

With love and gratitude

Rustenburg – On 9 December while Mohamed Abba of ABBA Emporium hosted its World Street Store day in memory of his beloved mother, Rabia Abba, he was

struck by tragedy with the passing of his father, Anver Omar Abba.

After three years of holding the fort, this father and son duo worked together and continued the wool business. Abba Senior was the co-founder of the Wool Centre and it is with utter dismay that we had to bid farewell to one of the legends of Rustenburg.

Abba Senior was a loving and gentle giant. A man of few words but strict morals. Mohamed, 'Abba Junior', is now

holding the fort in the legacy of both his parents' name. Originally known as Geelhoutpark Material Centre, now ABBA Emporium, Mohamed holds the family name strong and still keeps his parents' business of stocking Wool.

"I see the joy of making friends with all the *tannies* and chat with them as my mother did. It is the manner of my upbringing by my parents that I continue to be what I am today," said Mohamed. "It was not a responsibility but a total joy to have the honour and pleasure to have had my mother and father by my side and

I will continue holding their love and gentle smile in my heart forever."

Mohamed Abba would like to pass the following message to everyone who still have their parents: "Take full advantage of caring and loving your parents, they are a gift from God." He dedicates the following poems in loving memory of his parents:



Mohamed Abba and his father Anver Omar Abba.

Dark days for Eskom?

Eskom on Monday 14 January stated its rationale for the requested average annual electricity increase application of 15% for three years under the fourth Multi-Year Price Determination (MYPD4) and Regulatory Clearing Account (RCA) balance application for 2018 made to the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa).

Eskom group chief executive Phakamani Hadebe said that Eskom understood that an increase in the tariff may be challenging at this time, but that "not being granted a suitable increase could lead to an unsustainable financial position for Eskom, which would put the country in an even more dire economic condition. Due to various factors, the tariff was increased at below inflation for the past two years."



MUMMY

I awake each morning to start a new day,
But the pain of losing you never goes away.

I go about the things I have to do,
And as the hours pass, I think again of you.

I want to call you and just hear your voice.
Then I remember that I have no choice

For you are not there and now my heart cries
Just to see you again to tell you goodbye.

To say, Mummy I love you and I always will
And hope that much of you, in me you've instilled.

The day that you left I
just didn't know

That you were going where I couldn't go.
And now all my memories of you are so dear

But gosh, how I miss you and wish you were here.
Who now can hear me when I need to cry?

It's so hard to tell you, "Mummy goodbye".
Someday I know all will be well

And I'll see you again with stories to tell
Of how you were missed and how we have grown

And how good it is to finally be home.
Until then my memories of you I'll keep near

And I'll pass them on to those who are dear.
I miss you, Mummy!

DADDY

I hope I make you proud, Dad; even though
you're no longer here,

Your memory grows stronger with
every passing year.

At the end it was a battle, one you weren't to win.
A fight against a demon, no choice but to give in.

I wish I could've said goodbye;
that morning when you left,

Told you, you were my hero and that
you were the best,

Tears I cry in secret at night before I sleep,
Wishing you were beside me,

you'd be forever here to keep.
The years don't make it easier;

they said the pain would go.
It seems I've just got better not letting my

feelings show.

Wishing I could hold your hand to shout your name aloud.
You're no longer here, Dad, but I hope I make you

proud.

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The damaged vehicle after being hit by a train.

Rustenburg – The occupants of a Toyota Carola faced a near-death experience, when they crossed the railroad in Kerk street on Thursday 10 January. According to eye witnesses, the driver of the vehicle crossed the tracks in front of an oncoming train.

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125 Road FATALITIES in North West

North West – Midnight on Tuesday 08 January, marked the end of the Festive Season.

According to preliminary figures, crashes recorded in the recent festive season total 1 286, regrettably and unfortunately resulting in 1 612 fatalities nationwide. Among these North West had 93 motor vehicle accidents and 125 fatalities on the road.

This festive season gave people the opportunity to enjoy quality time with loved ones, to relax and recharge in preparation for the new year. This is also the time of year when South African roads become a blood bath as motorist travel to their families or holiday destinations.

The World Health Organisation's global status report on road safety states that 58% of road traffic deaths in South African involved alcohol. Additionally, the seat-belt wearing rate is as low as 38% for drivers and 31% for front seated passengers.

The carnages we continue to experience on our roads are instigated by a number of factors mostly embedded in human behaviour and vehicle factors include: alcohol and substance abuse, reckless and negligent driving, un-roadworthy vehicles, overtaking on blind-rises, barrier lines and in areas of poor visibility, a total disregard for rules of the road, corruption, distracted driving – where drivers use cell phones while driving, lack of courtesy towards other road users, failure to use seatbelts and child restraints, overloading, fatigue caused by failure to rest at periodic intervals, and stray animals on our roads, particularly in rural areas.

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