



Elijah Slaughter, Jr.

August 7, 1940 - September 18, 2025

Mr. Elijah Slaughter, Jr. was born in Montgomery, Alabama on August 7, 1940, to Elijah Slaughter, Sr. and Julia Floyd. Elijah dedicated his life to teaching, coaching, and inspiring countless young people in his community.

Elijah, affectionately known as Boney, attended the city schools in Montgomery, Alabama and graduated from Carver High School in 1960. He was a remarkable athlete in his own right, lettering in basketball, baseball, and football - notably shining as a quarterback during his time in high school and college. His competitive spirit was matched only by his generosity and the warmth with which he treated everyone around him.

After completing high school, Elijah enlisted in the United States Army and served proudly for two years in Europe. Upon his honorable discharge from the Army, he enrolled in college to quench his thirst for knowledge and passion for learning. Elijah's career in education began after earning his bachelor's degree from Alabama State University and later a master's degree from Jacksonville State University. He shared his passion for learning as a high school teacher at Eastwood High School and Jacksonville High School, where he didn't just teach, but also coached basketball and track, igniting the competitive spirit in his students. His tenure at Jacksonville State University as a physical education professor included coaching cross-country track and field, mentoring young athletes to strive for greatness both on and off the field.

Elijah used his platform to teach not only techniques, but the essence of perseverance and teamwork.

A proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Elijah embodied the values of brotherhood and service while adamantly fulfilling the objectives of this historic fraternity. In 1971, he was the advisor of the first black Greek-letter organization, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, on the campus of Jacksonville State University. In April of 1973, he was recognized by the Southern Province for his furtherance of the program, ideals, and objectives of the fraternity. Elijah played a crucial role in the establishment of the Anniston-Piedmont Alumni Chapter of the fraternity and was the longest serving Polemarch. Known as a compassionate and outgoing individual, he was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, making him a beloved figure in the community. His legacy as a role model for young men is evident in the lives he touched, as he shared his love for sports, education, and the importance of integrity.

Elijah was a man of deep reflection and unwavering faith. Having been baptized as an adult, he united with First Baptist Church in Jacksonville where he diligently served and attended until his health began to decline. His journey on this earth was completed on Thursday, September 18, 2025, in the comfort of his home while surrounded by his loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Mary Carter.

Elijah's spirit will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of his daughters, Jia Webb, Kelli (Eric) Mims, Christi Slaughter, and Toni Bell; grandchildren, Kierra Webb, Myles Webb, Nia Webb, Zola Stewart, Legend Allen, Zion Mims, Jayce Mims, Ashley Bell-Samuel, Amber Bell-Samuel, and Michael Bell, Jr.; brothers, David (Annie) Franklin, James (Michelle) Franklin, and Richard Johnson; sisters, Helen (John) Trawick, Costella Favors, Patricia McGill, Barbara (Larry) Bullock, and Carolyn Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins, and friends.

As we reflect on Elijah's life, let us remember the joy he brought, the lessons he taught, and the love he shared. While we mourn his passing, we also celebrate the incredible man he was and the enduring legacy he leaves behind.

Cemetery Details

Forestlawn Gardens

730 Golden Springs Road
Anniston, AL 36207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **26**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston
830 Noble Street
Anniston, AL 36201

Celebration of Life

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
1658 Lehman Avenue
Anniston, AL 36201

Tribute Wall



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September 25, 2025 at 08:43 PM



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“ *Coach Thomas And Coach Bowie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elijah Slaughter, Jr..*



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“ Sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for Jia and family.

Billy Bonds - September 24, 2025 at 08:46 PM

LC

“ Glad I had a chance to play for Coach at Old Eastwood Hi (Trojans). He was a tough disciplinarian but the brother was fair. May you rest in peace coach, Louis Cannon

Loyis Cannon - September 24, 2025 at 05:35 PM

TM

“ Tina Minott and the Watkins family send their heartfelt condolences to the Slaughter family. We will keep them in our prayers.



Tina Minott - September 22, 2025 at 05:36 PM