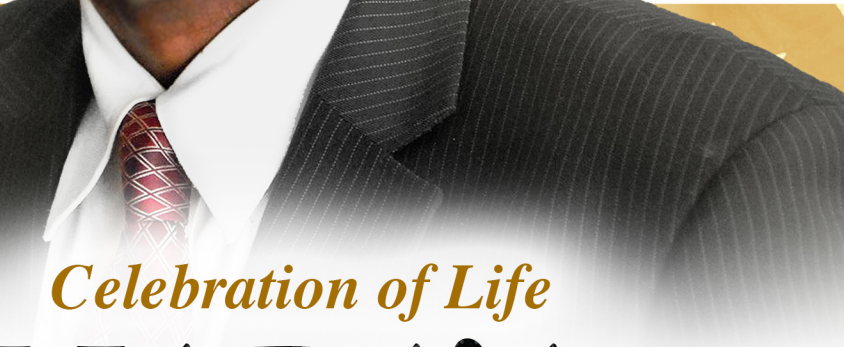


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*Celebration of Life*

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Student Minister Jeffrey Muhammad

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Brother Naba'a's children

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Student National Assistant to  
The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan,  
Ishmael Muhammad

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Student National Imam Sultan Rahman Muhammad  
Student Minister Ishmael Muhammad

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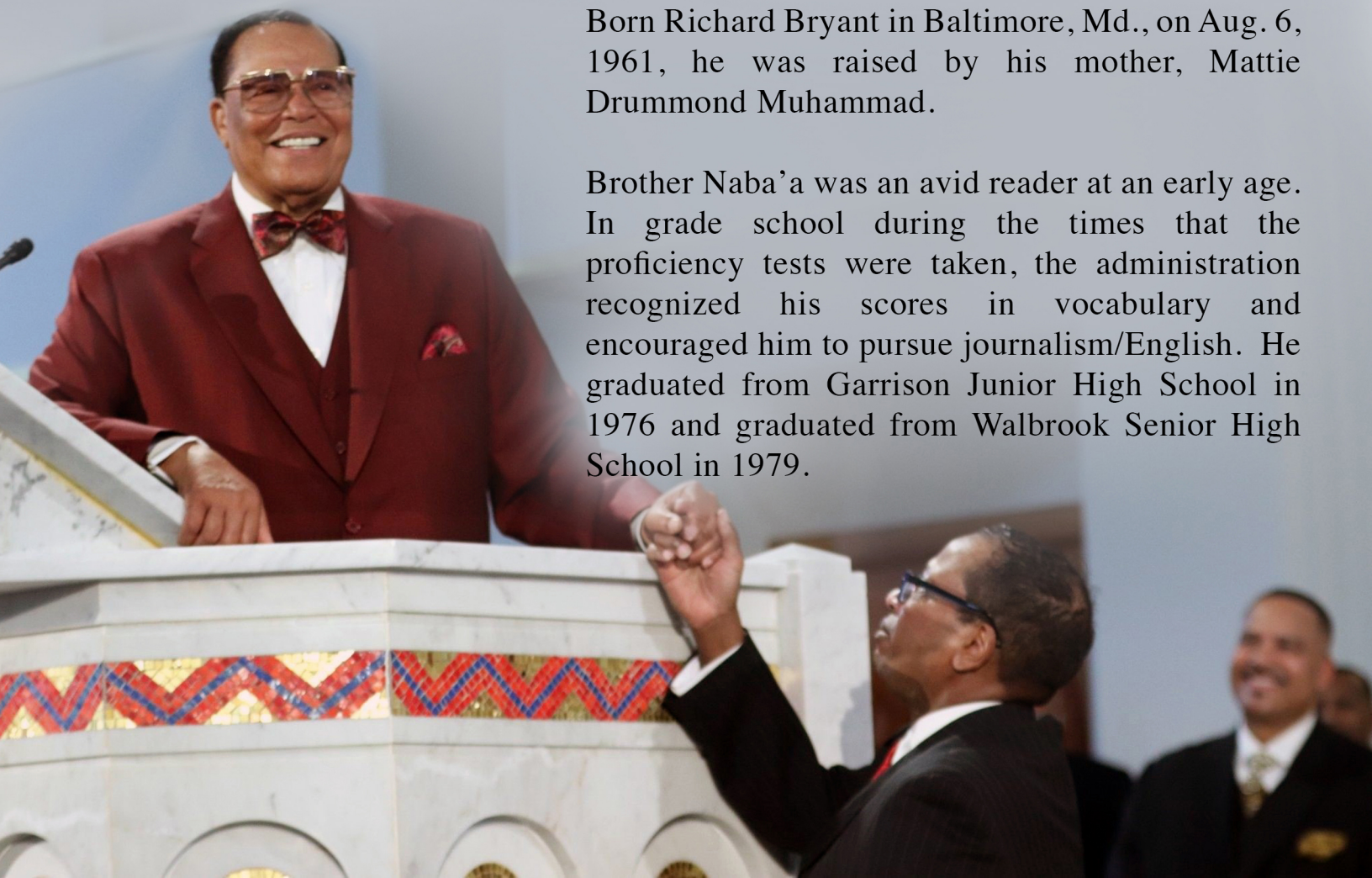
## Obituary

An award-winning journalist, author, podcaster and consummate communications professional, Naba'a Muhammad traveled the world reporting stories of interest and impact to the Black diaspora as Editor-in-Chief of The Final Call newspaper. Naba'a Muhammad returned to Allah June 6, 2025. He was 63.

Brother Naba'a was a dedicated follower of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad under the leadership and guidance of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. Upon hearing of his editor's passing, Minister Farrakhan, publisher of The Final Call, wrote: "I feel a great loss. Brother Naba'a was a very special human being. Having him as a brother and a companion in our struggle for Freedom, Justice and Equality was a great blessing to me and all of us whom he served. But the greatest gift I received from knowing him was that he was a friend, a genuine friend of those whom he loved and to those who loved him. I consider Brother Naba'a as a friend in service of our people."

Born Richard Bryant in Baltimore, Md., on Aug. 6, 1961, he was raised by his mother, Mattie Drummond Muhammad.

Brother Naba'a was an avid reader at an early age. In grade school during the times that the proficiency tests were taken, the administration recognized his scores in vocabulary and encouraged him to pursue journalism/English. He graduated from Garrison Junior High School in 1976 and graduated from Walbrook Senior High School in 1979.





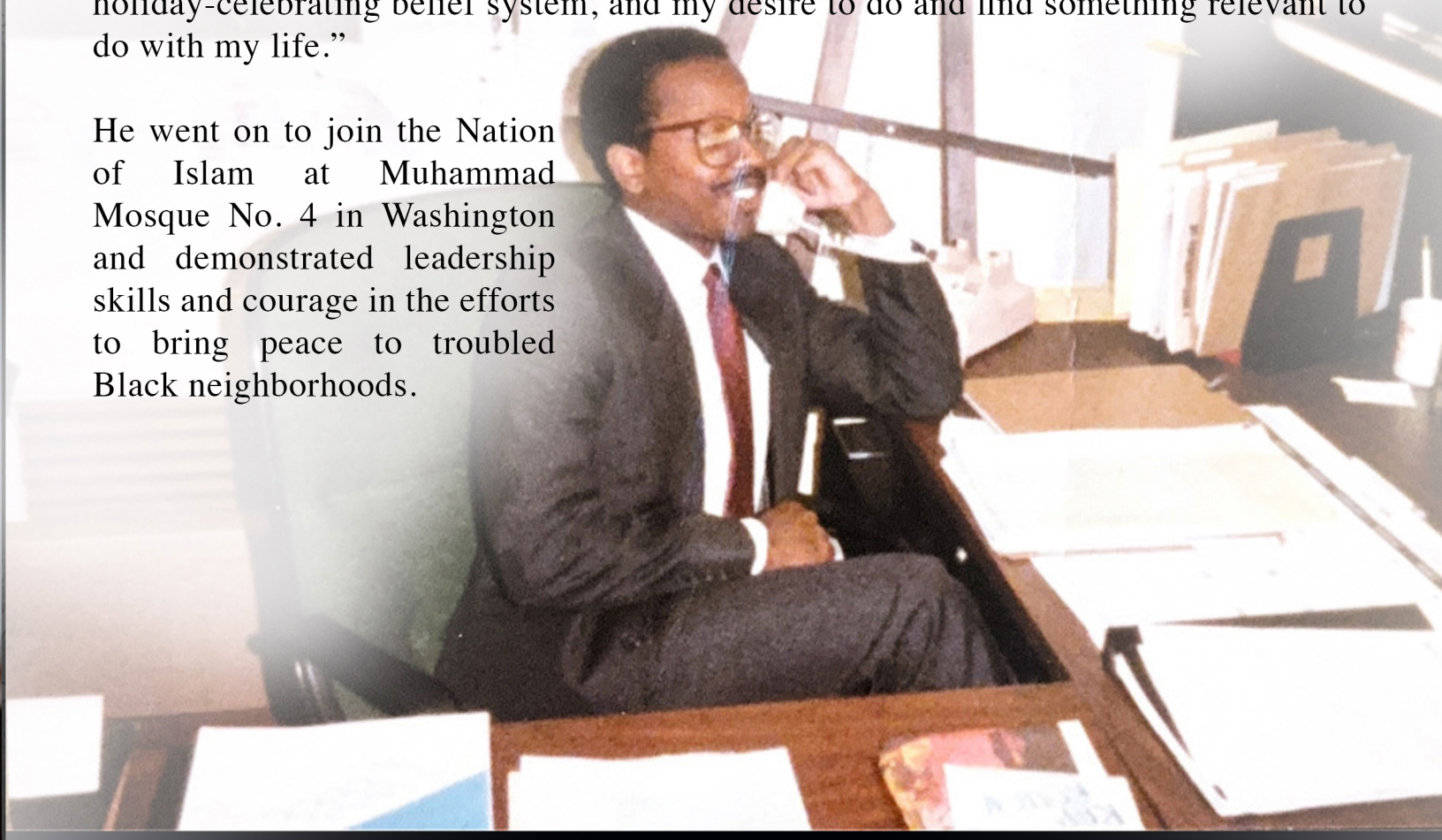
He received an English/journalism scholarship to attend Doane College, a small college in Nebraska in the fall of 1979 before attending Morgan State University where he majored in journalism, pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., where he was known as Pretty Boy from Park Heights.

After college, Bro. Naba'a worked as an intern for an agency. He states that he was living an easy life in Chocolate City (Washington, D.C.); "but things that brought me pleasure also made me unhappy and dissatisfied because of the drug trade and widespread death of our people."

Brother Naba'a's life was transformed in 1986 when, while walking out of a bookstore near Howard University in Washington, D.C., he saw a poster of Minister Farrakhan. Curious about the Muslim leader, he went into the store called the Tape Connection and bought an audiotape of one of Minister Farrakhan's speeches.

He recalled that experience on his Facebook page: "It was mind-blowing and mind-expanding with the Minister filling in all the pieces of my Black Nationalist, Worldwide Church of God, semi-Seventh Day Adventist, no pork-eating, no holiday-celebrating belief system, and my desire to do and find something relevant to do with my life."

He went on to join the Nation of Islam at Muhammad Mosque No. 4 in Washington and demonstrated leadership skills and courage in the efforts to bring peace to troubled Black neighborhoods.





He was a respected member of the renowned Dopebusters, a group of Nation of Islam men whose mission was to provide security in troubled communities. Despite opposition from some public officials, the Dopebusters are credited with drastically improving the living and safety conditions for residents of public housing complexes Mayfair Mansions and Paradise Manor.

Eager to support the Nation's newspaper, Brother Richard (as he was known then) started contributing articles to The Final Call. Recognizing his talent, then Final Call Editor Abdul Wali Muhammad brought him on as a staff writer operating from the Washington, D.C. bureau.

Following the untimely death of Brother Wali, Brother Richard moved to Chicago to serve as managing editor under then editor-in-chief James G. Muhammad. He became editor-in-chief of The Final Call newspaper in 2009.

He was given the Islamic Holy Name Naba'a Muhammad in February 2020 in Detroit by Minister Farrakhan. Translated in Arabic, Naba'a means "news," "the announcement." Surah (Chapter 78) of The Holy Qur'an is called Al-Naba' or "the Message of Importance."

In a testament to the diligence and heart of Brother Naba'a, Minister Farrakhan thanked his brother for a press release written to counter the false allegations after the Minister visited Iran. Minister Farrakhan brought Brother Naba'a forward on November 18, 2018 at Mosque Maryam and expressed the following words in part: "I just wanted to say his heart was so close to his brother; he took my words and he put it together in such a beautiful way that when I saw it and I read it, it was like I was reading something that I myself had written."

Brother Naba'a was also the creator and host of a weekly news and analysis podcast, "Straight Words With Naba'a Richard Muhammad, BJ Murphy and James G. Muhammad," that debuted May 9, 2023, on WVON AM 1690 Black Talk Radio Chicago. A skilled writer, editor, and broadcaster, Brother Naba'a was also a powerful speaker and media trainer with 40 years of experience as a media professional. He was the founder of Straight Words Media and [straightwords.com](http://straightwords.com).



Brother Naba'a was a consultant, a former communications director for national non-profits and a leader for the Black Press and independent media. He worked with LISC Community Development Corp, the Chicago Rehab Network, Veterans for Peace, National People's Action, Interfaith Worker Justice, the Environmental Leadership Project, and other organizations.

He conducted trainings, presented at national conferences on worker rights, community housing and banking issues, racial justice and independent publishing. He has spoken in schools, colleges, jails and street corners.

He traveled internationally and covered uprisings in Chicago, Washington, D.C., Ferguson, Missouri, after the death of Mike Brown, and in Baltimore after the police killing of Freddie Gray. Everywhere he was blessed to go, Brother Naba'a represented the Nation of Islam, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and The Final Call newspaper.

Brother Naba'a played significant roles in the 1995 Million Man March, the Million Family March, Justice or Else, mobilizations for Hurricane Katrina survivors and other major events. He was an analyst on internet, radio and television shows and guest lecturer for a graduate course on media bias, race, the Nation of Islam and alternative media.

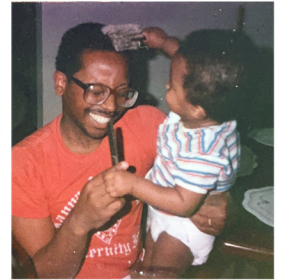
His essay and photographs are in "Million Man March/Day of Absence, A Commemorative Anthology." His first book, "Dopebusters: Farrakhan Fanatics Or Saviours? The True Story of the D.C. Crack Cocaine Crisis and Successful Muslim Anti-Drug Patrols," was published in 2018.

Preceding Bro. Naba'a in death is: his father, Richard Green, mother Mattie Drummond Muhammad, brother, Eric Frazier, Aunt Hazel Moody and his Aunt Tina Russum.

He is survived by his sister Patricia Pace, brother, Sean Bryant, Sr., six children, Richard (Nadelyn) B. Ali Jr., Emmanuel (Ariel) Ali, Kopano Muhammad, Kabelo Muhammad, Karabo Muhammad, Kamohelo Muhammad, and three precious grandchildren: Jammer Ali, Ariel Ali and Richard Henry Ali, III, and a host of family, friends, and the Nation of Islam family.



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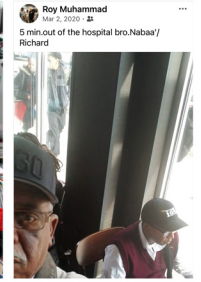
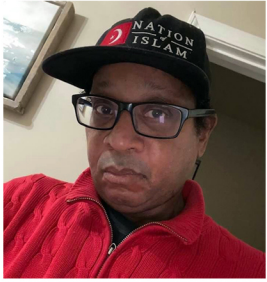
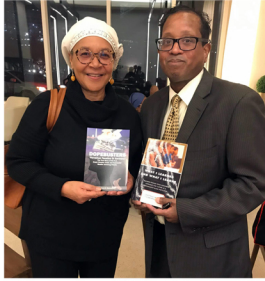
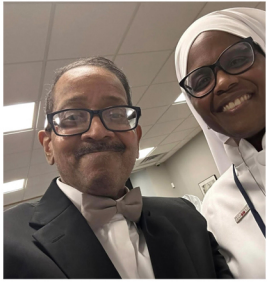


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Roy Muhammad  
Mar 2, 2020 - 2h  
5 min out of the hospital bro Nabaa / Richard



## *Nesting*

*Musing over photos, old facebook posts, music  
Today we are historians*

*Only on special occasions  
When we are able to withdraw from our personal lives and come  
together as one.  
We cozy up on the couch and pull out a shoebox that contains our  
family history.*

*We eat, we laugh, we nest  
He taught me the importance of family roots and branches  
Origins and New Beginnings  
My constant, my beacon of hope  
Even when chronically ill, his will still reigned triumphant*

*Even if he lost the battle physically  
his legacy will always live on*

*Blessed am I to have had him as a father.  
Blessed are we to have known him*

*So everyday I will make history*

*In the name of legacy  
In the name of peace  
In the name of the Beneficent and Merciful*

***Kamohelo Muhammad***



## **February 20, 2020, Saviours' Day Laborers Meeting, Detroit, Michigan**

On February 20, 2020, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan gave Final Call Editor-in-Chief Brother Richard Muhammad his holy name during the Laborers' Meeting at Saviours' Day in Detroit, Michigan. Minister Farrakhan, in referring to Isaiah 52:7, said, "And the scripture says, 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is to be at the feet of him who publishes peace.' Publishes. So, we're also here to celebrate 40 years of The Final Call newspaper."

After being given the Arabic word "Naba'a," meaning "publisher" or "news," Minister Farrakhan explained that Brother Richard was publishing Minister Farrakhan's words and renamed him "Naba'a Muhammad."

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