

A Letter to our Brother Yusif Umar

Elijah and I was in the same boarding school in senior high. To us, boys gaining admission into this prestigious school (PRESEC-LEGON) was also an admission into a lifelong brotherhood, where friends became brothers and family members. Even at that tender age (early teens), Elijah stood out among us.

He was a giant amongst us which offered him some protection against bullies. He was against bullying and would fight and defend his fellow classmates against bullying. This earned him a nick name "Van Damme." We quickly became friends. Elijah has been the same from his teens until his death. He would fight anyone who decided to bully him.

Fast forward to meeting up in the USA in 2011. He got in touch and said, "I'm glad you are here!" We continued our brotherhood from where we left off after high school. He was still our brother who will tell you the truth. He wasn't afraid to start a controversy to get to the truth. He was that friend you always wanted in your corner. He would defend you to a fault. He was always thinking about the next step. He lived life according to how he wanted to and died fighting. We will miss him. We will miss his lively and colorful comments on our old students' platform.

FAREWELL BROTHER!

GOD KEEP YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

Precious Memories



THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION

The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life, Of who shall I be
afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes it is they who stumble and fall.

Psalms 27:1-2

Always remember the devil learns from your mistakes
even if you don't learn and that's how he keeps you in
cycles till he finishes you. Arise and shine don't let the free
throws get you going back in cycles.
Perceptions are not God's plans.

ELIJAH NEWMAN

Acknowledgement

Our family greatly appreciates all the heartfelt expressions
of condolences and the generosity of Lyft and others who
donated through gofundme. We are truly blessed and
grateful for your kindness.

Pallbearers

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Professional Services Entrusted

Baucom's

"Servicing the Needs of Families"

9480 Lewis and Clark Blvd.
Jennings, MO 63136
(314) 741-2444

199 Jamestown Mall
Florissant, MO 63034
baucomspreciousmemories.com

CELEBRATING THE LIFE of Mr. Elijah Newman



SUNRISE: AUGUST 15, 1975 SUNSET: APRIL 15, 2021

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

VIEWING / WALK THROUGH 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE 11:00 A.M.

Baucom's

"Servicing the Needs of Families"

BAUCOM'S LIFE CELEBRATION CENTER
9480 Lewis & Clark Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63136

PASTOR ROY MORGAN, Officiating

Order of Service

Music Prelude

Prayer PASTOR ROY MORGAN

Scripture Reading PASTOR ROY MORGAN

Selection

Remarks (Three minutes, please) FAMILY & FRIENDS

Life Reflections (Read silently, soft music)

Selection

Words of Comfort PASTOR ROY MORGAN

Parting View

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

NEW BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL PARK
9650 Bellefontaine Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63137

Gone...but never forgotten.

THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

ELIJAH NEWMAN, born Mohammed Alhassan, was born in Tema, Ghana on August 15, 1975. He was the middle child born of two brothers and two sisters to loving parents, Alhassan Mahama and Amaama Alhassan.

As a child, growing up in Community 8, **Elijah** was a very special young boy who was gifted with a level of high intelligence. He always was questioning and challenging the status quo to better understand issues and become more enlightened. At an early age, **Elijah** realized that he was a leader not a follower.

In 1992, **Elijah** completed Junior High School at Anum Memorial Preparatory School. Due to his intelligence, he obtained Prefectships and was assigned several school responsibilities. Before completing school, he was the Boy's School Prefect. After finishing Junior High School, he had distinction and got admission in the Presbyterian Boys' Senior High School (PRESEC) at Legon where he studied the sciences. In 1995, **Elijah** completed (PRESEC) with distinction but due to financial constraints he could not attend the University to study medicine.

Elijah, rightly named himself after the great prophet from the scriptures Elijah. He always had uncanny insight that led him to being industrious and having an entrepreneur spirit. In 2005, **Elijah** started an Information Technology (IT) company called, Everest Logistics. He offered all aspects of computer tech support such as computer programming, network administration support and remote desktop support. Everest Logistics was his pride and joy. If **Elijah** was asked, why the name Everest? He would say, "Everest the highest mountain." He always strived to be the best and at the top.

On April 24, 2008, **Elijah** and Lisa A. Brown were wed in holy matrimony at Kowa Naso Hotel, Tema Metropolitan Assembly, Ghana. He later joined his wife in the United States in June 2011.

THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN, *continued*

With his wife's support and encouragement, he furthered his education by attending DeVry University in North Brunswick receiving his diploma in Information Technology (IT). He worked for various companies and organizations utilizing his IT skills at various levels.

With his wife's support, **Elijah** was able to continue his company, Everest Logistics; while developing two other companies named, Everest De-Good Shepard and Budatinment based in Ghana. Lisa never waived in her support and commitment to **Elijah's** dreams of success in America.

Once here in the US, the miles did not lessen his love and commitment to his family in Ghana. He worked hard and endlessly to send support to his family and to his children to the US. **Elijah** always said, "My father is my best friend, and I worship my mother." The distance did not stop him from helping his children with their studies which he made a priority in their lives. He would buy the same books they used for school and set up a blackboard to teach and tutor them. His children were his heart and soul.

Elijah made another milestone in January 2020, when he became a United States Citizen. In November 2020, he visited his family in Ghana after 10 years and was so very happy to see how they had flourished. In March 2021, seeking new opportunities, **Elijah** moved to St. Louis. He was working for Lyft Transportation Services when his life came to a tragic end all too soon.

Elijah is now with his father, Alhassan Mahama, in glory. He leaves to cherish many loving memories and laughs, his wife, Lisa A. Newman in New Jersey; two sons, Joseph and Ismael in Tema Ghana; three daughters, Abigail and Bethel in Tema, Ghana; and Olivia in Neptune, NJ; two sisters, Ayisha Alhassan and Amina Alhassan; two brothers, Yahubu Alhassan and Salifu Alhassan all in Tema, Ghana; a host of loving relatives and friends; and his trust friend and brother, Yusif Umar in New York.