



*Farewell to our Colleague,
Brother and dear friend*



Dr. Zaeem Ismail Ebrahim

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

To Allah we belong and to Him we return

Assalamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh

On behalf of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa (IMASA), we convey our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Dr Zaeem Ebrahim — a dedicated radiologist and member of IMASA , compassionate servant of humanity, and a true embodiment of community spirit.

Dr Ebrahim's pioneering role in establishing Radiology services for the less fortunate stands as a lasting testament to his selfless commitment to those in need. His work was not merely professional — it was a calling. He served with humility, uplifted communities, and set an inspiring example for all in the medical fraternity.

His vision aligns deeply with the mission of the IMASA and the Gauteng Health Hub — to bring dignified, accessible healthcare to all.

May his efforts be a Sadaqah Jariyah that continues to benefit others. AAMEEN

We pray that Allah ﷻ accepts his humble efforts, elevates his rank, grants him the highest Jannah, and bestows upon his family patience and comfort in this time of immense loss. AAMEEN

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un.

"The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others."
— Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

Zaeem and I were the closest of friends for as long as I can remember. Our lives were woven together through every major milestone: we were in school together, lived as roommates through Medical School, studied Radiology and took our final exams together. We got married a month apart and our children are of similar ages. Having spoken to him almost every single day of my adult life, it is painful to write these words, knowing that I will not be able to talk to him again in this life. I want to share a glimpse of the person and friend Zaeem was. He was the best of listeners and had an uncanny ability to give objective, clear and unemotional advice. He was deeply religious and had a firm belief in treating others as he would wish to be treated himself. He did not raise his voice and was slow to anger, quick to forgive. He had a great sense of humor and was graciously able to laugh at himself.

Zaeem was a highly organized person in his professional and private life. He never procrastinated and was the kind of person you never had to ask to do something twice. He was a very practical minded person and had fantastic ability to see solutions where I saw only problems.

He refused to hold grudges and was kind to everyone, even those who were unkind to him. He was always willing to help anyone who asked and was extremely resourceful, able to 'make a plan' at the shortest of notice.

He was a great father, husband, son, brother, son-in-law, doctor, boss and best friend. Most people achieve a few of these, few get so many so right.

I now have my beautiful memories to console me, and the lessons he taught me by his example.
He is a tribute to those who raised him so well.

I pray to Allah SWT to grant him Janah Al Firdous and to grant his family Sabr Jameel.

I see in his children all those beautiful qualities developing, thanks to Mehnaaz and Zaeem.

Dr Humza Carim

To Mehnaaz, Sahal, Nabeel and Mariam,
To Uncle Ismail, Aunty Najmah and Humza

You have lost beautiful human being, father, son,
husband and a brother.

Accept our deepest condolences

I have lost a dear friend, former room-mate, confidant
and so much more.

“You don't really know a person until you live with him,
travel with him or do business with him” — Omar Ibn Al
Khattab

I have had the honour of living, travelling and managing
finances with Zaeem – he was the best amongst us. A
reliable true friend that could be called upon at anytime.
His almost daily phone calls will be missed, as his dry
jokes and his dream of his next big business plan.

As busy as he was with his young family and many
radiology practices, he still had time to keep in touch
with so many of us.

His humble and unassuming demeanour belied his
business acumen, intelligence and religiosity. He gave as
much time and attention to rich as he did to the poor.
He have left a void that will never be filled.

Dr Naseem Bhorat

Assalamu Alaykum.

On behalf of Tesla Radiological Services and IMASA Gauteng, I extend my deepest and heartfelt condolences on the passing of Dr Zaeem Ismail Ebrahim — a distinguished radiologist, a compassionate servant of humanity, and a true example of sincere, selfless service.

Dr Ebrahim was not just a colleague or partner to me; he was a dear friend, a mentor, and someone I could always turn to for guidance, clarity, and reassurance. He had a rare calmness and certainty about him — always with a plan, always with an answer, and always guiding with humility, sincerity, and genuine care for those around him.

He strongly believed that radiology should be accessible to all. He would often say, "My radiology must be affordable so those who cannot afford it can still access it." Through this sincere intention of service, Allah placed immense barakah in his work, and allowed him to establish practices across South Africa that carried his vision forward — dignity in care, access for all, and service to the most vulnerable.

What stood out most to me was the way he lived his priorities so effortlessly and consistently. His family and his deen were always at the centre of his life. No matter how busy things were, he would pause a meeting to take his wife's call without hesitation, and when it was time for salah, he would simply say, "I'm going for salah, we'll catch up later." In doing so, he quietly taught those around him what true balance, discipline, and purpose looked like.

He was also very passionate about the IMASA Health Hub. I remember how he would speak about it with real excitement and belief — he genuinely saw it as another opportunity to serve those in need and expand access to care. In all his work with the IMA, his approach remained constant: "Let's give more, let's do more." That was not just a phrase — it was how he lived.

His passing has left a deep and painful void. I still find myself saying, "we spoke just yesterday... we laughed as we always did." That was his nature — warm, present, approachable, and full of life. He had a way of making people feel at ease, heard, and valued, regardless of circumstance.

We will deeply miss him — his guidance, his presence, his laughter, and the sincerity he carried in everything he did. His legacy will continue to live on through the countless lives he touched, the systems he helped build, and the vision he so selflessly carried forward.

May Allah accept all his efforts as Sadaqah Jariyah, illuminate his grave, elevate his ranks, grant him Jannatul Firdous and grant his family, friends and colleagues sabr, strength, and beautiful patience during this immense loss.

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un.

**Yours sincerely,
Mr Mas'ood Byat
Tesla Radiological Services & IMASA
Gauteng**

I am still struggling to come to terms with the news that Zaeem is no longer with us. The loss feels unreal, and even now, it is difficult to process that someone so present, so engaged, and so full of life has been taken from us so suddenly. I have known Zaeem since the early days of his journey, when he joined Steve Biko Hospital to train as a radiologist. During my time as Head of Kalafong Hospital, part of the Steve Biko cluster, I had the privilege of being directly involved in his teaching and training.

Over the years, my role in his life evolved—I was his teacher, mentor, and supervisor; we worked together as co-authors on his dissertation; I later was his internal examiner; and eventually, we stood side by side as colleagues and, more importantly, as friends. Zaeem was an exceptional individual—dedicated, thoughtful, and deeply committed to his profession. We often consulted each other on challenging cases, exchanging ideas and perspectives, and we spoke frequently about both the demands and rewards of private practice. His insight and judgment were always valuable, and his approach was marked by both intellectual rigor and genuine care. What makes his passing even harder to accept is how recent our last conversation was. I had spoken to him just a day before. There was no indication that it would be the last time. Zaeem was more than a skilled radiologist—he was a truly warm and compassionate human being.

He was a devoted husband and father, a supportive colleague, and a friend who could always be relied upon. Even when facing his own pressures, he never hesitated to make time for others. He had a quiet strength, a generosity of spirit, and a willingness to help that left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him. His care and compassion for colleagues, staff, and patients alike will be deeply missed. He had a way of making people feel heard, supported, and valued—qualities that cannot be easily replaced. The void he leaves behind is immense, both professionally and personally. His absence will be felt in the practice where he worked, in the conversations we will no longer have, and in the lives he touched so profoundly. I feel truly fortunate to have known Zaeem—to have witnessed his growth, shared in his journey, and called him not only a colleague but a friend. May his memory live on in all of us who had the privilege of knowing him.

***Prof Nausheen Khan
Consultant Radiologist
Kalafong hospital***

A LESSON FROM MY TEACHER

My teacher told me something about the souls of the deceased that I haven't stopped thinking about since.

He said:

"When you recite Qur'an and send them the reward, they receive it as light.

literal light.

in the darkness of Barzakh."

FROM KITAB AL-RUH BY IBN QAYYIM

Ibn Qayyim wrote in Kitab al-Ruh:

The souls in Barzakh are aware.
they recognize.
they receive.

When a living person makes du'a for them,
sends sadaqah on their behalf,
recites Qur'an and gifts the reward,
it arrives.

THINK ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU'VE LOST

Think about what that means for the people you've lost.

- the parent.
- the child.
- the sibling.
- the friend.
- the one you didn't get to say goodbye to.
- the one you still speak to in your head sometimes.

They are not gone into silence.

THE REALITY OF BARZAKH

They are in a realm where:

- time passes differently
- consciousness remains
- * love continues to exist
- your deeds on their behalf still reach them

THE HADITH OF THE PROPHET ﷺ

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"when a person dies, his deeds end, except three:

- ongoing charity,
- knowledge others benefit from,
- a righteous child who makes du'a for him." [Muslim]

A RIGHTEOUS CHILD WHO REMEMBERS

-A righteous child who makes du'a.

-not a perfect child.

-not a scholar.

-a child who remembers them, who says:

Ya ALLĀH ﷻ - forgive my mother / Father

-who reads Al-Fatiha and says: this is for you, Baba.

that reaches them.

THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS MEET

And Ibn Qayyim added:

The souls of the righteous meet one another in Barzakh.

They ask about the living.

"how is so-and-so?"

When they hear good - they rejoice.

When they hear you are struggling, they say:

"Ya ALLĀH ﷻ - guide them.

Ya ALLĀH ﷻ - do not take them until You have turned to them."

THEY ARE STILL MAKING DU'A FOR YOU

Your deceased loved ones are still making du'a for you from the other side.

SO TONIGHT, BEFORE YOU SLEEP...

So tonight, before you sleep, say their name to ALLĀH ﷻ.

"Ya ALLĀH ﷻ

•forgive them.

•expand their grave.

•fill it with light.

•and reunite us in Jannatul Firdaus."

That reaches them like light, through the darkness of Barzakh, arriving at a soul that still knows your name.

YOUR DU'A IS THE BRIDGE

They haven't forgotten you and ALLĀH ﷻ hasn't forgotten them.

Your du'a is the bridge.

***May Allah SWT grant
Dr. Zaeem Ebrahim
him the highest stages in
Jannah and his family Sabr.***

Ameen.