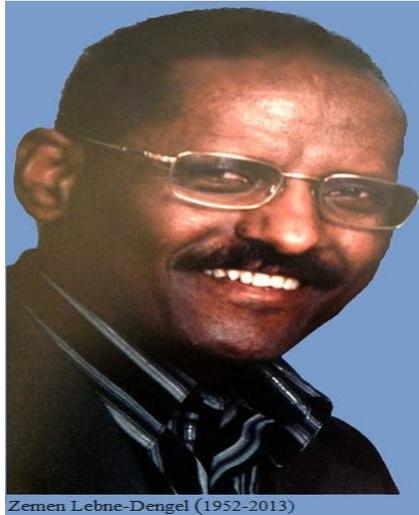Engineer Zemen Lebne-Dengel was born on January 15th, 1952 to Grazmach Lebne-Dengel Desta and W/o Beletech Woldearegay in Endaba Gerima, Adwa, Ethiopia.

Zemen Lebne-Dengel (1952-2013)

He completed his elementary education at Queen Sheba, then attended high school in Addis Ababa, and finished with his senior year at Beedemariam School. Zemen was an outstanding student and received recognition from King Haileselassie I, along with a Fulbright scholarship to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston, Massachusetts in the United States of America. Zemen earned his bachelor's and master's degree in electrical engineering from MIT in 1973.

After graduating from MIT, Zemen was hired as an instructor at Howard University. Zemen then decided to take a computer engineering position at Hewlett Packard's Fort Collins, Colorado location. He worked for HP and lived in Colorado for several years, during which he married his wife of 25 years.

In 2002, Zemen and his family moved to Maryland, where he taught networking classes at Morgan State University. After working for Morgan, he took a position at University of Maryland University College's IT department, where he worked until his retirement.

Zemen had a strong desire and passion to help the people of his beloved native country, Ethiopia. He was an ardent supporter and leader of the student movement to overthrow the monarchy and later the military junta that assumed power in the 1980's. Additionally, he cofounded development associations and participated in efforts to establish a better Ethiopia.

Zemen was an extraordinarily intelligent man of high caliber, who greatly enjoyed reading during his free time. After his retirement, he vacationed to Ethiopia to do more reading in the suitable temperature of his country.

Zemen passed away on February 19th, 2013, at the age of 61. He is survived by his wife, Mebrat Gesese, and three daughters, Betsir, Rahel, and Martha Zemen