super Lightweight Title in 1980 by knocking out Sang-Hyun Kim in the 14th round. He held this title for 2 1/2 years as Champion. After that he made five successful defenses, traveling to Indonesia and Nigeria and during the process he stopped former WBC Light Weight Champion Esteban De Jesús in the 13th round. He has fought on the undercards of Heavy Weight World Champions Larry Holmes and the Late Great Muhammad Ali. Mamby continued to fight all the way into his 50s and was forced to retire by the California State Athletic Commission following his last loss in 2000. However, at the age of 60, Mamby announced a comeback! As a result Saoul became one of the oldest boxers to appear in an officially sanctioned bout. Mamby was known for his ability to take punches well and in 85 professional bouts he was stopped only once.

Boxing for Mamby was not just a sport it was a way of life. In leisure, he loved to travel, watch movies and spend time with both his children and grandchildren. He was a very fashionable man who was always dressed dapper down to his socks and he loved his mink coats. As a 40 year resident of Tracy Towers he loved his community and his generosity spread worldwide. He was known for and always spoken highly of for his kindness, humbleness, polite manners and nice cars. He was a warrior a true champion who stood on strong values and principles.

He leaves behind: his children, Yvette Muhammad (Sean), Saoul Mamby, Jr., Raoul Mamby, Meischan Mamby (Tiffany) and Queen Mamby; his brother, Rupert Mamby, Jr.; sisters, Lorraine Elizabeth Mamby Muringi, Jovel Ellington and Aja Ellington; his grandchildren, Elisha, Basir, Sayyidah, Yasin, Zaddia, Saoul III, Joy, Mia, Brycin, Isabella, Meischan Jr. and King; and a host of nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Order of Service

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament

New Testament

Torah

Holy Quran

Selection..... “Ribbon in the Sky” (Stevie Wonder)

Musical Interlude

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Flow Anderson

Acknowledgements

Remarks from Friends

Remarks from Family.....Yvette

Reading of Obituary.....Tiffany

Poem read by Basir

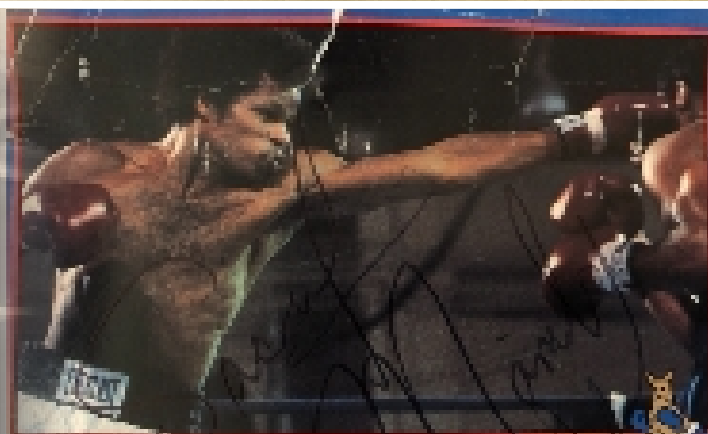
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Eulogy/Celebration of Life.....Minister Abdul Hafeez Muhammad
East Coast Representative of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan

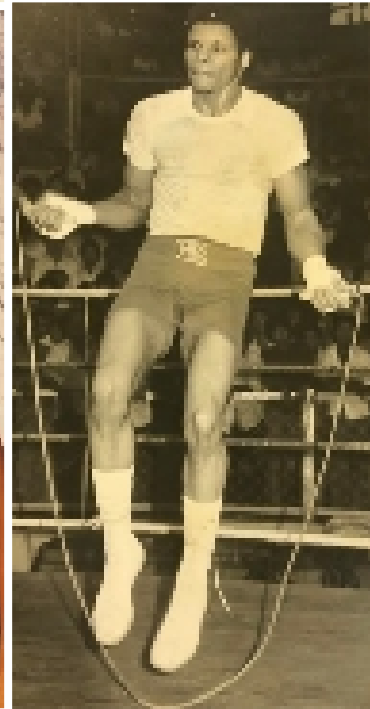
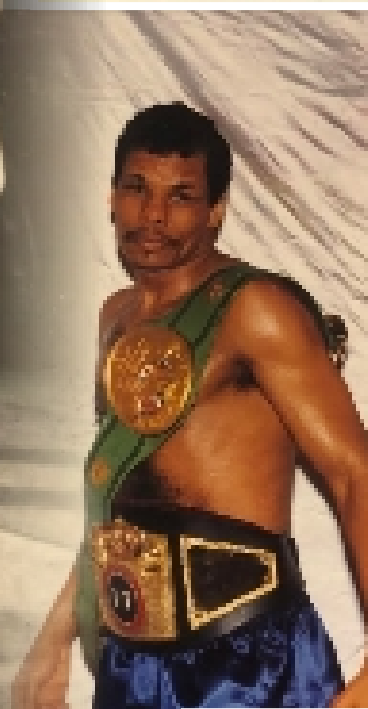
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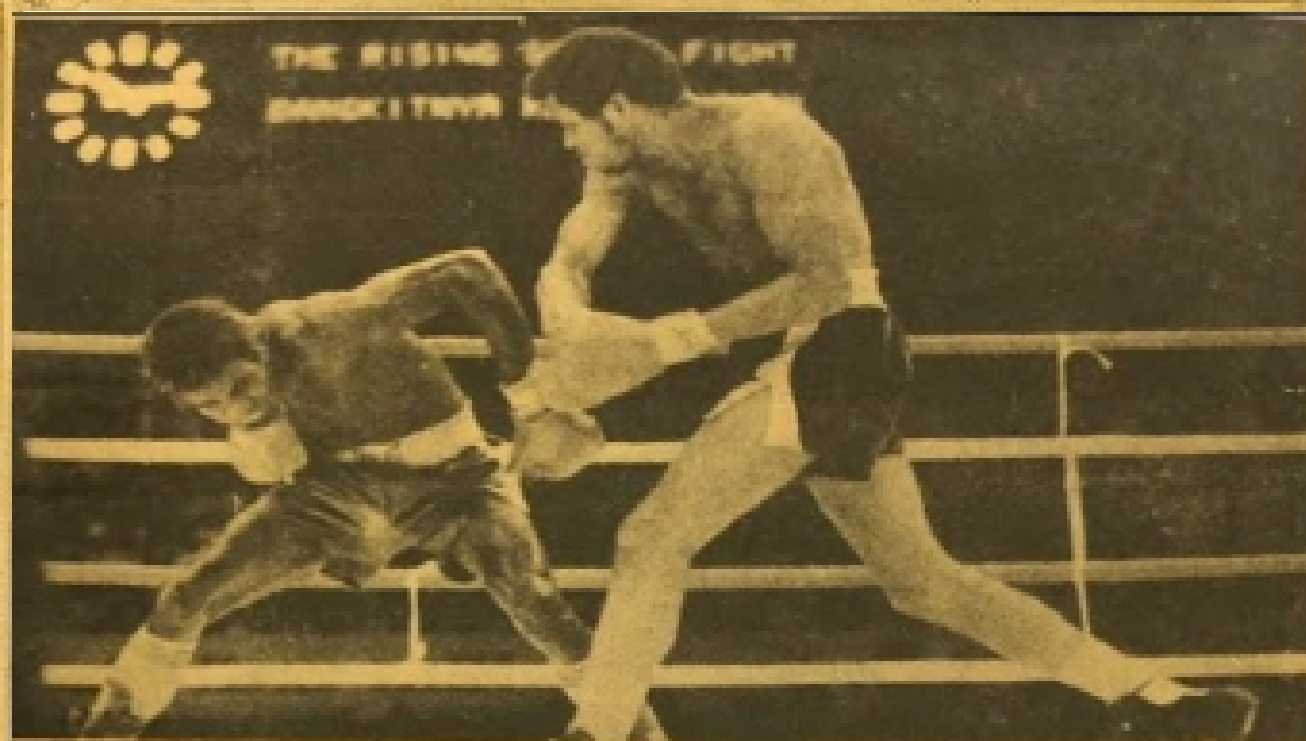
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Final Respects..... Meischan



SABUL HANDEK
MELDOWEIGHT





world's boxing champion of super lightweight category, Saoul Mamby, right, sends right blow at Indonesia's nas Americo, who is trying to evade it. (Ant).—

Mamby foils Americo's attempt

SKILL VS PHYSIQUE

Prior to the fight, world light welterweight champion (WBC version) Saoul Mamby said he will knock out Mr Thomas Americo in the 15-round title fight.

Mr Mamby, 34, made the statement following a weigh-in on Saturday.

"I will defend my title. I have come a long way to defend my title. If I lose, I will hang up my gloves," Mr Mamby said.

The defending champion did not say at what round he would knockout the younger Americo. The Indonesian challenger will be 22 years old in December and is thought to be at his advantage.

The weigh-in showed Mr Mamby weighs 63.3 kilograms or 139.5 pounds, about the same as Americo, who weighs 63.3 kilograms or 139.3 pounds.

Boxing experts described the match as a battle between the experience and more skillful technique of Mr Mamby against



Photo: (L) Saoul Mamby, (M) Thomas Americo, (R) Mr Ken Morita of Japan, referee of the fight. (Ant).—

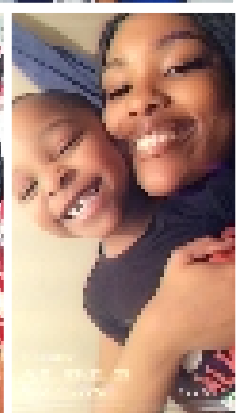
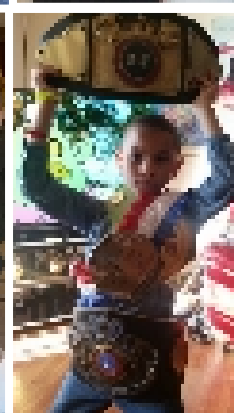
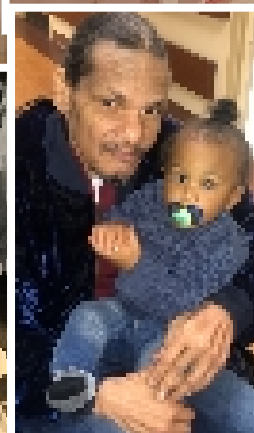
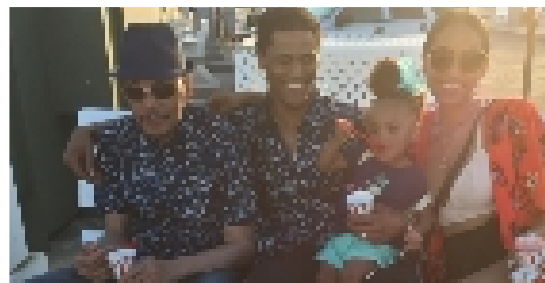
Mr Saoul Mamby of the United States Saturday night retained his title as light-welter world champion (WBC version) after defeating his challenger Thomas Americo of Indonesia with points in a close 15 round match at Jakarta's Senayan Sports Stadium.

The referee of the fight, Mr Ken Morita of Japan, refrained from the judging and left the decision to his three assistants. One of these three Takeo Ugo of Japan gave equal scores to Mr Mamby and Mr Americo: 146-146.

The two others, Mr Rudy Ortega (US) and Mr Marcello Bertini (Italy) gave points which tipped the balance in Mr Mamby's favour: 146-141 and 147-139 respectively.

The outcome of Saturday night's match is Mr Mamby's fourth victory in defence of the title which he wrested from Mr Sang Hyun-kin of South Korea by a KO in Seoul in February 1980.

For Mr Thomas Americo it was his second defeat in his 18 fights as a professional boxer. His first defeat was by a KO by Saoul Mamby in a 1978 fight.





Saoul Mamby



Test of Man

*The test of a man is the fight that he makes,
The grit that he daily shows,
The way he stands upon his feet,
And takes life's numerous bumps and blows.*

*A coward can smile when there's naught to fear.
And nothing his progress bars,
But it takes a man to stand and cheer,
While the other fellow stars.*

*It isn't the victory after all
But the fight that a Brother makes.
A man when driven against the wall,
Still stands erect and takes the blows of fate*

*With his head held high,
bleeding, bruised and pale,
Is the man who will win and fate defied,
For he isn't afraid to fail!*

- Author Unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*



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