

Ali! Ali! The Greatest Laid to Rest

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drone attacks, the gap between rich and poor, and racist policing.

Earlier in the day, Ali's casket, draped with an Islamic tapestry, was loaded into a hearse outside a funeral home. The pallbearers included former boxers Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis and actor Will Smith, who played Ali in the movies.

Ali's nine children, his widow, Lonnie, two of his ex-wives and other family members accompanied the body to the cemetery on the 19-mile drive past the little pink house where he grew up and the museum that bears his name. At one point, the motorcade traveled along Muhammad Ali Boulevard.

As the long line of black limousines rolled past, fans chanted like spectators at one of his fights, pumped their fists, stood

on cars, held up cellphones and signs, ran alongside the hearse and reached out to touch it. They tossed so many flowers onto the windshield that the driver had to push some of them aside to see the road.

Others fell silent and looked on reverently as the champ went by.

"I've been crying all week," said Mike Stallings, of Louisville, who brought his two young sons to bid farewell to the sports legend who grew up as Cassius Clay. "As big as he was he never looked down on people. He always mingled among the crowds."

Ali chose the cemetery as his final resting place a decade ago. Its 130,000 graves represent a who's who of Kentucky, including Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Colonel Harland Sanders. Family spokesman Bob Gunnell said he will have a simple headstone, inscribed only "Ali," in keeping

with Islamic tradition.

Ali himself decided years ago that his funeral would be open to ordinary fans, not just VIPs. As a result, thousands of free tickets to the memorial were made available and were snatched up within an hour.

Around Louisville, a sight-seeing company offered tours of Ali's path through the city. Businesses printed his quotes across their billboards. City buses flashed "Ali - The Greatest" in orange lights. And a downtown bridge will be illuminated the rest of the week in red and gold: red for his boxing gloves, gold for his 1960 Olympic medal.

"I just wanted to show respect to the champ," said Martin Dixon, who drove from Warren, Ohio, to watch the funeral procession from Ali's boyhood home. "He inspired the world. He shook up the world."

Blood Drive Needs You

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their story on living with sickle cell.

As an infant, Latay Hammick was diagnosed with sickle cell. Multiple blood transfusions were necessary to relieve her pain crisis. Currently, it's been more than two years since she received the blood transfusions and on June 6, she walked across the stage at Veterans Memorial Coliseum to receive her Jefferson High School Middle College diploma. Graduating with a scholarship presented by Self Enhancement, Inc., she plans on attending college this fall to study journalism.

"The most important thing to know is that giving blood is not only for people with sickle cell disease," said Latay's grandmother Dianne Lamberth.

"Blood is needed for those in need of transfusions due to an illnesses or accidents. If you're able and willing to put in the time to donate blood, do so. It could be a lifesaver for someone."

Diversity among blood donors is important because red blood cells carry markers that determine blood type, and certain blood types are unique to specific racial and ethnic groups. Patients are less likely to experience complications from blood donated by someone with a similar ethnicity.

All participating blood donors will receive a free T-shirt, a \$10 Gift Card and a 50 percent off coupon for Adidas.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>☾ 12</p> <p>Race Unity Day Anne Frank born, 1929 Magic Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen born, 1986</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Caldecott Medal First Awarded, 1938 National Flag Day (US)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fly a Kite Day (Ben Franklin's 1752 Experiment) Power of a Smile Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>National Fudge Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>World Juggler's Day Eat Your Vegetables Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Chris Van Allsburg born, 1949 International Picnic Day</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Father's Day Garfield Debuted in 1978 Juneteenth</p>	<p>☉ 20</p> <p>First Day of Summer American Eagle Day</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>US Department of Justice Established in 1870</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Theodore Taylor born, 1922 Typewriter Patented In 1868</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Kathryn Lasky born, 1944 UFO Day (First documented UFO sighting)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>LEON Day (NOEL spelled backwards - it means six months until Christmas)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Bicycle Patented In 1819 Toothbrush Invented In 1498</p>	<p>☾ 27</p> <p>Captain Kangaroo (Bob Keeshan) born 1927 Helen Keller Born in 1880</p>	<p>29</p> <p>First iPhone released, 2007 Camera Day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Meteor Day National Organization of Women Founded In 1966</p>			