

Tribute to Minister Jackson Mthembu.

It was with profound shock and deep sadness that my family and I learnt of the passing of Minister Jackson Mthembu. We have been reeling as a family from our own Covid nightmare this holiday season and the untimely passing of this truly remarkable man has made us reflect on our own mortality and the things which are important in life. To dear Mrs Mthembu and the family, our love goes to you for what must truly be a profound loss... because our Minister stood so firmly for those things which are indeed important in life. Diligence, honour, ethical conduct, robust and principled engagement, and selfless service.

I have been truly honoured to have served under this truly “gentle giant”... a giant in intellect, a giant in precision, a giant in heart! Minister was the finest example of treating everyone equally and with dignity... he would never convince or direct based in his authority but on the merit and capability of his argument. He for me represented the truest example of “playing the ball not the person”! Never once did we interact with him, and I didn’t leave that interaction having learnt something or having grown my understanding. He was was a man who truly embodies the South African spirit of non-racism, non-sexism and a humanity that was tangible and exciting, and deeply touching, wherever he went.

We continue to pray for you dear Mthembu family and for those leaders of government and society who were blessed to have had an even closer association with Mr Jackson Mthembu. We thank God that you shared him with us and pray our God will continue his healing work in your life, to remember the joy, and let the sadness pass over time.

Rest in Peace dear Minister.

With much love.

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