



Dr. Eugene Victor Maafo

February 11, 1927 - February 9, 2025

With profound sorrow, we announce the passing of Rev. Dr. Eugene Victor Amakye Maafo, who departed this life just days before his 98th birthday. He was born on February 11, 1927, in Aburi, Ghana, West Africa, to Amakye Donkor Maafo and Ellen Comfort Ampofoa Kwofa.

Dr. Maafo lived a truly remarkable life, witnessing Ghana's independence from Great Britain and the renaming of his homeland from the Gold Coast to Ghana. He also experienced the American civil rights movement firsthand after arriving in Durham, North Carolina, in the early 1960s.

Dr. Maafo initially came to Durham to work at North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company. His passion for education led him to teach at South Carolina State University, Durham Business College, Durham Technical College, and North Carolina State University. His most extensive tenure was at North Carolina Central University, where he served as an esteemed economics professor, educating and inspiring students from all walks of life.

Beyond his academic career, Dr. Maafo was a devoted man of faith. He was an ordained minister, serving as senior pastor at St. Peter United Methodist Church in Hamlet and as an associate minister at Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Durham. He also served as a clinical chaplain at Select Specialty Hospital and Durham Regional Hospital, where he ministered to the sick and

shut-in, offering prayers, comfort, and unwavering support.

Dr. Maafo was deeply engaged in his community. He was a board member of the State Employees Credit Union (Duke Street Branch, District 10) and took pride in historical preservation. One of his lasting contributions was the 2019 dedication of the NC Historical Marker honoring the Algonquin Tennis Club on Fayetteville Street in Durham.

Dr. Maafo remained a Ghanaian citizen until 2023 when he became a naturalized U.S. citizen. He was immensely proud to have participated in Durham's 2023 municipal elections and the 2024 county, state, congressional, and national elections.

He often shared his guiding philosophy:

"Of all the people you will know in a lifetime, you are the only one you will never leave or lose. To the questions of your life, you are the only answer. To the problems of your life, you are the only solution. It behooves you to pray and seek God's grace and mercy—then, press on to reach higher grounds."

Dr. Maafo is survived by his daughter, Selena Ampofoa Maafo Samuels of Jacksonville, Florida, daughter, Eunice Mable Amina Maafo of Ghana; son, Eugene Victor Sam Maafo of Ghana; nephews, nieces, grandkids, and other family members; He also leaves behind his niece, Justina Asare (Kwabena) of Durham and his dear neighbors, Leon and Willie Murphy, close friends: Eddie Davis, Warren Peacock, Charles Tuck, Dr. Rickey Baskett of Durham, Reverend Joe Brown of Hamlet, NC, Reverend Larry Purvis of Atlanta, GA, and Kelvin, Vera and Sadie Allen of Durham.

Preceded in death by son, Micheal Maafo deceased (Lydia Opoku) of Ghana.

A cherished member of the community, Dr. Maafo's wisdom, kindness, and

service will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes financial support during this difficult time, though they completely understand if circumstances do not allow. They are deeply grateful for all calls, cards, and expressions of sympathy received.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to all who have supported them during this time of loss.

A memorial service to celebrate and honor Dr. Maafo's life and legacy is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 2608 NC Hwy 55, Durham, North Carolina 27713, at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Missionary Baptist Church
2608 NC Highway 55
Durham, NC 27713
<http://peacemissionary.org/>

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *Daddy, I am going to miss you for a very long long time and I still do not believe that you are gone because I am yet to see your dead arches which is with Selena.* ”

Eugene Maafo Jnr - July 11, 2025 at 02:36 AM

EJ

Daddy you went away like a wind blowing, you went just like that and we cannot see you ever ever again, hmmm Daddy this is a real heavy blow to me and it will take sometime for me personally to overcome this sudden passing away. Sleep on and may the God Almighty harbour you in his gentle bosom.

Eugene Maafo Jnr - July 13, 2025 at 04:32 AM

VE

“ *Just thinking of you Uncle.* ”



Venita - June 08, 2025 at 11:12 AM

DP

“ *Thoughts and prayers to The Maafo Family.
The Pratt Family* ”



Dean-Na Pratt - March 14, 2025 at 11:31 AM

VE

“ *Loved and appreciated.*

venita - March 03, 2025 at 03:17 PM

DB

“ *School of Business students always spoke fondly of Dr. Maaffo. I remember him as a dear friend and spiritual advisor to many souls in the Durham community. His personality was like the sun!! May loving memories comfort his family, friends and former students in the days to come. I offer my sincere sympathy.*

Dorothy Brower, NCCU '73

Dorothy Brower - February 26, 2025 at 09:56 AM

DB

“ *Dr. Maafo was a cherished professor of mine, in the School of Business at North Carolina Central University. 🙏 He taught me valuable information, being a student of his, enrolled in Micro & Macro Economics classes.*

Rest In Heavenly Peace Dear Sir. God's Speed To The Other Side



Dona V. Brown - February 24, 2025 at 04:47 PM

GC

“ *Gloria Cherry lit a candle in memory of Dr. Eugene Victor Maafo*



Gloria Cherry - February 23, 2025 at 08:16 PM

MS

“ Rest in peace Dr. Maafo. We will miss your presence in the neighborhood. 🙏🙏

Melodie Scarborough - February 22, 2025 at 09:04 AM

MJ

“ Mary Jordan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Eugene Victor Maafo



Mary Jordan - February 22, 2025 at 12:57 AM

RD

“ Dr. Maafo impacted the lives of thousands of students at North Carolina Central University. He taught my brother in 1968, me in 1972 and my sister in 1989. That's a span of 21 years. We all have fond memories and similar stories of our first experience taking an Economics course. In addition, Dr. Maafo and I crossed paths again when I returned to North Carolina in 2003 and joined the same church Dr. Maafo was a member, where we partnered in numerous ministerial projects: chaplaincy at Select Hospital, Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, and distribution of Daily Bread booklets. He also will be fondly remembered for his signature sign-off on every phone call - he would always end with a song and prayer. We salute a true soldier of the cross. May he rest in peace.

Rev. Troy and Brenda Dixon

Rev. Troy and Brenda Dixon - February 21, 2025 at 03:07 PM

LJ

My wife, Alva and I met Dr. Maafo in 1997 when we were transferred to the Research Triangle Area by IBM. Then we were transferred to Austin, TX and in 2004 we retired and settled in Atlanta, GA. I grew up in the Greenville, NC area and left in 1965. Since meeting Dr Maafo 1997, I don't remember ever going to NC without meeting him at Bridges for Breakfast/Brunch. I truly valued the friendship that we built over the last 27 years.

Our conversations and meetings ended in prayer with only a few exceptions. He would always asked me to say hello to the Queen (Alva).

I truly appreciate the many conversations that we shared and we learned to truly appreciate, respect and to love each other.

Rev. Dr. Larry Purvis

Larry Vernon Purvis Jr - February 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM

RR

Dr Maafo was one of my favorite professors. As an economics major, I received several economics and statistics courses from him before my graduation in 1976. His energy and emphasis on his topics were infectious and inspirational.

I followed my impulses following a 2016 homecoming to reach out to him to reconnect. We swapped email addresses, and, enjoyed several, spirited conversations in the past 5-7 years on current events and issues.

I treasured my experience as his student. I gained a mental advantage on upcoming economic trends, continued to delve into one of his favorite economic authors, Peter Drucker, and, applied his wisdom into my own life experiences.

He was a dedicated servant to his craft.

Rest in paradise, Dr. Maafo.

Reggie Rice - February 25, 2025 at 12:12 AM

HD

“ For the past several years, our family has enjoyed the presence of Dr. E. Victor Maafo at our home for holiday meals and discussions of the history of Ghana and other African nations. We learned a great deal from the mind, the memory, the opinions, the passion, the optimism, and the prayers of Dr. Maafo. He broadened our lives greatly. Days short of 98 years old, his was a life extremely well lived.

Harriette and Eddie Davis

Harriette Davis - February 21, 2025 at 05:59 AM

AA

“ Dr. Maafo, it is with sincere gratitude that we (members of AADE) were BLESSED by your presence! We thank GOD for allowing our paths to intertwine! YOU WERE INDEED AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL! YOUR WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARED IN HELPING TO SHAPE THE ENSEMBLE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN! MAY YOU REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE! ASHE!!!!
To the family: We your extended family share in your grief but we know he is resting now! Prayers of comfort to you always!

AADE - February 20, 2025 at 11:36 PM

AA

“ 4 files added to the album *Dr. Maafo and African American Dance Ensemble (AADE) BDay Memories*



AADE - February 20, 2025 at 11:29 PM

DH

“ *Dr. Maafo was a dedicated professor and active member in the School of Business at North Carolina Central University. As a librarian at the university, I noticed that he always encouraged the students to learn how to use the resources in the library and made certain that needed materials were ordered and available for use. He was involved in the Durham Business community, NC Mutual Life Insurance Company, the State Employees' Credit Union, an advocate in the preservation of the history of Durham, and enlightened the community of his Ghanaian African cultural heritage.*

Dr. Maafo also offered prayers and spiritual guidance as a hospital chaplain and minister to everyone.

The Durham community will definitely miss him.

May he always find peace, comfort, and solace in his heavenly home.

Debora E. Hazel - February 19, 2025 at 03:14 PM

ER

“ To the daughter and the family of Dr. Maafo,
We offer you our deepest condolences. Dr. Maafo was a friend, a
father in Christ, and a dedicated Christian minister. We will miss his
prayers, his wisdom, and his daily phone calls that he made to us
during some recent difficult moments. May he rest in the power and
the presence of Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord and Saviour.
Peace and blessings.

Earl and Sharon Reams

Earl Reams - February 18, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JC

“ I will cherish Dr. Maafo's compassion, wisdom, and prayers. He
encouraged and mentored so many, including my deceased
husband, Burley Clayton and me. Memories of him and his
teachable moments will continue to instruct and guide me down life'
path. His spiritual giving will keep on giving. Thank God for Dr.
Maafo, and may he rest in the arms of Our Lord.
Blessings and peace,
Rev. Joyce Daye Clayton

Joyce Daye Clayton - February 18, 2025 at 01:29 PM

BH

*Remembering Dr. Maafo as a Minister at Mt. Calvary Missionary
Baptist Church, on the 1st Sunday when he would bring Dr. Moffett for
Communion. He always shared his wisdom with me. He would bring
gifts to some of the seniors, including my mom. He introduced me to
Carenotes which I continue to use as a part of our Grief Ministry.
Sincere condolences to the family and friends.
Love and compassion,
Rev. Dr. Barbara Parker Hayes*

Barbara Parker Hayes - February 20, 2025 at 06:05 PM

SR

“ Sam Adams - SECU/SECURE Retired purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Eugene Victor Maafo.



Sam Adams - SECU/SECURE Retired - February 17, 2025 at 08:36 PM

SR

“ Sam Adams - SECU/SECURE Retired planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Eugene Victor Maafo.

Sam Adams - SECU/SECURE Retired - February 17, 2025 at 08:36 PM

AH

“ I will forever cherish Dr. Maafo's prayers-truly unmatched. A man of profound wisdom, kindness and love for people.

Ashley Hayes - February 17, 2025 at 10:22 AM

DF

“ Rest in Peace Dr. Maafo my college Professor who taught economics and made it fun. Rest well as you're now with the ancestors. Those is class will never forget your famous sayings!

Respectfully,

David L. Fitts



David L Fitts - February 17, 2025 at 12:04 AM

CT

"Never let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."

Chevella L Thomas - February 19, 2025 at 12:09 PM

SB

“*The man, the myth, the legend*”. He taught me at Durham Business College, 1971. He gave his all to the students. 50 years later always smiled and wanted to know ~~what you are now? Fond memories



Sandra and Gracie Battle - February 16, 2025 at 04:39 PM

LW

My god bless.

LARRY williams - February 16, 2025 at 06:50 PM

TM

“*As a former student of Dr E Victor Maafo at North Carolina Central University School of Business who developed and honed my marketing skills to own several businesses that employ over 100 employees including international trade.*

Thank you, Dr E Victor Maafo for educating an entrepreneur to take risks while building first-class organizations that generate over \$3.2M annually.

*Tommy T McNeill
Managing Partner
Mid-South Medical*

Tommy T McNeill - February 16, 2025 at 03:37 PM

ED

“ I am honored to have worked with Dr. Maafo on several historical projects, including the NC Highway Historical Marker on Fayetteville Street in Durham, NC. This marker salutes the Algonquin Tennis Club, the American Tennis Association, and the founding of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People. He was an outstanding citizen of Durham, of North Carolina, of the United States of America ... and ... of Ghana. Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Maafo was a prayer warrior who publicly shared his Christian faith with everyone through word and through deed.

*Eddie Davis
Durham, NC*

Eddie Davis - February 16, 2025 at 08:20 AM

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