

EULOGY

Redman Battle was born in Sharpburg, North Carolina, February 25, 1920, the youngest of seven children born to James and Anne Battle. He was educated in Detroit, Michigan and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania public schools.

Mr. Battle had many interests, including music, where he played sax with a band on the street corners in North Philly.

Mr. Battle was also a strict vegetarian and herbalist who advised many on natural remedies and encouraged us to eat natural to maintain our health.

He worked tirelessly for the betterment of his people in several endeavors. Most notably Mr. Battle co-founded the Pan African Federation Organization (PAFO). He helped to develop and taught Black History classes. He co-wrote *The Journey of the Songhai People* which is used in classrooms today. He also developed the concept of the *Profiles of African and African American History*, which is a two-act play.

Mr. Battle joined the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League (UNIA-ACL) in 1982. On the local level he has served as President of Philadelphia's Thomas W. Harvey Memorial Division 121. He was elected to the Parent Body as High Chancellor in 1992, and then as 2nd Assistant President General in 2000. He was elected President-General and Administrator in 2004 and served with distinction until his passing on December 30th.

Mr. Battle served only 3½ years as our leader, but his complete devotion to the UNIA -ACL was evident. He traveled extensively as our President-General, visiting Belize and Ghana. He also traveled to speaking engagements in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Durham, North Carolina. And he visited a Black-owned farm in Alabama, which was a model for Marcus Garvey's program of African empowerment. And when he couldn't travel he sent his Parent Body officers to visit our various divisions here in the USA and all over the world. He also sent his officers to Belize to secure the many acres of land generously willed to the UNIA's African Redemption Fund by Sir Isaiah Morter.

Mr. Battle will be sorely missed, he was great leader. He was wise and his counsel was sought by all of us at the UNIA-ACL.

Besides his UNIA-ACL and PAFO families, he is survived by nieces Doris Battles and Catherine Brown; also by grandnieces Betty Battles, Margaret Brown, Jean Hill, Eleanor Battles-Reese, Tiffany Muse, Dorothy Brown and grandnephew Tyrice Salisbury.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Drum Processional**Mpepeaji O. Mlimwengu**
Traditional Drummers Leader

Libation**Senghor Jawara Baye EL**
3rd Assistant President-General, UNIA-ACL

UNIA Ritual**Nwalimu Edward Gee**
Interim President General

Solo**Malik Hudgins**
1st Assistant President, Thomas W. Harvey Memorial Division 121, UNIA-ACL

Reading**Samia Akomo**
Thomas W. Harvey Memorial Division 121, UNIA-ACL

Presentation by the Family of Redman Battle

Special Drum Tribute to Mr. Battle**Brother Goldsky**

Solo**Basiymah Mu' Bey**
Thomas W. Harvey Memorial Division 121, UNIA-ACL

Remarks**Royce Barnes**
Tamia Barnes

Resolution**Mrs. Mary Bota**
Secretary-General, UNIA-ACL

Remarks**Mrs. May Ferguson**
High Chancellor, UNIA-ACL

Dr. Calvin Robinson
Minister Of Health, UNIA-ACL

Dr. Edward Robinson

Eulogy**Senghor Jawara Baye EL**
3rd Assistant President-General, UNIA-ACL

Remarks**Nwalimu Edward Gee**
Interim President General

Drum Recessional**Mpepeaji O. Mlimwengu**
Traditional Drummers Leader

A Tribute to Redman Battle Lovingly known as Uncle Snap

Redman Battle was known for the many distinguished positions he held as President General and Vice President of the U.N.I.A. His friends and colleagues called him Brother Battle. But for the family he was always Uncle Snap. Here was a man who not only loved his family and friends but, also the Universal Negro Improvement Association. It was very rare to hear Uncle Snap speak any other language but that of love, brotherhood and unity for his family and U.N.I.A. Uncle Snap was well ahead of his time. As an entrepreneur he built businesses to show the family that with just a little seed of an idea, great things can come about. And so it was that he showed us that the impossible was possible despite the obstacles. Many times Uncle Snap would challenge the young ones in the family to think beyond emotions and apply oneself. He was also a debater. If you didn't have the facts — you were assuredly going to lose. But one of the things we truly appreciated about Uncle Snap was how he could sit you down and teach on Ancient and African history. He was an intellectual with the persona of an average man. He was a conversationalist that commanded your attention and was determined that his family would know not only whom we were, but also our origins. Our Uncle Snap also had a sense of humor. He would jokingly tell us that he was Lord — and some of the kids believed him until his sisters would tell him to stop blaspheming God. We all loved Uncle Snap and knew as the years progressed his determination to improve the lives of those in his family and in the community were on the top of his agenda. Uncle Snap had a zeal for righting wrong — and his life personified who he was as a brother, uncle, friend and leader. Uncle Snap meant everything to us and with his passing the torch has been lit. His life was not lived in vain. The greatest gift of wisdom that Uncle Snap left us is this quote, "As a man thinketh, so he is, so he does." Uncle Snap we love you and the torch is ever burning. Thank you for being a part of our lives. May the memory of your work for truth, justice, racial dignity and pride resonate forever in our generation and the generations to come.
ONE GOD, ONE AIM, ONE DESTINY.

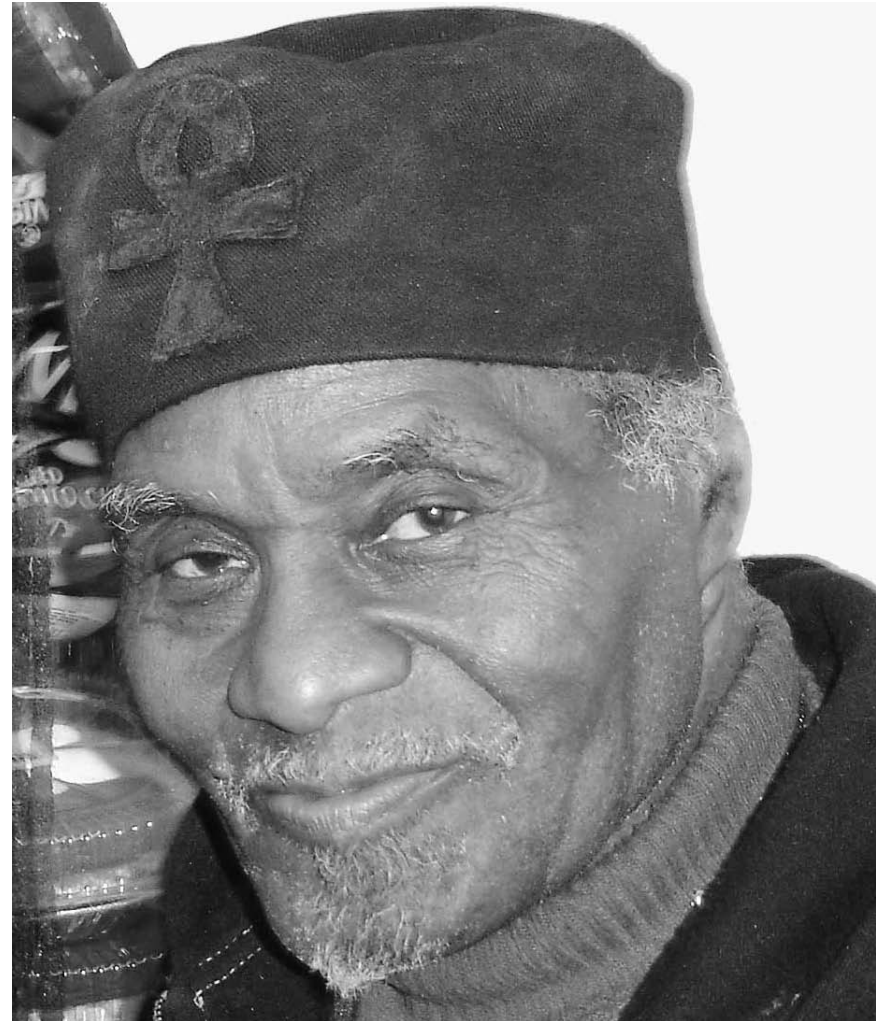
Lovingly,

The Battle-Brown Family

For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Job 19:25-27

IN MEMORY OF
REDMAN BATTLE
February 25, 1920 – December 30, 2007



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday • January 5, 2008 • 11:00 a.m.

AME Union Church

1600 W. Jefferson Street • Philadelphia, PA 19121