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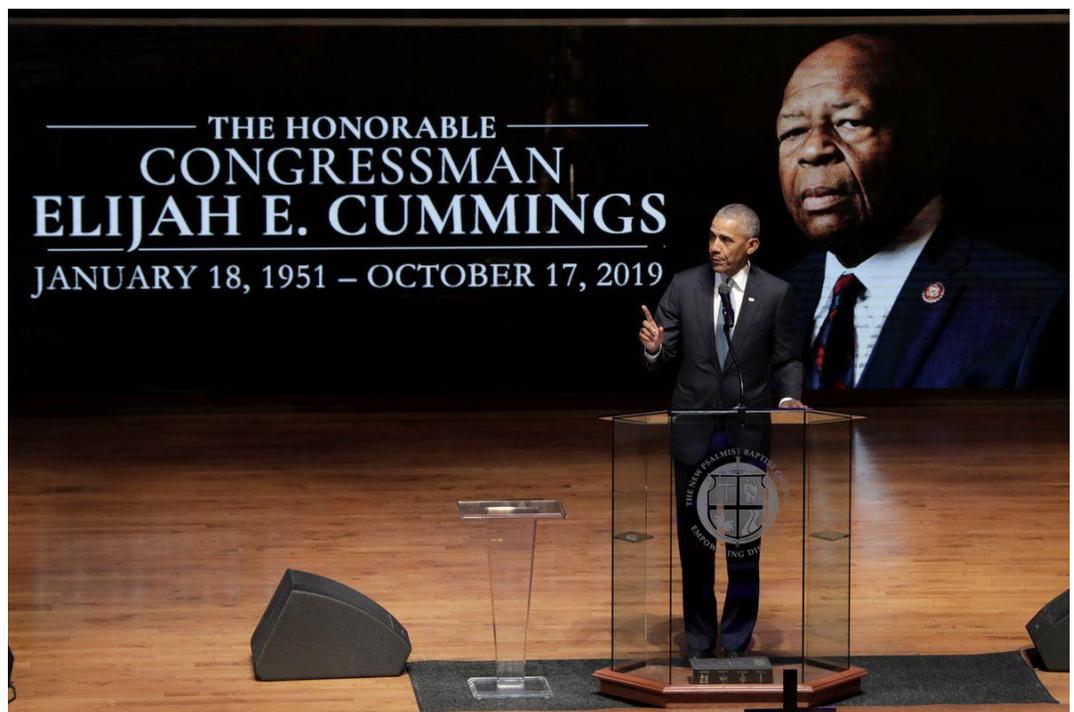
- All Saint's Day, Nov. 1st
- Daylight Saving Time
ends, Nov. 3rd
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11th
- Thanksgiving, Nov. 28th

Representative Elijah Eugene Cummings was an American politician and civil rights advocate who served in the United States House of Representatives for Maryland's 7th congressional district from 1996 until his death.



Jan. 18, 1951 - Oct. 17, 2019

**Presidents, Family and Friends Praise
Congressman Elijah Cummings' Faith, Friendship**
Baltimore Congressman Elijah Cummings was remembered as a man of integrity,
love for others, and a "servant of God."



Three days of commemorations for the late Rep. Elijah Cummings concluded with a funeral service marked by eloquence, tears, laughter and pointed political commentary at New Psalmist Baptist Church. Two former presidents, members of his staff, friends and family repeatedly turned to themes of honor, integrity and justice — qualities reflected in the career of the Democratic congressman from Baltimore.

"People will look back at this moment and they will ask questions," said former President Barack Obama. "What did you do? And hearing him, we would be reminded that it falls upon each of us to give voice to the voiceless and comfort to the sick, and opportunity to those not born to it, and to preserve and nurture our democracy."



Credits: Collection of the U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Elijah Eugene Cummings, a Representative from Maryland; born in Baltimore, MD., January 18, 1951; graduated from Baltimore City College High School, Baltimore, MD., 1969; B.S., Howard University, Washington, D.C., 1973; J.D., University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD., 1976 lawyer, private practice; chief judge, Maryland Moot Court Board; member of the Maryland state house of delegates, 1983-1996, and speaker pro tempore, 1995-1996; elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Fourth Congress, by special election, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of United States Representative Kweisi Mfume; reelected to the twelve succeeding Congresses and served until his death (April 16, 1996-October 17, 2019); chair, Committee on Oversight and Reform (One Hundred Sixteenth Congress); died on October 17, 2019, in Baltimore, Maryland.

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***And whereas most officials are given the title "honorable" upon taking office, Obama said, "Elijah Cummings was honorable before he was elected to office."***

In one of the most emotional moments of the service, the congressman's widow, Maya Rockey Moore Cummings, addressed President Donald Trump's Twitter attacks on her husband and Baltimore last summer. "I felt very strongly that they were trying to tear him down, and we needed to make sure that he went out with the respect and the dignity that he deserved," she said. Her voice roared through the church. "This was a man of utmost integrity! Do you hear me? He had integrity!" she exclaimed. Rockey Moore Cummings also shared a story from his final days, when Cummings knew his death was imminent. The medical staff rolled his medical bed to the rooftop of Johns Hopkins Hospital. There, he looked across Baltimore on a clear, sunny day. "He looked out over the Inner Harbor, Harbor East. He looked out toward South Baltimore ... where he grew up in his early years. He looked toward downtown and he looked toward the West Side. And he said, 'Boy, have I come a long way.'" The congressman died Oct. 17 at age 68 from longstanding health issues. His service followed a commemoration ceremony Wednesday at Morgan State University and viewing at the U.S. Capitol, where Cummings became the first black elected official to lie in state.

Rockey Moore Cummings said the congressman had received a dire health diagnosis more than two decades ago. At that time, doctors gave him just six months to live. But she said his faith and fortitude powered him far past that sentence. Cummings was born in Baltimore in 1951 to parents Ruth and Robert Cummings, former sharecroppers with grade school educations. Raised in Baltimore, he dedicated his life to public service and spent 36 years as a civil rights leader and politician in Annapolis and Washington. "His life validates the things we tell ourselves about what's possible in our country," Obama said.

Current and former political leaders from Maryland and the federal government, including a host of members of Congress from both parties and their staffs, Baltimore community members, family, friends, clergy of other faiths, and churchgoers all came early in the morning to pay their respects.

Cummings' daughters gave glimpses into what it was like calling him dad. They recounted memories of getting ice cream at the harbor, learning to ride their bikes, getting 3 a.m. phone calls or texts when he'd remind them how proud he was, Christmas gifts he would handpick for them and their long conversations about each other's lives. The church's pastor, Bishop Walter Thomas, emphasized Cummings' strong faith and love of church, where his pastor said he attended Sundays at 7:15 a.m. Cummings even invited Clinton to attend services with him 21 years earlier, an appearance that many in the church seemed to remember. "For 37 years he sat in this church, but for all his life he was a servant of the Almighty God," Thomas said. "God helped Cummings in his work," exclaiming, "Take you from South Baltimore and put you in Congress — don't tell me what God can't do!"

Kweisi Mfume, board chairman of Morgan State University, represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District just before Cummings. They were longtime friends. Mfume said he often received a call from Cummings on his birthday. When Mfume's birthday passed on Thursday, the phone's silence was especially difficult. "He taught us how to live," said Mfume. "And with grace and dignity, he taught us how to die."

*"My life is based on pain, passion, and purpose."*

-Congressman Elijah Cummings

**SENIOR MINISTRY BLACK HISTORY QUIZ  
NOVEMBER 2019**



1) John H. Johnson publishes the first issue of \_\_\_\_\_ magazine in November of what year? \_\_\_\_\_

2) In November of 1935 he was the first Black boxer and World Heavyweight champion to draw a \_\_\_\_\_ gate. His name is \_\_\_\_\_

3) Born February 18, 1931, Lorain, Ohio as Chloe Anthony Wofford, this American writer noted for her examination of Black experience (particularly Black female experience) within the Black community. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1993. She attended Howard University BA-1953, Cornell University MA 1955. After teaching two years at Texas Southern University, she taught at Howard from 1957 – 1964. Since her debut as an author in 1970 she also held positions at several universities, including Princeton. Among her Honors and Awards are: Presidential Medal of Freedom (2012), Coretta Scott King Award (2005), Nobel Prize (1993) Pulitzer Prize (1988), National Book Critics Circle Award (1977). Among her works are her debut novel, The Bluest Eye and Song of Solomon. Her name is none other than \_\_\_\_\_.

The answers to this month's quiz may be found on the bottom of this page.