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The World Is Mourning The Loss of “The Gentle Giant,” Actor, Motivational Speaker, Former World Amateur Sumo Champion and Guinness Book Records Holder, “Heaviest Athlete,” Emanuel Yarbrough.

Chicago, IL Dec. 22, 2015 - The world is mourning the loss of the gentle giant, former world amateur sumo champ, Guinness book of world record holder, Emanuel Yarbrough.

Emanuel Yarbrough passed away yesterday, December 21, 2015 in Richmond, VA. He became famous as the first African American to achieve the Sumo Amateur World Championship Title, the heaviest athlete in the world, and as an actor, co-starred next to Diane Keaton , Mickey Rourke and many others. His life was continuous struggle with food addiction and as he always stated, “I am a Prisoner in my own body!”

Emanuel constantly demonstrated the need to help the obese, particularly children, and traveled the world and around the Globe to bring awareness to obesity.

He was The Sumo Ambassador, and Emanuel made Sumo a popular sport both in the USA and around the world.

Emanuel's passion was to travel, even though it was not an easy task for him, it never stopped him from following his dreams, and bringing smiles to the faces of all he would meet. He was to be the subject of a new reality show, and would have continued to bring smiles to all those who had the opportunity to be blessed by his infectious, compassionate, loving presence.

He will be missed by his millions of fans around the world, friends and family.

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