



NUM NEWS

1993 DECEMBER/JANUARY 1994

NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINeworkERS



NUM VICE PRESIDENT DIES — GREAT LOSS

*NUM Vice
President
Comrade Elijah
Barayi passed
away on
Saturday 15
January at
Lenasia clinic
after a short
illness.*

After receiving the sad news, NUM President James Motlatsi said, "This is a great loss to NUM, ANC, Mass Democratic Movement and the democratic forces of our country at large."

Cosatu described Barayi's death as "a cruel tragedy." In a statement COSATU General Secretary, Comrade Sam Shilowa said, "Comrade Barayi will always hold a special place in the hearts of South African workers.

"He was a dedicated fighter, a mineworker for over two decades.



"He played an important role in helping to build COSATU from a disparate conglomeration of unions numbering less than half a million workers into the giant it is today."

Comrade Elijah Barayi was born on 15 June 1930 in Cradock in the Eastern Cape. He became a mineworker in the early 1970s until retirement last year.

Barayi was one of the founder members of NUM in 1982 and became vice president until his death. In this capacity he led several NUM delegations on international missions such as Miners International Congresses.

At national level he was a founder member of COSATU in 1985 and became the first President of the federation until 1991. At the time of his death he was preparing himself to serve the people of South Africa in the new democratic government by making himself available to stand on the ANC National Election list.

*Full tribute to follow in next edition of
NUM News ■*

*Comrade Elijah Barayi who will be
sorely missed by his friends, family &
comrades*