



## **EFF PAYS TRIBUTE TO BOXING LEGEND UTATA UMZIMASI MNGUNI**

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The EFF sends its condolences on the passing of legendary and iconic boxing manager, trainer, and promoter Mzimasi 'Bra Mzi' Mnguni. A titan in the boxing world. He passed away after a long illness in the aftermath of a stroke 10yrs ago. We are deeply saddened by the loss of such a giant.

uTata uMzi was an inspiration to upcoming boxers and a dedicated manager who worked on some of the most important fights in boxing. He guided the careers of a number of boxers and contributed to the successes of boxing champions such as Hawk Makepula, Welcome Ncita and Mbulelo Botile to name a few.

The Alice-born Mnguni fell in love with boxing in the 70s and has played a pivotal role in the development of the sporting code particularly in East London. His gift and passion for boxing also saw him being presented a Lifetime Achievement award in 2017 and 2018 respectively.

He will be remembered for his dedication to the sport, his love for development and for raising the bar both for South Africa and the world. Many young boxing enthusiasts looked to him for inspiration, in the Eastern Cape and countrywide.

Bra Mzi understood the challenges of poverty and inequality and the importance of transforming and inspiring the lives of the youth. He thus made it his mission to mentor youngsters from poor families, most times without compensation. He never gave up hope in the talent of young African boxers, whatever their financial background.

The EFF sends words of comfort to the family and friends of this boxing giant. Boxing has lost a true pillar. We are inspired by uTata uMzi Mnguni who fought with unwavering courage to his last moments. May his soul rest in revolutionary peace.

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