



Ibrahim Hussein Gebil

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Short Biography Ibrahim Hussein Gebil

Ibrahim Hussein Gebil, a dedicated Eritrean patriot, was born on April 12, 1957 in the town of Aqurdet, Eritrea. Ibrahim attended the “Itegue Menen (enda seta) School in Asmara until grade 7, when his parents moved into the city of Keren as a result of the 1975 Asmara popular uprising against the Ethiopian regime. He completed his middle school education at Hatsey Dawit School in Keren.

An active member of the Eritrean student movement, he was a chairman of the “Mahber men’esezat” organized under the Eritrean Peoples’ Forces (later Front) in Keren until the EPLF’s strategic withdrawal from most of the liberated areas, when he was forced into exile in the Sudan. Nevertheless, while in the Sudan, he continued his participation in the national struggle to liberate Eritrea.

After spending 10 years in Kessala, Sudan, he came to the United States, where he continued his struggle for the independence of his home country until his untimely death.

Ibrahim, who is popularly known as “Wedi Gebil”, was an exemplary Eritrean national who acted and behaved appropriately with both young and older people. He was a beloved son of Eritrea who is sure to be missed by anyone who has had any opportunity to know him. He was jovial, humble and caring with a great sense of humor. Exhibiting patriotic zeal, he went to Washington, DC and participated in a 6 day hunger strike to protest the inhuman crimes the Ethiopian regime was committing against the Eritrean people.

He also was an active participant in many “Eritrean Nights” taking an active role in helping develop the various cultural riches of the Eritrean populace. Wedi Gebil did all that without any distinction whether one was an adherent to any of the major religions our people profess and never was bothered by any sub nationalist tendencies. He was an exemplary Eritrean.

Our brother Ibrahim Husein Gebil, who died peacefully on July 1, 2011, is survived by his family and friends including his daughter, Fatima.

Our condolences to his relatives and friends and may his soul rest in peace.