

# R.I.P. Afeni Shakur



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Afeni Shakur, who became famous for being the mother of late rapper Tupac Shakur, died yesterday in California at the age of 69. Tupac spoke openly about his mother's influence on his life from her time as a Black Panther to her struggle with crack cocaine addiction. He immortalized her in the song, "Dear Mama" and praised her until he was murdered in 1996. Afeni Shakur gained control of her son's estate after his passing and continued her community work by founding the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center For The Arts in Georgia. She also founded Amaru Entertainment which has released eight posthumous Tupac albums and the documentary *Tupac: Resurrection*. In 2014, she co-produced the 2014 Broadway musical *Holla If Ya Hear Me* which was a Broadway musical featuring Tupac's music. Afeni Shakur had most recently worked as an executive producer of the Tupac biopic, *All Eyez On Me* which is scheduled for release in November.