

Dearest: 3rd Cousin, Ms. Aretha Franklin,

I am for certain that you don't even know who I am. I missed seeing your dad back in 1975, when he visited my "Auntie Matt" in El Centro, CA. I was then informed that I was a cousin of yours, thru my Auntie Allie Mattie Franklin. I wish I'd met you when we were much younger!

I'm still a musician myself. I have a 5-Octave Vocal Range prompting many to say I sound like (The Late) Barry White. However, Mr. Barry White didn't play Flute, Tenor Sax, Alto Sax, Drums, or Electronic Keys as I do. Barry White never sang any soprano-falsetto vocals either.

Diabetes runs in our family very heavily, even from my Great Grandmother, Gran Franklin, Benjamin Franklin, Gertrude (Nadonsa) Franklin, and also Ms. Frankie Franklin, still residing in Los Angeles. I, myself was diagnosed at 58 y/o with this disease, and it's been a real "roller coaster" ride ever since 2007.

HOWEVER! What we're ALL MORE worried about, is "**THE QUEEN OF SOUL,**" I can't even remembering listening to the radio, back in the day, without hearing that **SOULFUL VOICE** and **CHURCHY-FIED, PIANO PLAYIN' LADY** from Memphis, TENN. Your Dad, Rev. C.L. Franklin, was very wise in quitting his doggone job, to promote **YOU!** You will always have the **KEYS TO OUR HEARTS,** and **WE ALL HOPE, GOD WILLING, THAT YOU RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH SOON!**

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(p.s.) I remember performing 2 of your songs: Day Dreamin', and Natural Woman, in my band called "MacNasty," when I lived in the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Area. I had 2 black female vocalists who "did you proud" but, they were never even close to: "**THE QUEEN OF SOUL!**"

Most people will write to you, **BEGGING** for either something, or another. Well, I'm also **BEGGING** for something too..... but, **FROM ALMIGHTY GOD..... FOR YOU TO GET WELL!**

It's with the deepest Love, Honor & Respect for **OUR "Queen of Soul,"** that this letter is sent by: Donald DeWitt – Nephew of: (The Late) Auntie Allie Mattie Franklin (of El Centro, CA.) A 61 y/o Black, Shoshone-Indian, French-Creole Male (aka) BlackIndianMale "BlkIndianMale"