

IN MEMORY OF

Elmer Jefferson Brown, Sr.

(September 16, 1932 - October 29, 2018)

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Elmer Brown founded the Unified Committee on Afro American Contributions (UCAC). A 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in 1995.

Among Elmer's many accomplishments ... the construction of a monument shaped like an Egyptian pyramid, representing strength and endurance. Inspired by the hymn, Rough Side of the Mountain, the monument was built of rough stone. Mr. Brown said "The stones and the shape of the monument represent the difficult struggle of blacks climbing the rough side of the mountain to get to the other side."

On November 29, 1994, the committee presented a proposal to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to erect the monument dedicated to African Americans. The commissioners agreed to place the monument in Elmer Brown Freedom Park in Lexington Park.

Another notable community achievement ... the annual Juneteenth Celebration — an event originally launched in St. Mary's County by UCAC in June 2004. The Juneteenth Celebration exposes the citizens of St. Mary's County and its visitors the opportunity to sample the various displays of art, education, health, jobs, and faith-based initiatives which surround them every day. Through the Juneteenth Celebration the community becomes more aware of the artist and artistry in their community. It is the hope of UCAC that those who find a passion for some art form pursue that passion fully and share it with the community.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County expresses deep and profound sorrow on the passing of Elmer Brown and send their condolences to his son Mike, other family members, friends and colleagues.